

DAVID'S REIGN

Trials and Triumphs



Lesson 2: God Exalts David

Teacher's Prep: (set aside at least 2 hours **prior** to teaching)

1. **PRAY!** For yourself, and for the children!!
2. **Read** 2 Samuel 2:1-10; 3:1, 6-12, 17-39; 4:1, 5-7; 5:1-12 from the Bible. (15 min.)
3. Read pages 16-20 in the **Teacher Resource book** at least 2-3 times. (30 min.)
4. Read and study the story **outline** on the opposite page. Prepare your Bible: put the bookmarks in their proper place, and read over each bookmark, practicing what you will teach the children! (30 min.)
5. Prepare your **extra activities** or visuals, if any are listed on your bookmarks. (10-15 min.)
6. **Practice** your lesson out loud, and **TIME YOURSELF!** Practice using your visuals, and make sure you hit all bookmark points. (18-20 min.)
7. **TIME TO TEACH!!!** Be sure to **teach** the information found on each bookmark!!! (18-20 min.)

TEACHER'S TIP

Tell your other teachers to be on the lookout for discipline issues, and try not to disrupt your lesson by calling out specific children and trying to keep them quiet. Work as a team to maintain order.

Story Outline Lesson 2: God Exalts David

1. **Introduction:** Tell part of the story with ENTHUSIASM! (can also act out)
LINK: The people crowded around David as he approached the stranger to get answers.
2. King Saul and Jonathan were killed in the battle with the Philistines.
LINK: It would be very easy for David to get impatient for God's right time to work out His will in David's life. Do you sometimes get impatient waiting for God to work in your life?
GROWTH BOOKMARK #1
3. David, his men, and their families went to Hebron as God directed them.
4. David was anointed king of Judah, where he reigned seven and a half years.
5. Abner made Saul's son, Ish-bosheth, king of Israel.
6. In anger, Abner left Ishbosheth to join forces with David.
7. Abner urged the tribes of Israel to make David their king.
8. Abner and David made a covenant of peace together.
LINK: That's the terrible power that sin can have over a person's mind and actions. Did you know that you were born under the power of sin?
GOSPEL BOOKMARK
9. In jealousy and revenge, Joab killed Abner.
10. David and the people mourned for Abner.
11. Ish-bosheth was murdered by his own men, opening the way for David to be king over Israel.
LINK: David had humbly waited a long time, trusting God to work out His will in his life. It may take a long time, but as you humbly wait and trust God, He will work out His will for you too.
GROWTH BOOKMARK #2
12. **CLIMAX:** In God's perfect time, David was finally made king over all Israel!
13. David captured the city of Jerusalem, setting up his capital there.
LINK: God exalted David just like He promised. God will exalt you, too, if you humbly wait and trust Him to work in your life.
GROWTH BOOKMARK #3
INVITATION BOOKMARK

**Because this is a shorter lesson, you can use the Gospel activity on pages 37-38 in your Teacher Resource Book to supplement the teaching, if your lesson is less than 15 min. Lesson 5 is a longer and fuller lesson, so the Gospel Activity can easily be moved from #5 to this lesson (#2) - just don't go over your club teaching time (18-20 min.)!!*

GOSPEL BOOKMARK



1 John 1:7

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LINK: That's the terrible power that sin can have over a person's mind and actions. Did you know that you were born under the power of sin?

1. God's Word says, "**For all have sinned**" (Rom. 3:23). That means you and I have sinned. What is sin? (allow for answers). **Sin is anything you think, say, or do that makes God unhappy.**
2. Sin's power is great and if you do not have God's help, sin can take over your mind and actions, causing you to break God's laws in many different ways. What are **WAYS** you break God's laws?
4. God is not that way: He is **HOLY** - completely without sin. He hates your sin because it keeps you away from Him. But because God **MADE** you, He **LOVES** you and made a way for your sin to be forgiven.
5. God's **perfect Son Jesus** came and died on the cross. He could take the painful punishment for your sin because He had never done anything wrong Himself.
6. Jesus gave His own blood to pay for the wrong things you've done. The Bible says:
(**READ 1 John 1:7**)
7. After His death on the cross, Jesus' body was placed in a tomb, but three days later He came to life again! By calling on Jesus to be your Savior, you can be free from the power of sin under which you were born.

LINK: Sin no longer has to control your mind and actions. Joab's mind was being controlled by sins of jealousy and revenge and he became a murderer!

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GROWTH BOOKMARK #1



1 Peter 5:6

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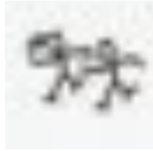
LINK: It would be very easy for David to get impatient for God's right time to work out His will in David's life. Do you sometimes get impatient waiting for God to work in your life?

1. At times it may seem like God has forgotten all about you. But you can be sure He hasn't!!
2. **If you have called on the Lord Jesus as your Savior**, you need to wait for God to use you.
3. Maybe you feel God has given you a talent or ability to do something special. Perhaps you want to be captain of your team, leader of your club. Maybe you want to win a special reward or contest.
4. If you're not patient to wait for God's right time, you might decide to work things out for yourself.
5. Some people whine and complain when things don't go their way. Others cheat or threaten people to get what they want.
6. You may get results this way, but you won't be trusting God to work out His will, and sooner or later you'll be the loser. **Quote 1 Peter 5:6 with the children.**
7. God will exalt or promote you to a place where you can bring glory and honor to Him as you humble yourself and wait.

LINK: Don't be impatient. Wait for God to work in your life! It would be easy for David to be impatient for God to work out His will in his life.

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GROWTH BOOKMARK #2



1 Peter 5:6

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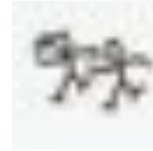
LINK: David had humbly waited a long time, trusting God to work out His will in his life. It may take a long time, but as you humbly wait and trust God, He will work out His will for you too.

1. **If you have called on the Lord Jesus as your Savior**, you need to wait for God to use you. Resist the urge to run ahead and work things out for yourself.
2. Remember what our verse says:
QUOTE 1 Peter 5:6 with the children.
3. Instead of trying to impress others with how good you are, see yourself honestly as God sees you.
4. **Listen to God and trust Him.** When you do this, God's promise is that He will exalt (honor or promote) you in His perfect time.
5. Let God decide when and if it is right for you to be class president or team captain, **rather than you trying to do it on your own** by putting others down.
6. Let God choose when and how you receive an award or win a contest, rather than you cheating, threatening, or complaining.
7. When you ask God to work as you humbly wait, you will bring glory to God because others will notice. **Ask God to give you patience and help you be humble.**
8. Thank Him that He is at work in your life and that you can bring glory to him.

LINK: It may take a long time, but God will work out His will for you as you humbly wait and trust Him. David had waited a very long time for God to work out His will in his life.

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GROWTH BOOKMARK #3



1 Peter 5:6

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LINK: God exalted David just like He promised. God will exalt you, too, if you humbly wait and trust Him to work in your life.

1. **If you have called on the Lord Jesus as your Savior**, will you wait for God to use you?
2. Remember our memory verse:
QUOTE 1 Peter 5:6 with the children
3. If you find yourself getting impatient for God to work, ask Him to give you patience.
4. Ask God to help you be humble so that you see yourself as He sees you. Thank Him that He is at work in your life.
5. When God does choose to exalt you, don't forget to give Him praise!
6. Every time you see a clock or look at your watch, remember to humbly wait for God's perfect **TIME*** to use you!!

LINK: If you have never before called on the Lord Jesus as your Savior from sin, this is God's perfect time for you to do that!

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**Bring in a wall clock or other clock to remind the kids that everything happens in God's perfect timing!*

INVITATION BOOKMARK



Romans 10:13

From Defeat to Victory: Lesson 1

LINK: If you have never before called on the Lord Jesus as your Savior from sin, this is God's perfect time for you to do that!

1. **REVIEW:** Remember, you need to call on Jesus to save you from your sin because you have sinned, and the punishment for that sin is separation from God. But because of what Jesus did by dying on the cross for your sin, now you can be forgiven!
2. **READ VERSE:** Rom. 10:13
3. **EXPLAIN VERSE:** You must **ADMIT** to God that you've sinned, realizing your sin against God keeps you separated from Him.

You must **BELIEVE** with all your heart that the Lord Jesus died on the cross as the only way your sin can be forgiven.

Then you can **CALL** (pray) on the Lord Jesus: tell Him you want Him to be your Savior. He will save you from sin's punishment. Will you call on Jesus as your Lord and Savior right now?
4. Please **bow** your heads and **close** your eyes.
5. If you have **NEVER** asked Jesus to be your Lord and Savior and you would like to know how you can do that today, please **SHOW ME** by raising your hand. Everyone else keep your eyes closed.
6. If your hand is raised, **FOLLOW** me so I can show you from God's Word how you can be God's child. Everyone else **STAY** here while (next teacher) prays.