

David: King of Israel

Game

- Bible Search!
- Divide into two teams.
- The leader will give you a verse to look up.
- Teams race to find the verse and read it outloud
- The team that finishes reading the verse first will win.

Teacher note – this game is more about Biblical literacy and growing a familiarity with where things are in the Bible. Feel free to do just a couple or the whole list depending on what you believe time will allow.

Psalm 25:4 - Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths.

Romans 2:12 All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law.

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

Matthew 23:12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Proverbs 19:21 Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.

Psalm 103:2-5 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Isaiah 32:17 And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.

Deuteronomy 32:4 “The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.”

Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

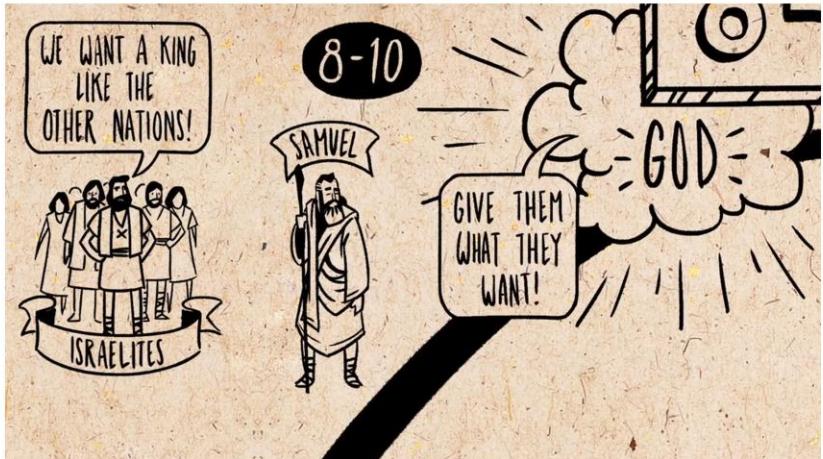
1 Kings 8:27 “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built!”

Leviticus 20:7-8 Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD your God. Keep my statutes and do them; I am the LORD who sanctifies you.

Deuteronomy 8:17-18 Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

1 Samuel 2:2 “There is none holy like the LORD; there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.”

Recap



Then all Israel came together to David at Hebron, saying, “...In time past, even when Saul was king, you were the one who led Israel out and brought them in; and the Lord your God said to you, ‘You shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over My people Israel.’” Then they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the Lord by Samuel

- 1 Chronicles 11:1-3

After Saul died, it was time for David to be King. The people cheered David's coronation because he had proven himself a strong leader who relied on God in the past.

The transition of total power to David was not easy. He started in control of just Judah whilst Saul's last living son sat on the throne. Eventually, on God's instruction, David moved to take control of the rest of the country, establishing himself in Jerusalem.

Remember the Ark?

- What was inside the Ark?
- Manna, Aaron's rod, 10 commandments
- Why was the Ark important?
- It was the seat of God in the tabernacle
- What happened (a few lessons ago) when the Philistines took the ark?
- They all became sick



Do the review questions on the slide before continuing...

Under Saul, worship of the Lord had languished. Saul had disobeyed the Lord's direction through Samuel (1 Samuel 13:13; 15:11). The ark had been lost a generation before and never returned to its place in the Tabernacle (1 Samuel 4-6). In his paranoia, Saul had slaughtered the priests who tended the tabernacle at Nob (1 Samuel 22:18-19), and no longer was able to seek the Lord because Abiathar, the remaining priest, had taken the ephod with him when he had fled to David (1 Samuel 22:20; 23:6). The worship of Yahweh was so diminished that Saul is reduced to seeking guidance from the witch of Endor, a spiritualist medium (1 Samuel 28).

David longs to renew the nation in the worship of Yahweh. To do that he wants to bring the long-neglected ark into his new capital city as a sign that the Lord, the true King over Israel, is once again in the midst of his people. He also wants to unite the people, with Jerusalem as both their political and religious center.

Looking back, the Philistines had captured the ark when Samuel was a child. The Philistines had paraded the ark as a trophy of war in Ashdod, Gath, and Ekron, but as long as they kept it, sickness followed (1 Samuel 5). No Philistine city wanted it. Finally, after seven months, they returned it to Israelite territory on a new cart pulled by two cows. Initially it was in the priestly city of Beth-Shemesh, but because they were judged for treating the ark carelessly (1 Samuel 6), the ark was finally moved to

the city of Kiriat Jearim (also known as Baalah), a town about nine miles west of Jerusalem.

Moving the Ark takes a few months because the first time they do it, a man named Uzzah touched it and was struck dead. They then left the Ark at the home of a priest for a few months, before successfully moving it to Jerusalem where David has set up a tent specifically for it.

But he didn't want to stop there...

- David wanted to do more than just put up a tent for God – he wanted to build a temple.
- God tells David, through the prophet Nathan, not to build the temple.

Davidic covenant

- Open your Bibles to 2 Samuel 7. Read verses 8-17.
- God makes several promises to David in the form of a covenant. Can you name them all?

A great name

"^{8b} This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock to be ruler over my people Israel. ⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth." (7:8-9)

A secure homeland for his people

"¹⁰ And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning ¹¹ and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel." (7:10-11a)

Peace

"I will also give you rest from all your enemies." (7:11b)

A Dynasty

"The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you." (7:11c)

A Son Who Will Build the Temple

"¹² When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his

kingdom. 13 He is the one who will build a house for my Name." (7:12-13a)

An Everlasting Kingdom

"... And I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever." (7:13a)

God the Father

- "I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men. But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever." (7:14-16)

The next verses spell out the terms of the everlasting kingdom. David and his descendants don't get a "blank check" to do whatever they want without reprimand. God will act towards them as a Father. With sonship comes a Father's discipline. God will not reject David's dynasty because of one of his descendant's sins. He will punish him severely, but he will not remove David's dynasty from the kingship as he did Saul's dynasty.

In the Devil's Snare

- All goes well for David – God goes with the Israelites into battle and the surrounding nations are subdued until David is tempting.
- David sees a woman bathing on her rooftop and gets her pregnant.
- He then sends her husband to a sure death.
- The prophet Nathan calls him out on it and tells him the consequences of his actions

Nathan's job is to make David realize that he's made a grave mistake, so he tells a parable:

"^{1b} There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, ³but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

⁴ Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him."

Nathan asks David what should be done. David naturally sides with the poor man so Nathan explains that what David did is no better than the rich man in the story.

Because of David's sin, his son will die. Though David pleaded and fasted on behalf of the child, the boy died.

God doesn't hold a grudge

Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and he went to her and lay with her. She gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon. The LORD loved him; and because the LORD loved him, he sent word through Nathan the prophet to name him Jedidiah.“

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2 Samuel 12:24-25

God gave David and Bathseba another son who they named Solomon. God then sent word to rename the child Jedidiah meaning “loved by Yahweh.”

A Coup!

- David's son Absalom attempted a coup
- He assembled an army and set out to take Jerusalem
- David flees Jerusalem
- David trusts in God to restore Jerusalem back to him – going so far as to tell the priests to stay with the Ark in the tent.
- Eventually, Absalom is assassinated by Joab, who serves David

"Take the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the LORD's eyes, he will bring me back and let me see it and his dwelling place again. But if he says, 'I am not pleased with you, 'then I am ready; let him do to me whatever seems good to him."
(15:25-26)

Ultimately...

- David mourns the loss of his son
- He returns to Jerusalem to lead the country.
- Solomon is lined up as his successor

Small Group Time

Open your catechisms to the Ten Commandments. Read the sixth commandment and its meaning.

Why do you think the 6th commandment is important?

God intended the sexual relationship between a husband and wife to be an exclusive, intimate bond to strengthen the marriage relationship. God considers adultery as unfaithfulness to the marriage covenant, and so He uses it as a type of spiritual unfaithfulness as well. It also deals with sin against your own body and our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. (can also talk about sin of pornography)

How did David break the 6th commandment?

He lusted after Bathsheba when he saw her bathing on the roof but then went further by sleeping with her when she was married.

Often when we break one commandment it leads us to breaking several more. What other commandments did David break after committing adultery?

5th commandment—murdered Uriah

What are some ways that you can keep the 6th commandment?

Be careful what we watch and listen to

Wait for marriage