

Family Theme | **Lessons From the Life of David** Date | **March 30, 2025**

Study Text | **Various Scriptures From 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel**

Read the Word: Various Scriptures From 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel

Disciple Your Family: Discuss how we can put life lessons from David into action.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Event: David Was a Shepherd (1 Samuel 16:1-13)

LIFE LESSON 1: God looks for a heart that loves, trusts, and obeys Him. A person's age, outward appearance, and stature do not matter to Him.

- *Why is the condition of our hearts more important to God than outward appearances?*
- *In light of this event, how should we approach the youth in our families and churches?*
- *How can we help our kids and other kids in the church understand that an obedient heart is more important than good looks, athletic ability, or popularity?*



Key Event: David Was a Musician (1 Samuel 16:14-23)

LIFE LESSON 2: Listen to (and play) godly music and use it to worship God. Godly music helps us grow in our faith, encourage one another, and praise, thank, and worship God.

- *What is the role of music in worship?*
- *Even if you are not a skilled musician or singer, how can you use music in your worship of God?*



Key Event: David Was a Warrior (1 Samuel 17:1-11, 40-54; 18:5-9)

LIFE LESSON 3: No matter what you face, trust in God and His mighty power.

- *Why are we never an underdog when we trust in God and His power?*
- *Do you find it easier to trust God with things that seem within your control or out of your control? Why?*
- *How have you seen God's power on display in your life? In the lives of others?*



Key Event: David Was a King (2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-15; 7:1-17)

LIFE LESSON 4: Lead in a way that brings glory to God and good for those you lead.

- *How would you define servant leadership? Why is servant leadership more effective than selfish leadership?*
- *How could you lead in a way that honors God and brings good to those you lead?*



Key Event: David Was a Sinner (2 Samuel 11:1-26)

LIFE LESSON 5: Acknowledge and confess all sin. Do not try to cover it up.

- *What can we learn about sin from David's failures?*
- *What good example did David give us after he was confronted about his sin?*

Build a Foundation: Discussion questions for elementary students.

- What did Saul do that led to his losing his position as king of Israel?
- What are some characteristics and actions of David that we should follow in our lives?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **1 Samuel 12:24**



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

God continued His covenant to Israel by promising David that his descendant would rule forever. The Davidic covenant was a bridge between the Old Testament and the eternal reign of Jesus the Messiah.

Everyday Extras:

Talk about how God looks for a heart that loves, trusts, and obeys Him. David was known as a man after God's own heart (1 Samuel 13:14). Like David, we are to please God through our love for Him. Also, like David, we will make wrong choices and should confess and repent of them. Cut out hearts from construction paper for every family member. Write God's name in the heart and display them around your home so everyone will remember to follow David's example and have a heart for God.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned the Philistine army wanted to fight God's people, the Israelites. The Philistines had a giant champion fighter named Goliath who wanted the Israelites to come fight him. But King Saul and his army were afraid. They needed to be brave and trust God. Being brave is doing something even when you're afraid.

God Helps Me Be Brave.