

David Becomes King

2 Samuel 1

Grades 2,3

Large Group (Where we all meet together and introduce the lesson)

Materials needed - fake spear, stuffed animals, bag with a crown and arm band, ripped clothing, sign for Israelite camp, sign for mount Gilboa

- Greet all the kids as they come in. Ask them how they are doing, and chat with them about their week. Pray together, ask anyone if they have any prayer requests.

- Our memory verse for the month is Isaiah 41:10. Play this video while singing along. <https://www.seedsfamilyworship.com/product/do-not-fear-isaiah-4110/>

Ask the kids to figure out who died.

- Set up the scene.
- Lay some swords out,
- Lay some stuffed animals down (pretend they are the Israelite army)
- Put up a sign that says Israelite camp and another one says Mount Gilboa.
- Ask someone to pretend to be the young man, get him to wear torn clothes, and hold a bag that has Saul's crown and arm band.
- Have an outline of a body on the ground and a spear beside it
- Ask the kids to check out the scene. They need to figure out who died and how they died. Tell them they can ask all the questions they would like that will give a yes or no answer.

- Let's watch this together - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnNXbj6udy4&t=1s>

Break up into small groups

Review The Story (a chance to review the bible passage with the small group)

Materials needed - Colouring sheet

- Greet everyone in your small group, make sure everyone knows each others names. Say a prayer together either by repeating after one of the teachers or just letting them pray.

Give the kids this colouring page. - <https://whatsinthebible.com/activity-library/samuel-anoints-david/>

- Let them colour it in
- When they are finished give them a crown sticker to put on top of David's head.

True or false questions

David killed King Saul (False)

King Saul asked someone to kill him (True)

Many of the Israelites died in battle (True)

Johnathan, David's son did not die (False)

David was sad that Saul and Johnathan died (True)

David became the new king of Isreal (True)

Life Application (an opportunity for kids to apply the lesson to their own lives)

Materials needed -

Ask the kids the following questions

- How do you think David felt when he found out that he was going to be King?
- How did David feel waiting for years for Saul to die so he could become king?
- Do you think David ever got tired of waiting to be King?
- How did David feel when he found out that Saul had died? Did he have a party? Was he upset?
- How would you feel if you were David?
- Have you ever been promised something, but had to wait a long time?

Memory Verse (a way to introduce and reinforce this months memory verse)

Materials needed - memory verse sheets, tape

- Talk through the memory verse with the kids.
- Tape different pages of the memory verse up on different walls.
- Run to the different walls and say that part of the memory verse.
- Do this many times so the kids can start to memorize while having fun.