

# FAMILY LESSON: DAVID

## God's Covenant with a Kingdom



## Lent 2021 - Lesson 5

***"My steadfast love I will keep for him forever, and my covenant will stand firm for him. I will establish his offspring forever and his throne as the days of the heavens." ~ Psalm 89***

Find a special time each week during Lent for your family to learn about these important Biblical figures who have made covenants with God throughout the Old Testament. We will provide weekly lessons to accompany each covenant and the video series.

### Prayer:

Teach me, LORD, your way, that I may walk in your truth, single-hearted and revering your name.

I will praise you with all my heart, glorify your name forever, Lord my God. *Amen.* (Psalm 86:11)

# BACKGROUND INFORMATION

King David lived in the eleventh century B.C. He was first known as the shepherd boy whom God anointed as king. As a boy, he grew in fame through a classic Bible story: David & Goliath.

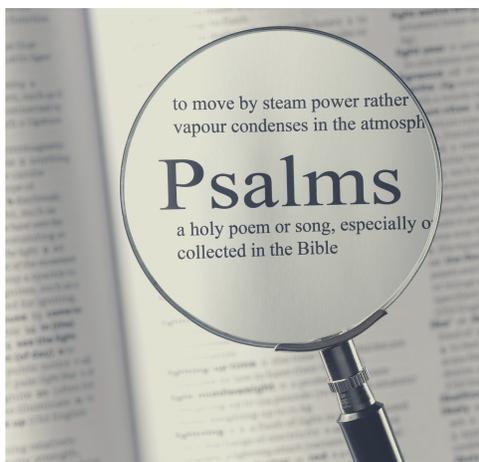
David's rise to king involved the simultaneous fall of Israel's first king, Saul. While King, David united the twelve tribes of Israel, gathering them into one kingdom. He conquered Jerusalem and made Israel its capital. David prefigured Christ, bringing all Israel (scattered tribes) into one people. He moved the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem as well. Jerusalem today is referred to as the spiritual capital of the world.

Although referred to as "a man after God's own heart," David was not without sin. David showed great remorse and repentance following his wrongdoings, and asked God for His forgiveness. David is also well known as a great poet and song writer. Seventy-three of the Psalms are credited to him. "I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel." (2 Samuel 7:8)

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS - YOUNGER STUDENTS

1. David, the youngest of his brothers, was chosen to be anointed by God as king. Why do you think he chose David and not the oldest brother? Who does God choose to do his work?
2. David & Goliath Story: Why was King Saul's army scared? Why was David not afraid to fight Goliath? Why did Saul think David could not fight Goliath? What do you think God might be telling us through this story?
3. David & Jonathan are an amazing example of friendship. Who are your closest friends? Why? What do you look for in a friend?
4. Can we call David a "hero" if he also made poor choices in his life? Do we have to be perfect for God to love us?



**Scripture:**

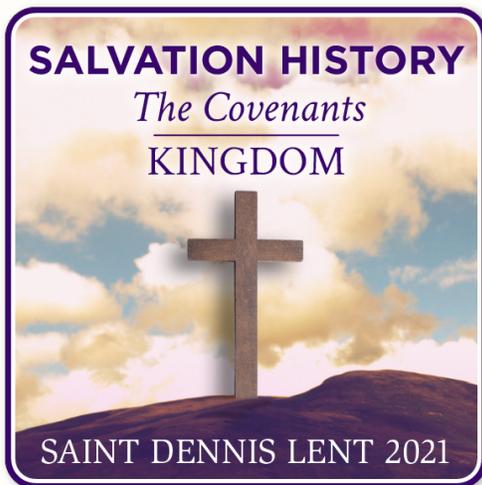
**Samuel 1 & 2**

**Psalms**

**(73 credited to King David)**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS - OLDER STUDENTS

1. Why would God anoint a young shepherd boy as king? What is God telling us with this choice?
2. Why did King Saul want David killed if he had helped him at war? Have you ever experienced jealousy like Saul? What is the best way to deal with it?
3. Some of the psalms that David wrote are very sad. What part of his life do you think those were written in?
4. King David united all twelve tribes of Israel together and brought the Ark of the Covenant to his nation's capital, Jerusalem? Why was this so important to the Israelites?
5. Can we call David a "hero" if he also made poor choices in his life? Do we have to be perfect for God to love us?
6. God kept his promise when the Messiah did come (Jesus) and he was a descendant of David. What message is God sending all of us through this covenant?



### VIDEO LINKS (Click on text to link to video).

1. **DAVE & THE GIANT PICKLE - VEGGIE TALES (PRESCHOOL-GRADE 5)**
2. **SADDLEBACK KIDS - DAVID & JONATHAN (PRESCHOOL - GRADE 5)**
3. **THE BIBLE PROJECT - SAMUEL PART 1 & 2 (GRADE 6 AND UP - PART 1) (PART 2)**
4. **DAVID & THE PRIESTHOOD - BISHOP BARRON (GRADES 9 AND UP - PART 1) (PART 2)**

## FAMILY ACTIVITY

### Create Your Own Prayers & Poems

King David is well-known as a great musician and poet. In fact, seventy-three of the Psalms are credited to him. Take time to read through some passages in the Book of Psalms so your family gets a feel for how these poems/songs are structured. Then have each family member write their own prayer to God. They can choose to structure it as a poem or song if they wish, just like David did. Little ones can dictate their own prayer to an adult to write but let older children try this on their own. Adults should also write their own prayer to God to share. Once all are complete, light a candle and take turns reading these prayers, poems, or songs to God. If you are feeling very creative, you could add some artwork to the prayers and display them for your family to see. The prayers your children write will truly warm your heart and you may find you having a budding poet on your hands!

