





David

Who Was King David?

King David was a remarkable leader in the Bible. He started as a shepherd boy, tending to sheep. But guess what? He became a hero!

One day, there was a giant named **Goliath** who scared everyone. But David, with his **sling and stone**, bravely defeated Goliath!

Later, David became a king of **Israel**. He made **Jerusalem** the capital city. David was **wise** and cared for his people. He even wrote beautiful songs called **Psalms** that we still sing today! But, like all of us, David had **flaws**. He made mistakes, but we remember him for his **courage**, love for God, and inspiring music. King David's story teaches us about **bravery**, **forgiveness**, and being a **good leader**.

Power Point

God can choose a shepherd boy to be a king.

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 150:6,
“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.”

Apply the Lesson

Let's explore **five important lessons** from the life of **King David**:

1. **Bravery and Trust in God:** When David faced the giant **Goliath**, he didn't run away. Instead, he trusted God and used a sling to defeat the giant. We can learn to be brave and trust God when we face big challenges.
2. **Obedience Matters:** David listened to God. Even when he was just a shepherd boy, he obeyed God's plan. We should try to obey our parents, teachers, and God too. Obedience is like following the rules in a game—it helps us win!
3. **Forgiveness and Second Chances:** David made mistakes, but he asked God for forgiveness. We all make mistakes, but we can learn from them and try to do better next time.
4. **Being a Good Leader:** David became a king. He cared for his people and made **Jerusalem** a special city. A good leader thinks about others and helps them. We can be leaders too, by being kind and helpful to our friends and family.
5. **Music and Worship:** David wrote beautiful songs called **Psalms**. They are like poems that praise God. We can sing, pray, and thank God just like David did. Music and worship connect us to God and make our hearts happy!

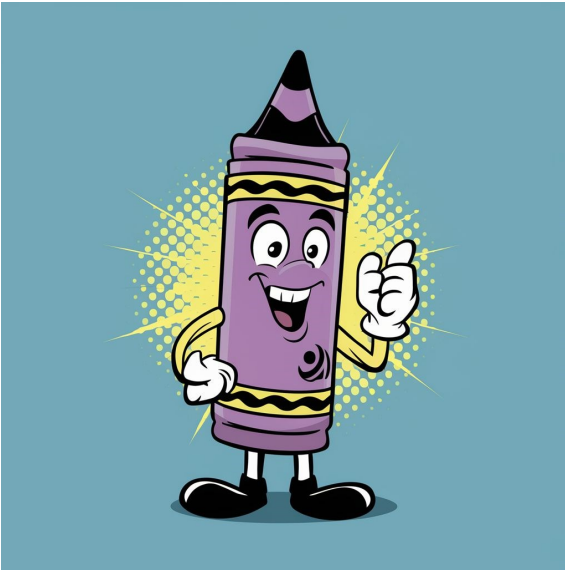
Remember, King David's story teaches us about courage, forgiveness, and being a good person. We can learn from him and become better too!





Object Lesson: Purple Crayon

ITEM NEEDED: Purple crayon



How many of you would consider purple to be your favorite color?

What kinds of things have you colored purple?

Purple is one of the brightest colors in the crayon box, but it's not a very common color out in the real world. You don't see politicians or business people wearing purple very often. You don't see too many sports teams wearing purple either. It's a very select group of people who like to wear the color purple.

Purple was always a favorite color of kings. Purple linen was very difficult to make in the ancient world, and that made it expensive. Purple stands out in a crowd, and if you could wear purple, it meant you were a very rich, very important person.

David was just a boy when God anointed him king. The world saw a child, but God saw someone worthy to dress in purple. You may just be kids in the eyes of the world right now, but God sees something special in each one of you. You may not be kings and queens, but if you trust your heart to God the way David did, He will do great things through your lives.

GAME: STAND 'EM UP

ITEMS NEEDED: A box of 24 crayons

INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose one player for this game. The player must open a box of twenty-four crayons and stand all twenty-four on their flat end on a table. The player has sixty seconds to get all twenty-four crayons standing up. If he is able to complete the challenge in time, he wins a prize.

VARIATION:

Use a box of 12 for younger kids.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

God chose David to "stand up" and become king of Israel, even though he was just a boy.





Digging Deeper

READ 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

MAIN POINT:



The people of Israel had asked God for a king, and God had chosen a man who turned out to be a disappointment. Israel was God's country. The people were God's chosen people, and the man who led Israel needed to be a man after God's own heart.

God knew that he needed to choose someone new, to start over. God sent his prophet Samuel to the house of Jesse to anoint the next king. Jesse and Samuel both assumed this new king would be one of the older sons. He would be tall and strong and handsome, just like Saul. But God looked at the heart of Jesse's sons, and he chose David.

David was just a boy. He had done nothing to show he was someone special. He hadn't even faced off with a certain giant yet. But God knew David was the one to wear purple. He had a plan for David, and the same God has a plan for each one of you.

DRIVE IT HOME:

Does that surprise you? Have you ever thought about what God might have planned for you? It's okay if you haven't. You're probably used to hearing things like, "Wait til you get older," and, "When you grow up." Adults don't often see the potential in children that's really there, but the God who made us knows exactly what's in our hearts. He has plans for every one of us, a plan that only you can fulfill.

Now here's the real surprise. That plan may not begin when you graduate college. It might happen sooner. It might even begin right now while you're just kids. God isn't limited by age or education or maturity. God can inspire kids to do great things, the same as he can adults, and he can use us to point other people to Jesus.

David is just one example of someone young whom God called to a special purpose. God told young Joseph that he would save his family. God told Samson's and John the Baptist's parents that their sons would be special before they were even born. God's been planning for you just as long. The only question is, will you be ready to obey and follow Him?

David could have ignored Samuel. Saul did, and it cost him his throne. But David was a man after God's own heart, and he led a colorful life that honored God and grew His kingdom. As we start this series, I hope that all of you will commit your hearts to Jesus so you can see just how amazing God's plans can be.



