

# Bible Stories for Adults

## David Becomes King

1 Samuel 28 - 2 Samuel 7

### Opening

Gathering: Share a time when you showed God's love to an "enemy".

Today's Focus: David did not celebrate the demise of his enemies, but looked for God's plan and followed it.

Key Verses: *He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; His kingdom will never end.* Luke 1:32-33

*Who am I, O Sovereign Lord, that You have brought me this far?* 2 Samuel 7:18

Opening Prayer

### Lesson

The Witch of Endor (1 Samuel 28)

What did Saul do when the Philistines assembled at Shunem?

1 Samuel 28:4-6

Why didn't God answer Saul's inquiry?

1 Samuel 15:10-11, 26-29

Since God didn't reply to Saul, how did Saul try to force an answer?

1 Samuel 28:7-8, 11

Why was the witch afraid of granting Saul's request?

1 Samuel 28:3, 9-10, 12

What did Saul learn from Samuel?

1 Samuel 28:15-19 (13-19)

Did Saul believe what he had heard?

1 Samuel 28:20

How well did Saul follow through with a fast to the Lord?

1 Samuel 28:23-25

David the Philistine? (1 Samuel 29)

Where was David at this time?

1 Samuel 27:1, 6-7

What did David and his men do when the Philistines went to fight the Israelites?

1 Samuel 28:1; 29:2

Did David and his men fight against the Israelites?

1 Samuel 29:9-10 (3-11)

David's Amalekite Trouble (1 Samuel 30)

What did David and his men find when they returned home to Ziklag?

1 Samuel 30:1-2

How did they respond to this disaster?

1 Samuel 30:4, 6-8 (3-8)

Were they able to recover their families and belongings?

1 Samuel 30:17-19 (9-31)

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### Saul Dies (1 Samuel 31)

What happened in battle on Mount Gilboa the day after Saul visited the medium?

1 Samuel 31:1-3

What did Saul do to make sure a Philistine wouldn't kill him?

1 Samuel 31:4-6

Why did Saul die like this?

1 Chronicles 10:13-14

What was the outcome of the battle for Israel?

1 Samuel 31:7

How did the Philistines respond to the news that Saul was dead?

1 Samuel 31:8-10

What did the men of Jabesh Gilead do out of respect for Saul?

1 Samuel 31:11-13

Why did the men of Jabesh Gilead have such strong concern for Saul?

1 Samuel 11:1a, 6, 8, 11, 15

### David's Response to Saul's Death (2 Samuel 1)

How did David learn of Saul's death?

2 Samuel 1:1-10

How did David respond to the news that the man who was trying to kill him was dead?

2 Samuel 1:11-12

How else did David respond?

2 Samuel 1:17-19 (17-27)

How did David reward the man who killed Saul?

2 Samuel 1:13-16

Why did David respond that way?

1 Samuel 24:5-6

1 Samuel 26:9-11

1 Samuel 26:16

How did David respond to the men of Jabesh Gilead?

2 Samuel 2:4b-6 (4b-7)

### David, King Over Judah (2 Samuel 2)

What did David do before moving from Philistia to Judah?

2 Samuel 2:1 (1-2)

What happened when David and his men settled in Hebron?

2 Samuel 2:3-4a

Why wasn't David made king over all of Israel?

2 Samuel 2:8-9 (8-11)

Note: Ner was Saul's uncle, Abner was Saul's cousin (1 Samuel 14:50)

What happened when the armies of Israel and Judah met at Gibeon?

2 Samuel 2:12-13, 17, 30-31 (12-32)

Was this the only battle between the houses of Saul and David?

2 Samuel 3:1 (1-5)

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### Abner Brings Israel to David (2 Samuel 3)

What happened that turned Abner's support away from Ish-Bosheth?  
2 Samuel 3:6-8

What did Abner decide to do in response?  
2 Samuel 3:9-11

Did Abner follow through with his intentions?  
2 Samuel 3:17-19

What did David want before he would meet with Abner?  
2 Samuel 3:13, 15-16 (12-17)

How did David respond to the visit from the commander of Israel's army?  
2 Samuel 3:20-21

How did Joab, David's army commander, respond to David's handling of Abner?  
2 Samuel 3:24-25 (22-25)

### David's Response to Abner's Death (2 Samuel 3)

How did Joab handle the threat he felt from Abner?  
2 Samuel 3:26-27

How did David respond to Abner's death?  
2 Samuel 3:28-32, 35

Did the people believe David was innocent or just acting?  
2 Samuel 3:36-37

Why didn't David have Joab punished?  
2 Samuel 3:38-39

### David's Response to Ish-Bosheth's Death (2 Samuel 4, 9)

What happened to Ish-Bosheth after Abner died?  
2 Samuel 4:5-8 (1-8)

How did David respond to Ish-Bosheth's death?  
2 Samuel 4:9-12

How did David treat the last member of Saul's family?  
2 Samuel 9:3, 6-7 (1-13)

Why was Mephibosheth crippled?  
2 Samuel 4:4

### Jerusalem, David's Political Capital (2 Samuel 5)

Where did Israel turn after their king was killed?  
2 Samuel 5:1-3 (1-5)

Where did David find a neutral place to rule (rather than Hebron in Judah)?  
2 Samuel 5:6-7 (6-8)

How did David establish the political capital in Jerusalem?  
2 Samuel 5:9-12 (9-16)

Was David safe in the fortress of Jerusalem?  
2 Samuel 5:17

What happened?  
2 Samuel 5:19 (18-25)

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Jerusalem, David's Religious Capital (2 Samuel 6)

What did David want to do to establish the religious capital in Jerusalem?

1 Chronicles 13:3, 5, 7-8 (2 Samuel 6:1-5)

What happened in route?

2 Samuel 6:6-7

How did David respond to this incident?

2 Samuel 6:9-11 (8-11)

How was he more careful when he went back for the ark?

1 Chronicles 15:1-2, 13-16

How did this procession go?

2 Samuel 6:13-15

How did David's wife Michal, Saul's daughter, feel about David *dancing before the Lord with all his might*?

2 Samuel 6:16, 20-23

What did David do once the ark arrived in Jerusalem?

2 Samuel 6:17-19

Just a Tent for God? (2 Samuel 7)

Why didn't David build a temple instead of just a tent?

2 Samuel 7:1-3

If Nathan said it was okay, then why didn't David ever build a temple?

2 Samuel 7:4-7

Why was David prevented from building a temple for God?

1 Chronicles 22:7-10

How did God respond to David's request with a blessing?

2 Samuel 7:11b-16 (8-16)

How did David respond to God's rejection?

2 Samuel 7:18-22 (17-29)

How was God's promise to David fulfilled?

Luke 1:31-33

Closing Prayer

**Response** - Consider and meditate on one each day this week

1. Have I tried to force an answer out of God when He didn't seem to answer the way I wanted?  
(1 Samuel 28:1-20; Jeremiah 29:11-13; John 15:16; James 4:3; 2 Peter 3:9)
2. How have I felt when others who opposed me met hardship and trouble?  
(2 Samuel 1; 4; Matthew 5:43-47; Romans 12:14-21)
3. Do I look to the Lord for guidance even when the path seems obvious?  
(2 Samuel 2:1; Proverbs 16:20, 25; Matthew 7:13-14; Romans 8:1-14)
4. When have I shown grace and kindness to others?  
(2 Samuel 9; Matthew 25:31-46; Luke 6:27-36; Galatians 5:22)
5. Do I show reverence for God?  
(2 Samuel 6; Deuteronomy 14:22-23; Jeremiah 44:9-10; Hebrews 12:28)