



BRING IT HOME

Conversation starters to continue at home what began at Immanuel
Our desire is to see families use this resource as you live out Deuteronomy 11:19

UNIT 11: KING DAVID

David was an unlikely choice to follow Saul as king, but David's victory over Goliath revealed that God was with him. King David's rule would be better than Saul's, but it was still far from perfect as David committed a series of grievous sins. God, however, was gracious to forgive when David repented.

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What is grace?

Grace is when God gives us something good even when we do not deserve it.

KEY
PASSAGE:
EPHESIANS
1:7-8

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight."

JULY 3 SESSION 1: GOD CHOSE DAVID TO BE KING - 1 SAMUEL 16

CHRIST CONNECTION: Samuel anointed David, setting him apart to be the next king. God's choice for Israel's king was surprising; David was the youngest in his family, but God saw David's heart for the Lord. When Jesus came to earth, He seemed like a surprising choice for a King. Jesus is the perfect King who saves us from our sin and reigns forever.



Family Discussion Starters:

Who chose the next king of Israel?

Why do you think God often chooses unlikely choices as His leaders?

Family Activity: Choose fruit at the grocery store, pointing out how we can usually tell if fruit will be good on the inside by how it looks on the outside. When you eat the fruit together, explain that we can't tell what a person's inside—his or her heart—is like by looking at the outside. God knows and cares about everyone's heart.

JULY 10 SESSION 2: DAVID FOUGHT GOLIATH - 1 SAMUEL 17

CHRIST CONNECTION: The Israelites were not strong enough to fight Goliath, the mighty Philistine warrior, on their own. God gave David power to defeat Goliath. David reminds us of Jesus, who came to save us from our greatest enemies: sin and death. Jesus, the ultimate hero, saves us from our sin and gives us eternal life.



Family Discussion Starters:

Why did David believe he could defeat Goliath?

Goliath came to fight with a spear and sword, but how did David come to fight?

What enemy did Jesus defeat for us on the cross?

Family Activity:

Use masking tape or painter's tape to mark a length of 9 feet, 9 inches. Invite family members to take turns lying next to the line. Mark and label each person's height and compare them to Goliath's. Talk about how David might have felt facing Goliath.

JULY 17

SESSION 3: GOD MADE A COVENANT WITH DAVID - 2 SAMUEL 6-7

CHRIST CONNECTION: God promised David that future kings of Israel would come from David's family, and David's kingdom would last forever. God kept His promise by sending His Son, Jesus, as one of David's descendants. Jesus is our King who will rule over God's people forever.



Family Discussion Starters:

Did God approve of David's plan to build a house for God? Why or why not?

Did God keep His promise to always have a member of David's family on the throne? How?

Family Activity:

Look together at your wedding pictures or show wedding pictures of close friends or extended family members. Explain that in a wedding, a husband and wife promise to be faithful to each other for their lives. Discuss how God's everlasting promise to David was fulfilled in Jesus.

JULY 24

SESSION 4: DAVID SINNED AND WAS FORGIVEN - 2 SAMUEL 11-12

CHRIST CONNECTION: When David repented of his sin, God forgave him, but sin always comes with a price. God spared David's life, but David's son dies. When we sin, we deserve death. But we can receive God's forgiveness because God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay the price for our sin.



Family Discussion Starters:

How did Nathan help David see that he had sinned?

Israel's first kings—Saul and David—disobeyed God. Why do you think God forgave David and let him remain as king?

Family Activity:

Re-enact Nathan's story of the rich man, the poor man, and the sheep using a favorite candy to represent the sheep and two family members to represent the rich man and the poor man. Discuss how the story represents David's actions.

JULY 31

SESSION 5: GOD IS GOOD TO GIVE GRACE - PSALM 51

CHRIST CONNECTION: David confessed his sin and asked God to change his heart so that he would not want to sin again. When we realize our sin, we can confess to God and ask for His forgiveness. Jesus covers our guilt and changes our hearts so we can have life with Him forever.



Family Discussion Starters:

Why did David say that his sin was against God?

What did David say is the sacrifice God really wants?

Who can change our hearts so that we no longer want to sin?

Family Activity:

Remind your family that God told Solomon he could ask for anything. Let family members take turns sharing what they would ask for if they had a similar opportunity. Discuss why King Solomon asked for wisdom.