



David and Goliath

1 Samuel 17

Giant Scramble

Please unscramble the words below:

1. AVDDI _ _ _ _ _

2. HOLTGIA _ _ _ _ _

3. ARYM _ _ _ _

4. LAUS

5. STESON

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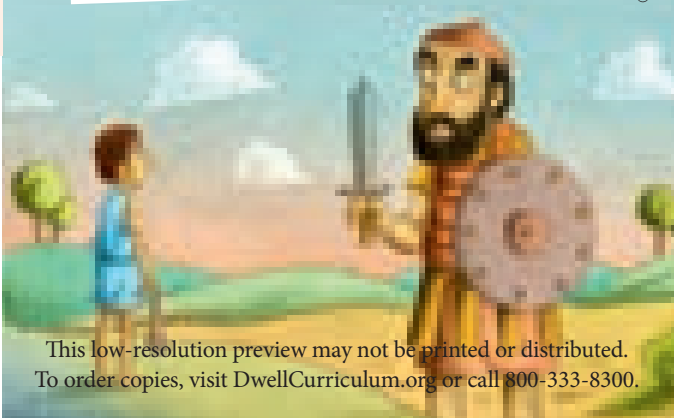
6. IHNLSGOST _ _ _ _ _

7. ISLEEARTS _ _ _ _ _

8. THNISEPILSI _ _ _ _ _

9. DERSHEPH _ _ _ _ _

10. ROMAR _ _ _ _ _



Smooth Stones

Go outside and try to find a large stone. Clean it off and put it somewhere in your room to remind you how God helped David defeat Goliath with a single stone and a sling. On the stones below, write situations in your life that you need God to help you with. Ask God to give you courage and faith to overcome each situation.

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Drawing the Battlefield

What do you think the battlefield where David defeated Goliath looked like? Who was there? Use your imagination to create the battle scene in the space below.



Answers to Giant Scramble: 1. David; 2. Goliath; 3. Army; 4. Saul; 5. Stones; 6. Slingshot; 7. Israelites; 8. Philistines; 9. Shepherd; 10. Armor

Psalms Challenge

Did you know that David is the writer of many of the psalms in the Bible? This week read the following two psalms in your devotions. What do they tell you about David? About God?

Psalms 8 Psalms 11

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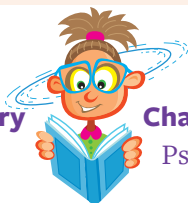
David displayed an amazing amount of faith in God. Write an acrostic poem describing what faith in God means to you. Here's an example:

Fearless in the midst of pain
Allowing God to lead
In everything, obey God
Trust the Holy Spirit to guide
Have confidence in God

Try your own. Then draw a picture to describe your poem.

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David and Jonathan

1 Samuel 18-20

Forever Friends

In the spaces below, write the names of two or three of your closest friends. What do you appreciate about each of them? Choose at least three ways you can encourage them this week.

My Closest Friends **Why I Appreciate Them**

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Ways I can encourage my friends this week...

- ☐ Write a note
- ☐ Make a card
- ☐ Invite a friend to my house
- ☐ Call a friend on the phone
- ☐ Pray for someone
- ☐ Have a slumber party
- ☐ Play sports with a friend
- ☐ Lend a listening ear
- ☐ Make a gift for a friend

Write more suggestions here!





Helpful Friends

Draw pictures of ways to be a helpful friend to others in the blank squares below.

One has been done for you!

Helping a friend with homework.

Helping a friend resolve an argument with someone.

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Praying with a friend who is hurting.

Helping a friend cope with an illness.

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Friendship Prayers

Take out your Bible and read John 15:13-15. (This puzzle is based on the NIV.) Fill in the missing blanks. What is Jesus saying about friendship? How can we truly become Jesus' friends? Then write a friendship prayer to Jesus, thanking him for choosing to give up his life to grant us true friendship with God.

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“Greater _____ has no one than this:
to _____ one’s

_____ for one’s _____.

You are my _____ if you do what

I _____. I no longer call you

_____, because _____

does not know his master’s business.

Instead, I have called you _____,

for everything that I _____ from my

_____ I have made _____ to you.”

Dear Jesus, _____



Friendship Trail Mix

Try making the following recipe to pass along to a friend, neighbor, or relative. Don't forget to thank them for their friendship!

- ▶ 1 cup small pretzels
- ▶ 1 cup Chex cereal or cheerios
- ▶ 1 cup M&Ms
- ▶ 1 cup fish crackers
- ▶ 1 cup dried fruit
- ▶ 1 cup peanuts

(make sure no one is allergic to nuts)

Add all ingredients to a large bowl and stir together. With a large spoon or cup, scoop the mix into small plastic baggies to give to your friends!

Psalm Challenge

Check out these psalms of David this week. Try to imagine where David was or what he was thinking or doing when he wrote these psalms to God:

Psalm 16 **Psalm 23**

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David and Saul

1 Samuel 23:7-29; 24

Who Do You Look Up To?

David respected Saul as king (God's anointed) and didn't kill him when he had the chance.

Below is a list of people who may have authority in your lives (feel free to add to the list). List or draw some of the ways you can show them respect and honor.

▶ Parents

▶ Police officers

▶ President/Prime minister

▶ Grandparents

▶ Teachers

▶ Older siblings

▶ Others: _____

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Love Your Enemy?

How could you show love in each of the situations on these pages? If you're working with a friend, come up with a little skit to show how love could make a difference.



A bully punches you on the soccer field.

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Someone steals your bike from your garage. You later see a neighbor kid riding your bike!



You see an older kid pushing little kids around on the sidewalk.

A teacher unfairly accuses you of cheating on a test and gives you a failing grade.



An older brother destroys your favorite toy.



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Someone in school spreads a rumor about you that is not true. Pretty soon the whole class is laughing at you behind your back.



Psalm Challenge

David wrote a lot of psalms to God when he was fleeing from Saul and hiding. This week read these two psalms and list some of the things David asked God for and praised God for.

Psalm 54 Psalm 28



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David showed his respect for Saul. Complete each sentence below telling how David honored Saul. Use the coordinates to find the correct letters for each word. Check your answers in 1 Samuel 24.

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9	H	O				B			
8			S						M
7		C				V		A	
6	I		F						
5		K						N	
4			L				Y	R	
3	D								
2			E					G	
1									

PREVIEW

A

B

C

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J

Saul looked for David in the Desert of .
C2 I5 H2 C2 A3 A6

Saul took _____

 men with him. David came upon Saul and cut off a

of Saul's . David called
out to Saul, "My the !"

David told Saul, "Some urged me to _____ you,
but I _____ because you are the Lord's

_____.” Saul begged David to have
_____ and not harm the family of Saul.



Challenge:

Psalm 51:10-12



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David and Mephibosheth

2 Samuel 4:4, 9

► Story Smart?

How well do you remember the story of David and Mephibosheth? See if you can number the pictures below in the order they happened in the story.

<p>A. __</p>	<p>B. __</p>
<p>C. __</p>	<p>D. __</p>
<p>E. __</p>	<p>F. __</p>
<p>G. __</p>	<p>H. __</p>



Secret Acts of Kindness

Try doing at least two of the following acts of kindness for a friend or family member.

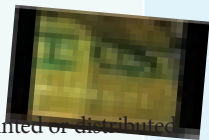
Remember to do them in secret!

- ▶ Write a note saying how much he or she is appreciated.
- ▶ Make a goodie bag of candies and other treats to put on his or her desk or bed.
- ▶ Rake the leaves or shovel the driveway at this person's home.
- ▶ Write a verse on an index card and put it on his or her desk.
- ▶ Pack an extra treat in your lunch and share it with this person.
- ▶ Any other ideas? Write them here!

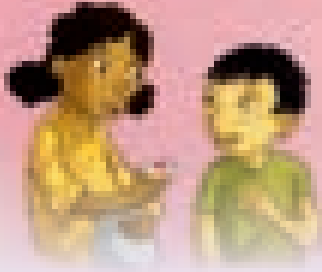
Just for Fun

Check out the way people in one city used signs to remind others to be kind in the following videos:

- ▶ <http://tiny.cc/rzkni>
- ▶ <http://tiny.cc/opm1o>



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Answer to word search



God Is Good

List some of the ways God has shown you kindness. Then write a thank you note to God for his everlasting love and kindness.

God's Kindness to Me

▶ _____

▶ _____

▶ _____

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▶ _____

▶ _____

▶ _____

Dear God,

Thank you for ...

Answers to Story Smart: 1=D, 2=G, 3=E, 4=C, 5=A, 6=H, 7=F, 8=B

David

As you search for the words listed below, remember the details of the David stories you've been exploring.

ANOINTED | ARMOR | ARROW | CAVE | DAVID |
ENEMIES | GIANT | GOLIATH | HUNT | ISRAELITES |
JONATHAN | MEPHIBOSHETH | PHILISTINES | ROBE |
SAUL | SLINGSHOT | SWORD

D V W E V A C J O N A T H A N X
E S L I N G S H O T N D I V A D
T Z W Y Z U O V T E R E Z C P R
N R U V L V M E G Q B H N H A O
I M A Y D A A T I Z M S I P J M
O D E L Q Z R H A A H L D C S R
N G V P Y Z R M N L I L Y F E A
A O S D H Z O V T S Q U N R T P
R Z O E T I W V T B S A Q S I O
Y S F S I B B I L W L S G Y L P
T P E J B M N O O Z P V O V E K
S N X C S E E R S M N X L G A L
H N U L S B D N Q H P L I F R B
N Q A H R Q Z P E B E I A L S T
I I A M X Z I N L C K T T T I A
U T O I M W E B O R V N H U G A

Psalm Challenge

This week spend some time with this well-known psalm in which David thanks God for being so good to us. What's your favorite verse in the psalm? Why? How has God been good to you?

Psalm 103

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David and Bathsheba

2 Samuel 11–12:15

► Sneaky Sins

Read each of the following statements and decide whether it is true. Answer as honestly as possible!

- 1. I told a lie in the last month. **Yes/No**
- 2. I complained about something that I did not like this week. **Yes/No**
- 3. I always obey my parents. **Yes/No**
- 4. I got into an argument with a friend this week. **Yes/No**
- 5. I always make good choices. **Yes/No**
- 6. I said something unkind this week. **Yes/No**
- 7. I never waste anything. **Yes/No**
- 8. I ignored someone who is lonely. **Yes/No**
- 9. I am always satisfied with what I have. **Yes/No**
- 10. I sometimes think I am better or smarter than other people. **Yes/No**



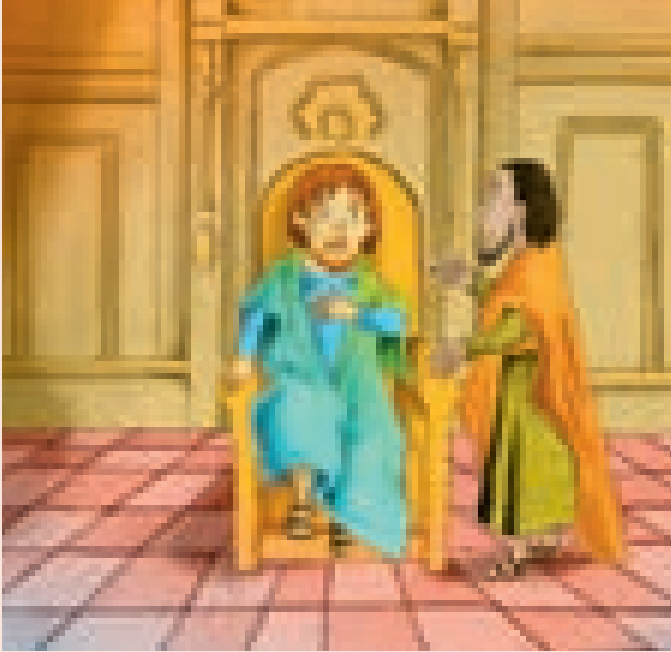
Words of Hurt and Hope

Circle the words below that describe how David might have felt after he sinned against God. Draw squares around the words that describe how David might have felt after God forgave him.

happy weary joyful
disgusted sad beautiful
gloomy depressed excited
afraid glad interested
confused pleased
disappointed hopeful
upset guilty cheerful
miserable thankful
downcast thrilled grateful

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Using the words you have chosen, write a poem that expresses how you feel when you've done something wrong. Then write about how you feel knowing that God has forgiven you.



Word Search

Find the following words from today's story.

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DAVID | BATTLE | NATHAN | ROOF | FORGIVENESS |
 BATHSHEBA | MESSENGER | SIN | DISOBEY | GOD |
 URIA | CHILD | PALACE | SHEEP

V	U	X	A	W	O	W	X	P	A	W	Q	H	W	S
E	S	V	Z	S	Y	D	T	G	B	C	B	P	G	S
Y	M	G	D	A	V	I	D	T	D	L	I	H	C	E
R	A	B	E	H	S	H	T	A	B	D	P	G	T	N
S	O	O	H	J	B	E	S	G	X	I	E	O	I	E
O	N	M	E	K	P	V	Q	Z	F	S	E	N	P	V
J	L	N	C	G	B	H	Z	K	V	O	H	N	E	I
F	M	Z	A	U	N	H	N	Z	Q	B	S	T	I	G
H	U	H	L	G	A	M	E	S	S	E	N	G	E	R
A	X	L	A	L	T	Z	A	H	N	Y	K	S	U	O
I	A	Y	P	D	H	Z	P	V	G	U	P	S	T	F
R	R	X	V	M	A	Z	N	Z	B	A	T	T	L	E
U	P	A	U	L	N	R	G	M	N	X	S	W	T	U
T	I	M	V	I	J	O	O	W	V	I	N	I	S	T
R	O	O	F	L	D	C	Z	X	N	D	B	Z	R	V

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Psalm Challenge:

Psalm 51



Read Psalm 51, the psalm the Memory Challenge is taken from.

What do the verses mean to you?

Rewrite the psalm using your own words as a prayer to God. Then draw a picture to illustrate the verse with pictures. For example, show a person kneeling down in prayer or a person looking sad about committing a sin.

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Answer to word search



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David and Absalom

2 Samuel 15-18

► Which Is Which?

Check out the six story symbols from this unit. See if you can match them to the correct story. As you look at them, try to remember as much as you can about this David story. Write one thing you remember under each story.

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► a. David hides from Saul

► b. David and Bathsheba

► c. David and Goliath

► d. David and Absalom

► e. David and Jonathan

► f. David and Mephibosheth

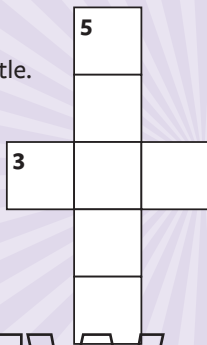


Absalom and David

Check out the clues and 2 Samuel 15-19 to finish this puzzle.

Across:

1. The secret spy sent by David to pretend to be on Absalom's side.
3. Absalom's _____ became tangled in a tree.
4. The animal Absalom rode on in battle.

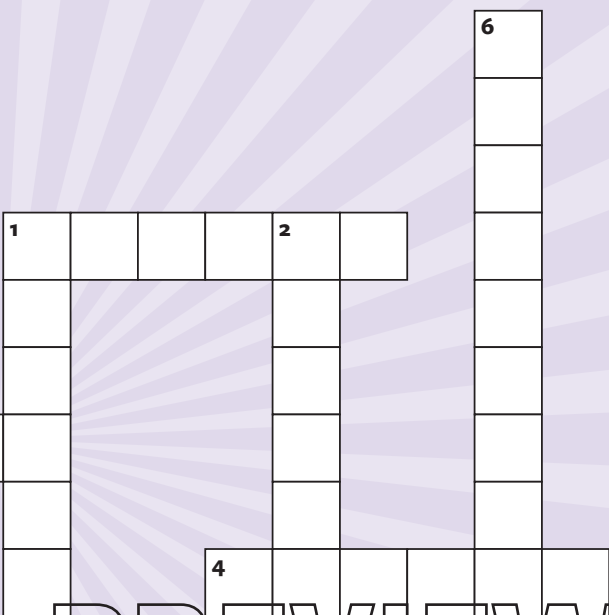


Down:

1. The city where Absalom declared himself king.
2. David's son who tried to become king.
5. David and his men covered their _____ as they fled from Jerusalem.
6. Absalom's new advisor who betrayed David.

A Prayer of Pain

Pretend that you are David and have just heard that your son David was killed in the battle. Write a prayer to God expressing your deep sorrow in losing your son.



Crack the Code answer key: CROSS THE RIVER AT ONCE; ABSALOM IS FOLLOWING YOU.

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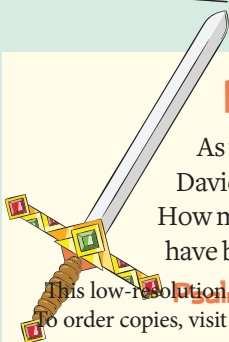
A Good King

What makes a good king? Write down some of your ideas below:

A good king is...

Psalm Challenge

As you read these psalms, think about David's sorrow after Absalom's death. How might the thoughts in these psalms have brought him comfort?



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Crack the Code!

Hushai sent an important message to King David when he heard Absalom's plans. What was the message? Crack the code to find out!

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
W	T	A	G	Q	H	E	L	M	B	O	V	C

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
Z	J	D	Y	F	U	X	I	K	N	P	R	S



Absalom and David crossword: Across: 1. HUSHAI; 3. HAIR; 4. DONKEY, Down: 1. HEBRON; 2. ABSALON; 5. HEADS; 6. AHITHOPHEL

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