



K-1st Lesson

Review

Refer to the Exodus to Malachi Timeline. We've been learning about David, who was anointed by Samuel to become the next king of Israel after Saul. But many things have happened since then.

David faced the giant Goliath and won the fight with a sling and a stone. Then David began working for King Saul as a musician and armor-bearer. God helped David do well in all he did, and Saul became jealous. He tried to kill David twice with a spear, but God protected David. David also became friends with Saul's son Jonathan.

David finally had to run away from Saul, who continued to chase him all over the country. There were times when David could have killed Saul, in a cave and while Saul was asleep in his camp, but David would not take revenge. He was willing to wait and trust in God to make him king at the right time.

- ? Waiting is hard for us, like it was for David. See this fruit? *Show unripe fruit.*
- ? Does it look ready to be eaten? *Allow a student to touch or test it if it's a fruit that softens. No, it isn't ripe yet.*
- ? Who would like to try a bite now? *Choose one or more volunteers to try the unripe fruit (cut up in sections).*
- ? How did it taste? *Allow answers.*
- ? Show ripe fruit. What about this fruit? Does it look ready to eat? *Yes. Allow a student to touch or test it if it's a fruit that softens. Give a sample to one or more students to taste and let them describe it.*

? Compare unripe and ripe fruit. So, what's the difference between these two? *One is ripe (ready to eat) and one is not.*

? What has to happen for the unripe fruit to become ready to eat? *Time must pass. We have to wait.*

Time has to pass for the fruit to ripen. But if we're patient, we can enjoy the fruit when it's ripe and tastes best.

Refer to unripe fruit. This fruit is kind of like God's promise to David that he would become king of Israel. But David had to wait many years before the time was right.

Refer to ripe fruit. Today we'll see how God made this happen—at just the right time.

David Lives in Ziklag

Because Saul had tried to kill him, David left the land of Israel to hide. He went back to Achish, the king of Gath. Remember, Gath was a city in the land of the Philistines, who were enemies of Israel. The last time David went there, he had to act crazy so they wouldn't kill David since he was the one who killed their champion, Goliath.

King Achish liked David and let him stay and work for him. He even gave David the city of Ziklag for him and his men and their families to live in.

Show the Lesson Flip Chart. Here is David dressed for battle. David and his men went out and secretly attacked the enemies of Israel. But when they showed the king all the things they brought back, he thought they had taken it all from the Israelites. This made Achish think David was on his side now. The king trusted David and wanted him to fight against King Saul and the Israelite army!

? Uh oh! Do you think David wanted to fight against his own people? *Allow discussion.*

David loved the Israelites, and he respected Saul as their king. So he was probably glad when the Philistine army commanders told him to go home. God got him out of there just in time!

When David and his men went back to Ziklag, they discovered something terrible had

happened! Another enemy, the Amalekites, had stolen everything! They captured all the women and children and burned down the city.

David's men were really upset and blamed David for what happened. They even wanted to throw stones at him to kill him!

1 Samuel 30:6

Refer to the Books of the Bible Poster. David was in trouble! Let's find out what he did in 1 Samuel chapter 30. Have the student bring up the Bible and open it to the sticky note. Read 1 Samuel 30:6.

? David was really upset because his family had been captured, and now his men wanted to kill him. So what did David do? Where did he find the strength to take care of this problem? *David strengthened himself in the Lord his God.*

David asked God what he should do. God told him to take his men and go after the Amalekites. And that's what they did! They attacked the Amalekite camp and found all their wives and children! They took them home along with all the animals and things that had been stolen.

Saul and Jonathan Die in Battle

So God helped David and his men fight the Amalekites and save their families. But while that was happening to David, the Philistines were fighting the Israelites. King Saul was terrified when he saw the huge Philistine army. Sadly, when Saul stopped trusting and obeying God, he lost his faith and courage.

1 Samuel 31:7

Let's read how this battle turned out in 1 Samuel 31:7. Read the verse.

Three of King Saul's sons, including Jonathan, David's best friend, were fighting against the Philistines.

? What happened to Saul and his three sons? *They all died.*

This was a terrible battle. Many of the Israelite soldiers died, too. The rest of them ran away from the enemy.

Refer to David mourning on the Flip Chart. When David heard the bad news of the battle, he

wasn't happy about it. He didn't say, "Yay! I can be the king now." No. David was so sad that he tore his clothes, mourned, cried, and fasted.

Back in Bible times, tearing your clothes, crying, and not eating (fasting) were ways people showed how sorry and sad they were. David respected Saul as the first king of Israel. He even wrote a song the people would learn and sing to remember King Saul and David's best friend, Jonathan.

David Becomes King of Judah and Israel

Refer to David as king of Judah on the Flip Chart. After King Saul died, God told David to go back to the land of Israel. All the people of the tribe of Judah made David their king. But this was only a small part of Israel.

One of Saul's sons, named Ish-bosheth, became king over the rest of Israel, and there was a long war to see who would be king over the whole country of Israel. In the end, Ish-bosheth was killed.

? So who would become king over ALL Israel? Can you guess? *Allow guesses.*

2 Samuel 5:3-4

Let's find out in 2 Samuel 5. Read verse 3.

? Who came to David at Hebron? *All the elders of Israel.*

? All the elders from all the tribes of Israel came to see David. What did they do to David? *Anointed him as king over Israel.*

Wow! David became king over all Israel, just as God promised would happen. Let's find out more. Listen to the next verse. Read verse 4.

? How old was David? *30.*

? How many years does it say he reigned as king? *40.*

Refer to David as king of Israel on the Flip Chart. God rewarded David for his faith and patience to wait for God to make this happen. Now David was king over all the tribes of Israel, and God would help him lead and protect them. David chose Jerusalem to be his new capital city. It would become an important city in the history of Israel—and also the world!

David waited for God.

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He was sad
when King Saul
and Jonathan died.



He worked for
King Achish.

1



He became
king of Judah.

3



4

He became
king over Israel.

