



Grades 4–5 • Lesson 81

# David Becomes King

1 Samuel 29:2–7, 30:4–6, 31:1–7; 2 Samuel 1:11–12, 2:8–11, 5:1–5

Find and circle the words in the puzzle then write the green letters in order (left to right, top to bottom) in the blanks to complete the missing word below.

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

Achish  
Battle  
David  
Hebron  
Israel  
Jerusalem  
Jonathan  
Judah  
King  
Raid  
Saul  
Ziklag

David waited

for many years for God to make him king.

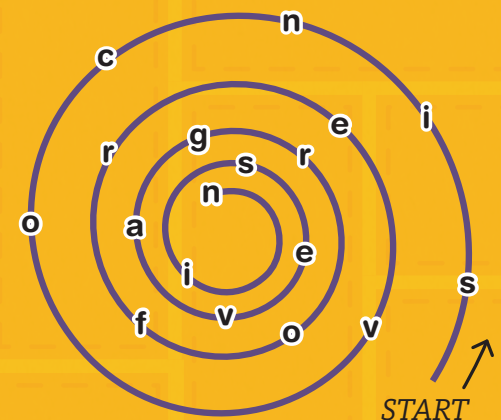
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As you come to the letters in the spiral, write them in the blanks to complete the verse.

**I acknowledged my**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **to you,**  
**and I did not** \_\_\_\_\_  
**my iniquity; I said, "I will**  
**confess my transgressions**  
**to the LORD," and you**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **the**  
**iniquity of my** \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 32:5





## **What You Heard** *In the Word*

- King Saul and his son Jonathan died in a battle against the Philistines.
- David had to wait many years, but he was made king of Judah and then king of Israel just as God promised.

## **OutWord** *For Family Discussion*

Suppose your neighbor says that the people in the Bible are just made-up characters, like in any storybook. **What would you say?**

*The Bible isn't like any storybook; it is the history book of the universe, inspired by God! The characters in the Bible were real people who lived. Did you know that artifacts we find today have proven the Bible?*

*People recently found a stone piece that had the words, "House of David" carved on it. The stone was dated about 900 BC and proves that kings in Judah were from David, the same David written about in the Bible!*



## **HomeWord** *For Parents*

Tired of being pursued by King Saul, David and his men and their families moved to the land of the Philistines, where David served Achish, the king of Gath. Achish liked David and gave him the city of Ziklag. Thinking that David could never return to Israel, Achish trusted David and brought him and his men with him when the Philistines gathered for battle against the Israelites. God delivered David from this situation by having the Philistine commanders refuse to let David fight with them. David returned to Ziklag, only to discover that the Amalekites had raided the city and taken all the people! But God gave them strength to follow the Amalekites, defeat them, and recover everything that was taken, including their wives and children.

Meanwhile, King Saul and the Israelites faced the large Philistine army. The Israelites were defeated, and Saul and three of his sons, including Jonathan, were killed. Saul's commander, Abner, placed Saul's remaining son Ish-bosheth on the throne of Israel, but the tribe of Judah made David their king. After more than seven years of war, Abner and Ish-bosheth were murdered, and all Israel gathered at Hebron to make David king. David chose Jerusalem as his new capital, and he captured the city from the Jebusites. David had to wait many years for God to fulfill his promise to make him king, but God was faithful.

Although some skeptics have tried to deny the existence of a real Israelite king named David, an inscription with "House of David" was found on an ancient stone fragment in northern Israel. Evidence like this clearly shows that the Bible is true and David really lived.



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