

Family Worship Guide: Lesson 17

David's Early Life

Main Idea

After Israel's chosen king, Saul, comes God's chosen king, David. His anointing and reign initiate a time of strength and righteousness for Israel. The reign of King David points in many ways to the King of kings who is to come—Jesus.

Parents – Read Ahead of Time

✗ **1 Samuel 16–18**

Notice how:

- God looks at the heart, not outward appearances (1 Sam 16:7).
- David trusted God when facing Goliath.
- God was with David — protecting, guiding, and blessing him.
- David's kingship points forward to Jesus, the true and greater King.

✗ **Acts 13:16–23**

Read Together Aloud

- ✗ **1 Samuel 16:1–13** (*David is anointed king*)
- ✗ **1 Samuel 17:32–51** (*David and Goliath*)
- ✗ **1 Samuel 18:1–16** (*David prospers because God is with him*)

Lesson Review

Q Who did God choose to be king after Saul?

A *God chose David.*

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Q Q. Why did God choose David?

A *God looks at the heart, not outward appearance.*

Q Q. How did David show his trust in God?

A *David trusted God to give him victory, not his own strength.*

Q Q. How does David point us to Jesus?

A *David was God's chosen king who points us to Jesus, the true and perfect King.*

Catechism Connection (1693 Baptist Catechism)

Q Q. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A *We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by His Holy Spirit.*

Q Q. How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

A *The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.*

Family Devotion Questions

Q Q. What was special about how God chose David to be king?

A *God chose David according to His own wisdom. God looks at the heart, not outward appearance or strength. (1 Sam. 16:7)*

Q Q. Why was David not afraid of Goliath?

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A *David trusted the Lord to fight for him. He knew that God was greater than Goliath and could save His people. (1 Sam. 17:45–47)*

Q How was God with David and helping him?

A *God protected David, guided him, and caused him to succeed according to His promises, even when David faced danger and hardship. (1 Sam. 18:14; Ps. 23:1–4)*

Q How is David like Jesus?

A *David was God's chosen king who led and protected God's people. David points us to Jesus, God's greater King, who protects and saves His people forever. (Acts 13:22–23; Luke 1:32–33)*

Q How is Jesus greater than David?

A *David was a sinner, and his kingdom ended. Jesus never sinned, gave His life for our sins, rose again, and reigns forever as King. (Heb. 4:15; Rom. 6:9; Rev. 11:15)*

Q What does it mean for us that Jesus is our King?

A *Because Jesus is our King, we trust Him, listen to His Word, and gladly follow Him, knowing He loves us and rules for our good. (John 10:27; Col. 1:13)*

Prayer

Father in heaven, thank You that You choose and use people according to Your perfect wisdom. Thank You for King David, who trusted You and pointed forward to Jesus. Thank You most of all for sending Jesus, the true King of kings. Help us to love and obey Him, to trust Him when we are afraid, and to remember that You are always with Your people. In Jesus' name, Amen.