

Welcome to Kids Corner!

Sunday, October 22, 2023

DAVID BECOMES KING

2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5; Psalm 150

Key Verse:

The LORD said to [David]: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.”
2 Samuel 5:2

The Point:

A good leader serves God and the people.

Making Connections:

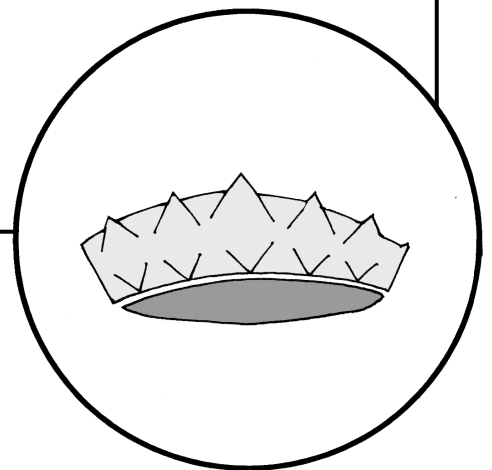
God's Way of Leading

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

The Desert to the Kingdom

Spiritual Practice:

Worship



BACKGROUND

Making Connections

The Book of Ruth ends when she gives birth to a baby boy, Obed, who became the grandfather of David. In today's lesson, we see how God continues to lead God's people through God's anointing of David as Israel's servant leader and king, as well as the worshipful celebration of the return of the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem.

Story Summary:

David Becomes King

The anointing of David comes after a time of trial for the people of Israel. They have been struggling to create their own kingdom under their first king, Saul. But Saul's inability to remain faithful jeopardized the stability of the nation.

God next chooses David as king. David, a shepherd boy and the youngest of his brothers, is a rather unexpected choice. However, when God elevates the humble David to the status of king, it also marks the elevation of Israel from a loosely knit group of clans into a true national power. Bringing the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem further cements Israel's glory.

The Point

A good leader serves God and the people. It is important to remember that God chose David to be a servant king. David was not called to make himself a great name or to gather wealth for himself, but to be a shepherd to God's people. His first great task was to bring Judah and Israel together. David's gifts were given to him so that he could make the world a better place, and he was anointed, or "set aside," for that purpose. Each of us has been given special gifts too, and a purpose that only we can fulfill.

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

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Spiritual Practice: Worship

When the Ark of the Covenant came back to Jerusalem, David worshipped God with his whole self, dancing before the entire nation of Israel. He did not attempt to be stately or composed in his expression, but allowed himself to fully express his love and gratitude to God. God calls us to worship and celebrate and we respond.



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Ark of the Covenant

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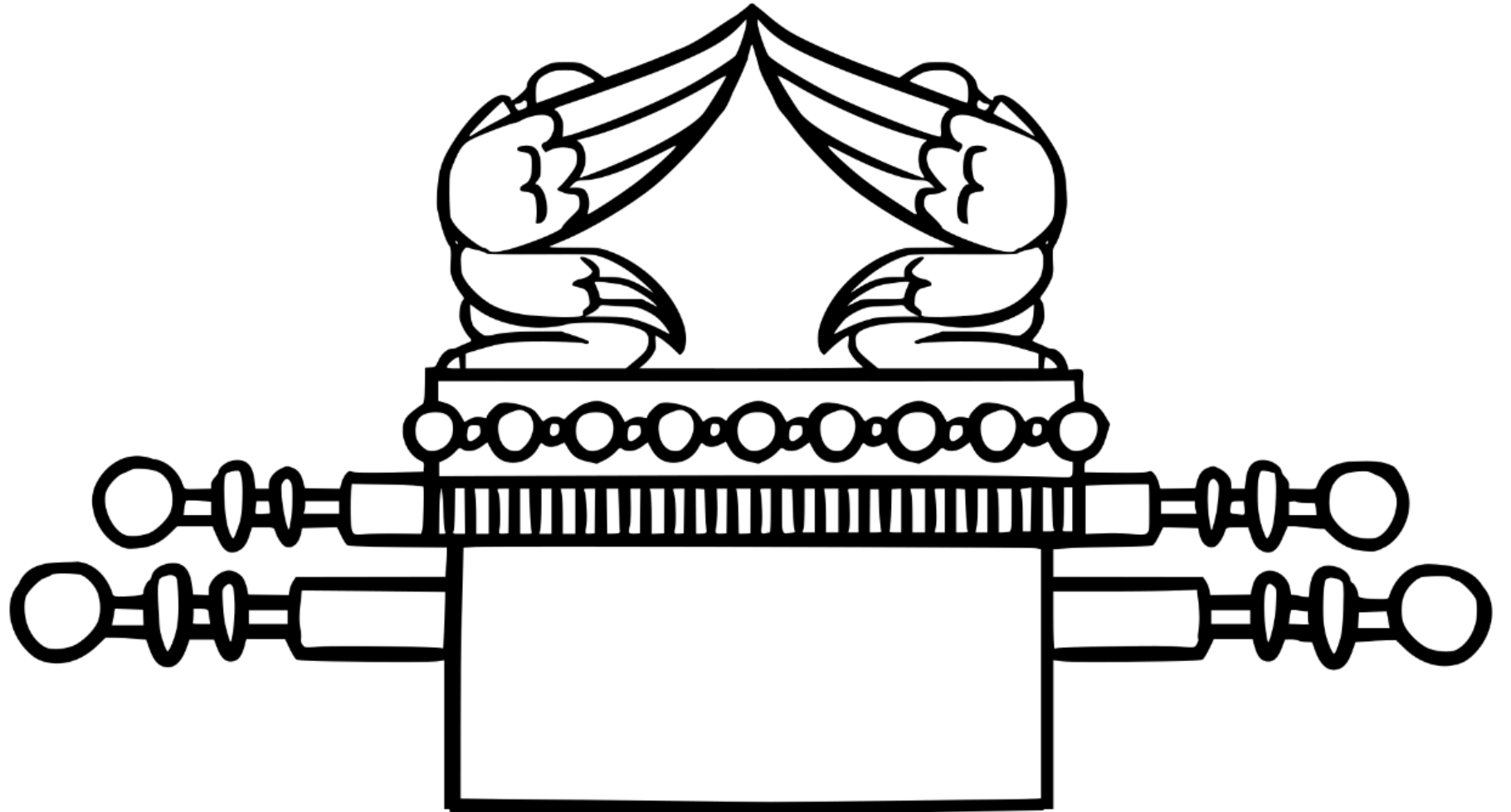
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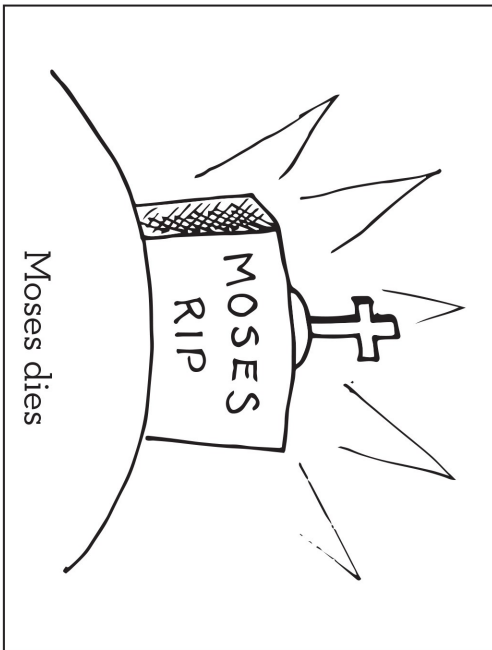
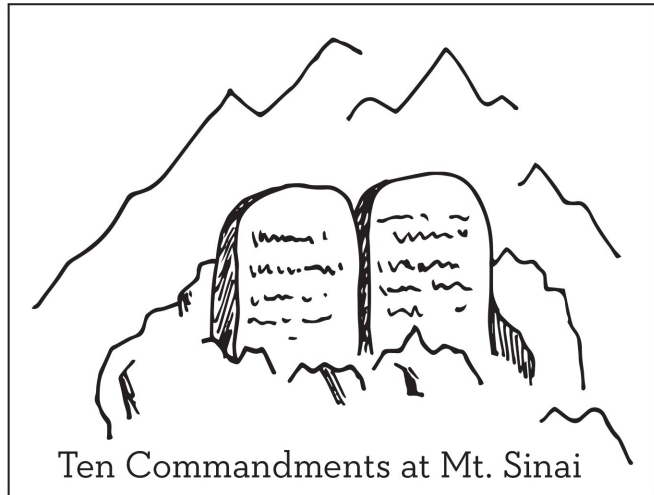
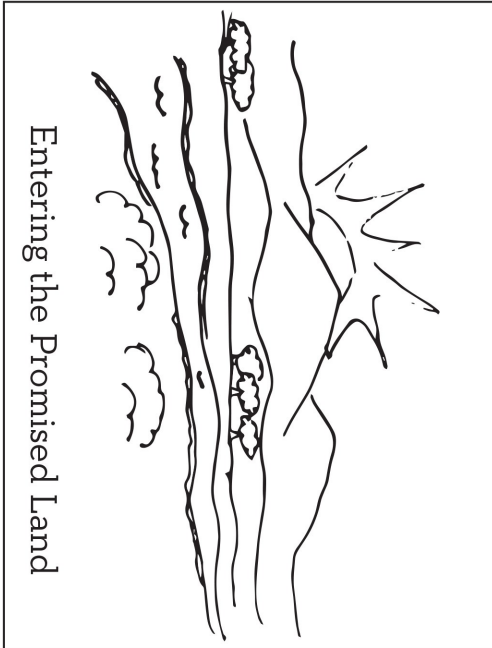
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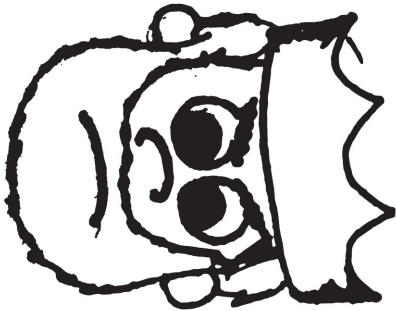
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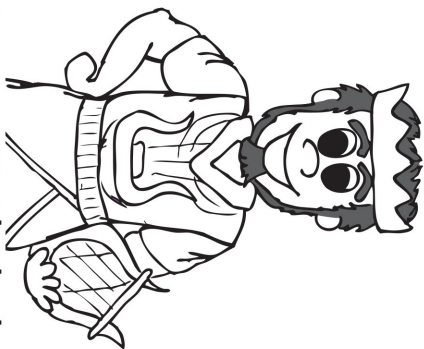
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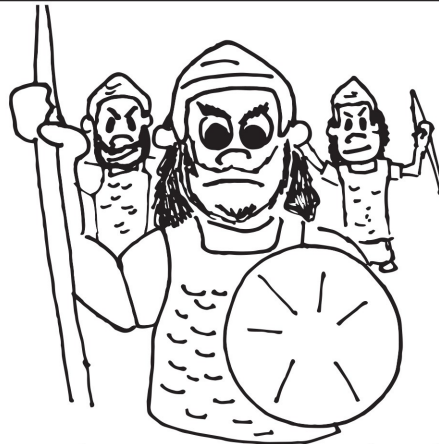
Saul becomes a bad king



Samuel anoints young David to be the next king



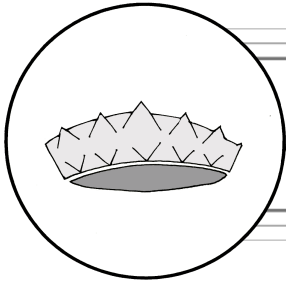
Joshua becomes judge over Israel



Israel in many military battles



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THE STORY @ HOME



Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 2 (2023-2024)

Lesson #2-7
2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5; Psalm 150

LAST WEEK

After the people of Israel have settled in the Promised Land, a non-Israelite foreigner, Ruth, shows love and loyalty to her mother-in-law, despite the great risk to herself (Ruth 1:1-17 [4:13-17]).

THIS WEEK

Ruth's faith and loyalty are passed down to her great-grandson, the most famous, and faithful, king of Israel: David (2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5; Psalm 150).

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PRACTICE WORSHIP

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NEXT WEEK

A selfish decision by King Rehoboam, David's grandson, leads the ten northern tribes of Israelites to leave the united kingdom and form their own kingdom (1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29).

Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✚ In what way does this text teach about the theme, Responding to God's Love?
- ✚ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✚ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5; Psalm 150

David becomes king.

Play some upbeat music and do a celebratory dance together. Talk about the things for which you are grateful.

Monday—Read 1 Kings 2:1-4

David instructs Solomon.

Make some crowns out of construction paper and tape and pretend to be rulers. What would you do if you could rule over everybody?

Tuesday—Read 1 Kings 3:3-14

The source of Solomon's wisdom.

Wrap a box in giftwrap and give it to your child. Ask them what they would ask for if they could have anything they wanted. Why would they make that choice?

Wednesday—Read 1 Kings 3:16-28

Solomon solves a dispute.

Act out this story. How would you have solved this situation?

Thursday—Read 1 Kings 4:29-34

Solomon's fame.

Name one person that you think is wise. Why do you feel this way?

Friday—Read 1 Kings 9:1-9

The Lord speaks to Solomon again.

Using blocks or paper and markers, build or draw a temple.

Saturday—Read 1 Kings 11:1-13

Solomon's fall from faithfulness.

Think of a mistake that you have made. Pray together, thanking God for forgiveness.