

David Is Made King Of Israel

2 Samuel 5:1-4

MEMORY VERSE

2 SAMUEL 7:8

“Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: “I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel.”’

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

A ball or stuffed animal and masking tape.

The bookmark template provided with your curriculum (copy enough bookmarks for each child onto white cardstock), crayons or markers, a hole punch, yarn, clear contact paper, glue stick and scissors.

ATTENTION GRABBER!

Used By God Relay

Have the children form two teams. Split those two teams in half so that half is at one side of the room and the other half is at the other side of the room. Using masking tape, make four lines (two on each side of the room). The children will be doing a relay race.

Use a medium size ball or stuffed animal. In this relay race, the children will be hopping rather than running. In addition, they will have to hop and hold the ball (or stuffed) animal between their ankles. This makes the relay more difficult.

When you say “Go!” then have two children go. When they get to the other side of the room they will pass the ball on to the next child who will return to the other side. Continue until everyone has had a chance. If a team is uneven, have the first child go one additional time to make it even.

Explain to the children that serving the Lord is sometimes like that relay. It may seem easy at times; but other times, circumstances make the race a little more difficult (like the ball between the ankles). God allows these difficulties so that we can become stronger and can be used by Him more and more in the future.

LESSON TIME!

Do you remember that King Saul disobeyed God and, as a result, would no longer be allowed to be king? God sent the prophet Samuel to search for a new king. When Samuel came to David's house, his father, Jesse, thought that one of David's older brothers would be king.

However, God did not look at outward appearances. God wanted someone whose heart would be right before Him. Samuel asked Jesse if he had any more sons. Jesse replied that he had one son left who was out tending sheep. David was the youngest child, but God noticed him. God knew that David would be the kind of king that would follow Him. So, David, a young shepherd boy, probably in his teens, was anointed to be the next king of Israel.

David did not immediately become king after his anointing. In fact, it took about another 17 years for him to become the king over *all* of Israel. These 17 years were not easy for David. Remember, during these years, David faced the giant, Goliath. Later, he would run for his life from the jealous King Saul. King Saul knew, because of his disobedience to God, he would one day be replaced. He thought that the only way to keep David from becoming king would be for him to kill David. So for 10 years, Saul and his 3,000 soldiers chased David around the wilderness. If only Saul would have just turned away from his sin and back to God, but he refused.

What do you suppose David learned during these difficult “wilderness” years? He learned how to trust in the Lord to deliver him, protect him, and provide for all of his needs—valuable lessons for the future king of the nation of Israel. **God has great plans for those who will follow Him.**

When King Saul and Jonathan died in battle, David became king over part of Israel, the tribe of Judah. The other tribes wanted one of Saul’s sons to rule over them; thus, Saul’s son, Ishbosheth, became ruler over the other 11 tribes of Israel.

David waited on the Lord. David knew God was faithful to His promises; and one day, he would become king over all Israel. After seven years, Ishbosheth died, and there were no other sons to take his place. The rulers of the other tribes came to David.

2 SAMUEL 5:1

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and spoke, saying, "Indeed we are your bone and your flesh."

The other tribes came to David and said, “Indeed we are your bone and your flesh.” They acknowledged that they were related to David and should be reconciled as a nation. It is kind of like two brothers who realize they should not be divided.

2 SAMUEL 5:2

"Also, in time past, when Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel out and brought them in; and the LORD said to you, 'You shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over Israel.'"

Not only did they realize that they were related to David and should no longer be divided, but they finally acknowledged that David was God's choice to be king. They acknowledged that God had used David in great ways even while Saul was king. Perhaps, their pride had kept them from acknowledging God's plan earlier. Sometimes, our pride gets in the way of God's plan.

God told David that he would one day shepherd God's people and would be the king of Israel. David knew that God had a plan for his life. God has a plan for each of our lives. We only need to obey Him and seek that His will be done in our lives. If we will let Him, God will prepare us to do wonderful things for Him. **God has great plans for those who will follow Him.**

Bible Hokey Pokey

Explain to the class that they are going to do a variation of the Hokey Pokey. Have the class get into a circle. Sing together the following song to the tune of the Hokey Pokey.

I'll put my right hand in (children put right hand into circle)

I'll put my right hand out (children put right hand outside of circle).

I'll put my right hand in

And I'll wave it all around.

I'll be responsible, and I'll only do what's right.

That's what the Bible says!

Continue the song by having the children place their left hand, right foot, left foot, right hip, left hip, head and whole body.

After you are done, explain to the class that the Lord wants us to follow him completely. All of us (hands, feet, heart, etc.) should be dedicated to Him.

2 SAMUEL 5:3

Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel.

All of the leaders came to David in Hebron to make David king. David made a covenant with them—a promise that he would be a good leader to His people.

They anointed David king over all of Israel. This must have been a wonderful day for King David. Though David had to wait many years, God was faithful; finally, God's plan for David's life was accomplished. David would be a good king for the people—a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22).

When the elders anointed David, they were acknowledging what God had already determined. David was God's choice to be king. The Holy Spirit was upon David's life anointing him for that purpose. Anointing is a symbol of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. When God has a calling upon our lives, others will begin to recognize that calling, for it is God working in us and not our own strivings or effort. **God has great plans for those who will follow Him.**

2 SAMUEL 5:4

David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

David was 30 years old when he started to reign in Judah and about 37 years old when he became king over all of Israel. All together he was king for 40 years. David was a very good king because he followed the Lord. He made some mistakes along the way, but he always repented and asked the Lord to forgive him.

Again, David was a man after the heart of God. We can ask ourselves the question: Are we after God's own heart? Do we seek God's will for our lives? Do we ask Him what He would want us to do? David was very young when God began speaking to him about all of the important things that He wanted David to do. We are never too young to hear from the Lord.

As you grow up and look at all of the wonderful things that you can do, be sure to include God. Ask Him what His plans are for your life. You will find that God has wonderful plans for your life--plans so great you could not even imagine them, and you will find doing God's will is the best thing you could ever do. **God has great plans for those who will follow Him.**

Shepherd Bookmarks

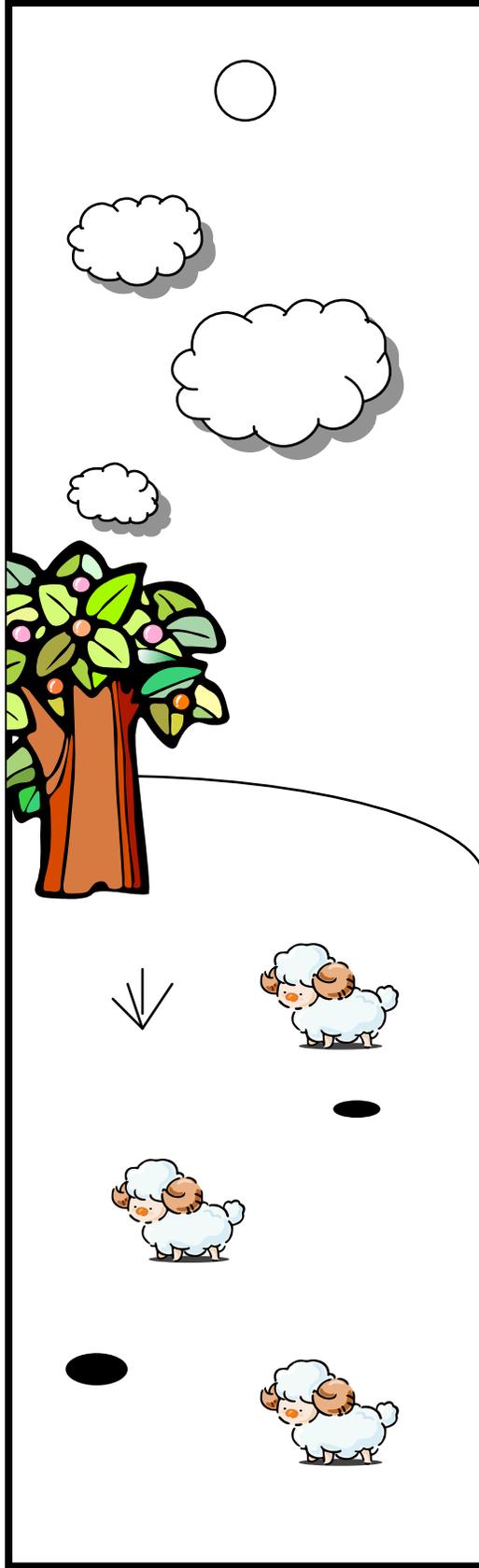
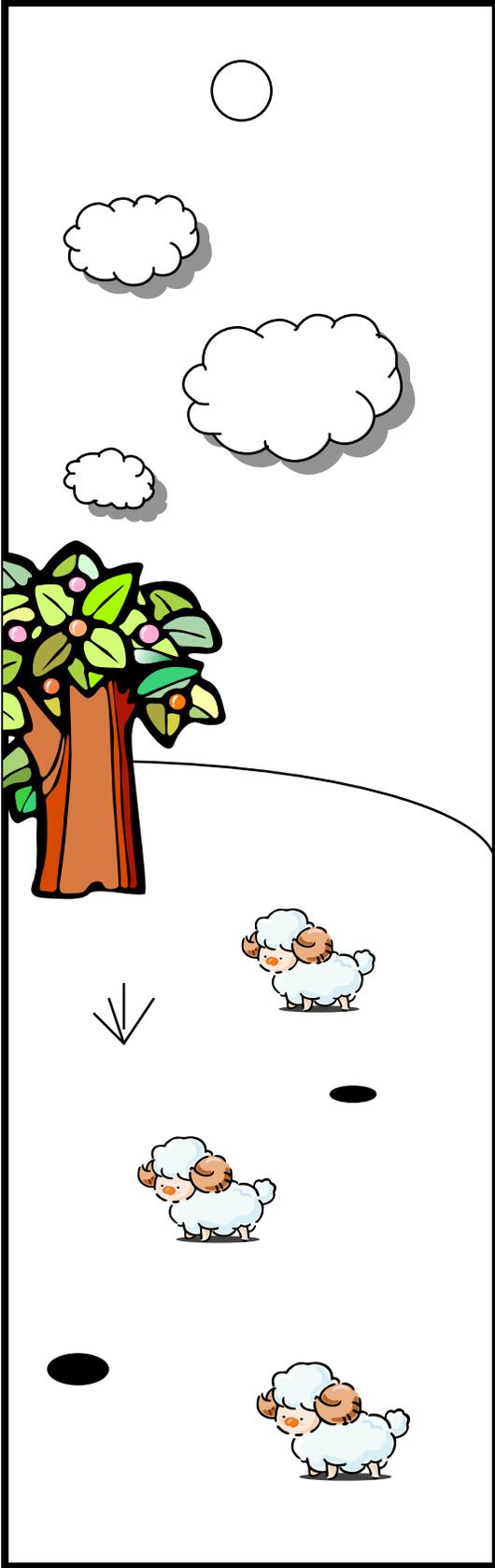
For this craft, you will need the bookmark template provided with this lesson. Copy enough bookmarks for each child onto white card stock. Other supplies: crayons or markers, a hole punch, yarn, clear contact paper, glue stick and scissors.

Have the class cut out and color the bookmarks. Cut out and paste the memory verse onto the back using a glue stick. (They can also write their names on the back.) Help the children to lay the bookmarks onto the contact paper. Trim the sides of the contact paper. Punch the hole at the top. String a few strands of yarn at the top.

Remind the children that God called David as a young shepherd boy. **God has great plans for those who will follow Him.**

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord for all of the plans He has for their lives. Encourage the children to seek the Lord to find out what those plans are and then be obedient to follow them. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.



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