

Lesson 1

1 Samuel 15

GOD REJECTS SAUL

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! Our first memory verse of the year is, “Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.” Psalm 100:1-3

Let’s work our way backward through these verses and start with the last sentence. It tells us that God made you. Since he made you, you belong to him. Not only that, but if you are a follower of Jesus then you belong to God’s people. How does that sound to you? But that’s not all, is it? The verse says that you are a sheep of God’s pasture. That means that God is your shepherd. He watches over you, protects you from danger, and makes sure you have everything you need to live. Isn’t it great to know that God watches over you?

Now, to help you memorize these verses, we are going to sing them. Do you think you can do that?

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO *(Music leader leads in hand motions and singing. After the song the music leader exits)*

Speaking of sheep, I would like to introduce you to a friend of mine. His name is Kebes. Kebes? Are you there? Now where is that sheep?

(KB enters)

KB: Oh hey Word. How ya doin’?

WORD: Just great, KB.

KB: I was just out in the field eating dinner. Did you know that grass on the other side of the fence is greener. And delicious too.

WORD: Well, that's good to know. Hey Kebes, I've got some friends of mine here and they would like to learn about someone from the Bible. I thought that maybe you could help them out?

KB: Could I? Of course! Hey friends of Word! My name is Kebes but my friends call me KB. So you want to learn about a Bible person, huh? I've got just the person. He's actually a buddy of mine. Have you ever heard of a guy named David? Yep, he's a friend of mine. We go way back.

WORD: Look's like you guys are in good hands, or hooves, here. I'll leave you to it.

KB: Don't worry Word. I'll take good care of them.

(Word exits)

KB: Where should we begin? I know! We need to start with King Saul. Here he comes now.

(Saul enters)

KB: Saul was the king of the people of Israel which are also called Hebrews or Jews. Even though God chose Saul to be king over his people, Saul was not always faithful to God.

(Samuel enters)

KB: Look! Here comes Samuel. Now Samuel was a prophet of God, a messenger. God called Samuel way back when he was a little boy to bring messages to the people of Israel. Guess what he has for Saul? A message.

SAMUEL: King Saul!

SAUL: Hello Samuel. What is it?

SAMUEL: "It was the Lord who told me to anoint you as king of his people, Israel. Now listen to this message from the Lord! This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies has

declared: I have decided to settle accounts with the nation of Amalek for opposing Israel when they came from Egypt. Now go and completely destroy the entire Amalekite nation—men, women, children, babies, cattle, sheep, goats, camels, and donkeys.”

SAUL: As the Lord says, it will be done.

(Samuel exits)

SAUL: Commander!

(Commander enters)

COMMANDER: Yes, my lord.

SAUL: Gather the troops at Telaim. God has called us to attack the Amalekites.

COMMANDER: Yes, my lord.

(Lights go down. Saul puts on armor and sword. Light come up)

SAUL: Commander, what is the total strength of our forces?

COMMANDER: We have 200,000 from Israel and 10,000 from Judah.

SAUL: Move the troops down into the valley and wait. And I want you to send this message to Kenite people living with the Amalekites: “Move away from where the Amalekites live, or you will die with them. For you showed kindness to all the people of Israel when they came up from Egypt.”

COMMANDER: Consider it done my lord.

(Commander exits and then returns)

COMMANDER: The Kenites have packed up and moved out of the area. We are ready to attack.

SAUL: Attack!

(Saul and the commander run around waving their swords. King Agag (puppet?) enters. Saul and the commander see Agag and chase him).

COMMANDER: I got him!

SAUL: Whoa, whoa! Don't kill him. Let's keep him alive. We can use him to our advantage. And don't kill all the animals. Keep the best animals and we will take those back home. You know what? Go ahead and keep whatever you like but destroy everything else.

COMMANDER: You heard them boys. Hey, I want that goat.

(Commander ties up Agag and then exits. Samuel enters and kneels down in prayer).

KB: As Samuel was praying God spoke to him. He told Samuel, "I am sorry that I ever made Saul king, for he has not been loyal to me and has refused to obey my command."

(Samuel continues to kneel in prayer and cries out to God. Eventually, Samuel gets up and walks over to Saul).

KB: "Early the next morning Samuel went to find Saul. Someone told him, 'Saul went to the town of Carmel to set up a monument to himself; then he went on to Gilgal.'"

SAUL: "May the Lord bless you. I have carried out the Lord's command!"

SAMUEL: "Then what is all the bleating of sheep and goats and the lowing of cattle I hear?"

(Animal noises sound in the background)

SAUL: "It's true that the army spared the best of the sheep, goats, and cattle." Look at that fine goat over there. "But they are going to sacrifice them to the Lord your God. We have destroyed everything else."

SAMUEL: "Stop! Listen to what the Lord told me last night!"

SAUL: "What did he tell you?"

SAMUEL: "Although you may think little of yourself, are you not the leader of the tribes of Israel? The Lord has anointed you king of Israel. And the Lord sent you on a mission and told you, 'Go and completely destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, until they are all dead.' Why haven't you obeyed the Lord? Why did you rush for the plunder and do what was evil in the Lord's sight?"

SAUL: “But I did obey the Lord. I carried out the mission he gave me. I brought back King Agag, but I destroyed everyone else. Then my troops brought in the best of the sheep, goats, cattle, and plunder to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal.”

SAMUEL: “What is more pleasing to the Lord: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams. Rebellion is as sinful as witchcraft, and stubbornness as bad as worshiping idols. So because you have rejected the command of the Lord, he has rejected you as king.”

SAUL: “Yes, I have sinned. I have disobeyed your instructions and the Lord’s command, for I was afraid of the people and did what they demanded. But now, please forgive my sin and come back with me so that I may worship the Lord.”

SAMUEL: “I will not go back with you! Since you have rejected the Lord’s command, he has rejected you as king of Israel.”

(Saul tries to stop Samuel from leaving and tears his robe)

SAMUEL: “The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to someone else—one who is better than you. And he who is the Glory of Israel will not lie, nor will he change his mind, for he is not human that he should change his mind!”

SAUL: “I know I have sinned. But please, at least honor me before the elders of my people and before Israel by coming back with me so that I may worship the Lord your God.”

SAMUEL: Fine. Let us go that you might worship the Lord.

(Saul goes off to the side of the stage and offer his worship to God)

SAMUEL: “Bring King Agag to me.”

(Commander enters and unties Agag)

AGAG: “Surely the worst is over, and I have been spared!” I really thought I was toast there. I mean, everyone else was dead you made a wise...

SAMUEL: “As your sword has killed the sons of many mothers, now your mother will be childless.”

AGAG: What? Wait!

(Samuel grabs the Commander’s sword and kills Agag in a dramatic fashion. Samuel and Saul exit).

KB: Samuel went home to Ramah, and Saul returned to his house at Gibeah of Saul. Samuel never went to meet with Saul again, but he mourned constantly for him. And the Lord was sorry he had ever made Saul king of Israel.

This is how King Saul lost his throne. He failed to obey God’s command instead he thought he could only obey part of God’s command and disobey the part he didn’t like.

Do you think it is okay to obey only part of what God says? No, it is not. God is ruler of the universe and his commands cannot be ignored.

Do you think Saul was sorry for not obeying God? No, he wasn’t. The only thing he was concerned about was being King.

Do you think we ought to obey God and do what he says? Absolutely. We should put his commands as number one in our life.

That’s the story for tonight. Why don’t you come back later and we’ll have a little fun before you go home. See you later! Baaa-ye

CLOSING

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

(KB enters)

KB: Welcome back my new friends. You're just in time. I've got a surprise for you. Wait for it. Wait for it.

SLIDE

KB: Boom! KB's Kwiz! Please welcome tonight's contenders. Over on this side, the boy who lived in the temple, the prophet of God, Samuel! And on this side, the big man of Judea, the king of Israel, Saul! I'll ask a few questions and...you guys can help them out. Let's get ready to rumble!

QUESTIONS

And that's KB's Kwiz! Thanks for joining me. See you next week! Goodbaaa-ye!

Lesson 2

1 Samuel 16

DAVID CHOSEN AS KING

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! Do you remember the Bible verse you started memorizing last week? It's Psalm 100:1-3. "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture."

Let us look at the first part of these verses tonight. Did you know that the Bible tells you to shout? It does. But, you are not to just shout anything. You are to shout for joy to the Lord. Maybe you should give that a try. On three, everyone shout "Hallelujah!" One, two, three, Hallelujah! Good job! The verses also say to worship God with gladness. When you worship God it shouldn't be with a grumpy voice or a bored voice but with a happy voice. Not only that: but, you need to sing joyful songs to God just like you did tonight. Did you know that Psalm 100:1-3 is a joyful song from the Bible? Why should you shout, worship and sing? Because God made you, you are his; you are one of his people and a sheep of his pasture. It's cool being a sheep, isn't it?

Now it's time for us to sing a joyful song. Are you ready?

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO *(Music leader leads in hand motions and singing. After the song the music leader exits)*

WORD: So did you like meeting my friend last time? He is a nice guy, isn't he? Do you think he is hanging around here somewhere? Hey KB?

(KB enters)

KB: Oh, hi Word. How are you doing?

WORD: Just great KB. What story do you have for the kids tonight?

KB: Tonight, is about when my buddy David gets chosen as king.

WORD: You were there for that, weren't you?

KB: Of course.

WORD: Well, take it away.

(Word exits, Samuel enters)

KB: Here comes our friend Samuel. One day, the Lord spoke to Samuel and said, "You have mourned long enough for Saul. I have rejected him as king of Israel, so fill your flask with olive oil and go to Bethlehem. Find a man named Jesse who lives there, for I have selected one of his sons to be my king."

SAMUEL: "How can I do that? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

KB: God said to Samuel, "Take a heifer with you and say that you have come to make a sacrifice to the Lord. Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you which of his sons to anoint for me."

SAMUEL: I guess I better get some oil. And I need a good cow. Off to Bethlehem I go.

(Samuel walks for a while. An elder enters)

ELDER: "What's wrong? Do you come in peace?"

SAMUEL: "Yes. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Purify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice."

(Jesse and Eliab enters.)

JESSE: Go and present yourself to Samuel.

(Eliab walks in front of Samuel and spins around.)

SAMUEL: "Surely this is the Lord's anointed!"

KB: God said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

(Eliab exits. Abinadab enters)

JESSE: Abinadab, go walk in front of Samuel. Maybe God has chosen you.

SAMUEL: “This is not the one the Lord has chosen.”

(Abinadab exits. Shimea enters)

JESSE: Shimea! Come here. Surely God has chosen you.

SAMUEL: “Neither is this the one the Lord has chosen.”

JESSE: Next!

(Four more of Jesse’s sons enter and Samuel rejects them.)

SAMUEL: “The Lord has not chosen any of these. Are these all the sons you have?”

JESSE: “There is still the youngest but he’s out in the fields watching the sheep and goats.”

SAMUEL: “Send for him at once! We will not sit down to eat until he arrives.”

JESSE: Bring David in from the field.

(David enters and walks over to KB)

DAVID: Hey, KB. I’ve got to go. My father wants me to go up to the house. Stay out of trouble until I get back.

KB: Baa!

(David walks over to Samuel)

KB: When David walked into the room God said to Samuel, “This is the one; anoint him.”

(Samuel anoints David with the oil)

SAMUEL: You are the one God has chosen to be the next king of Israel.

KB: “The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David from that day on.” After that Samuel returned home to Ramah.

(Samuel exits. David walks off stage and heads back over to KB. Jesse walks to the other side. Saul and his servant enter)

“Now the Spirit of the Lord had left Saul, and the Lord sent a tormenting spirit that filled him with depression and fear.”

SERVANT: “A tormenting spirit from God is troubling you. Let us find a good musician to play the harp whenever the tormenting spirit troubles you. He will play soothing music, and you will soon be well again.”

SAUL: “All right. Find me someone who plays well, and bring him here.”

SERVANT: “One of Jesse’s sons from Bethlehem is a talented harp player. Not only that—he is a brave warrior, a man of war, and has good judgment. He is also a fine-looking young man, and the Lord is with him.”

SAUL: You might be right. Go and tell Jesse to send me his son David, the shepherd.

SERVANT: Yes, my lord.

(Servant walks over to Jesse).

SERVANT: Are you Jesse?

JESSE: Yes, I’m Jesse.

SERVANT: My lord, the King of Israel has need of your son David. He is a good musician, is he not?

JESSE: He’s great with the lyre.

SERVANT: The king needs David to play for him. Please allow him to leave the fields and come with me.

JESSE: David may go. And I will send a “young goat, a donkey loaded with bread, and a wineskin full of wine,” for the king that he may know that I have allowed David to go.

(The servant walks over to David and they both walk toward Saul. Jesse exits).

KB: “So David went to Saul and began serving him. Saul loved David very much, and David became his armor bearer.”

(David grabs his harp and starts playing)

SAUL: Come here servant. I want you to send a message to Jesse. Tell him, “Please let David remain in my service, for I am very pleased with him.”

SERVANT: Yes, my lord.

KB: “Whenever the tormenting spirit from God troubled Saul, David would play the harp. Then Saul would feel better, and the tormenting spirit would go away.”

(Everyone except KB exits)

And that is the story of how my buddy David got anointed as the next king of Israel and how David ended up working for King Saul. David was a hard and faithful worker. He was also recognized as a brave warrior with good judgment. He did what his father Jesse asked of him and he was chosen by God.

Do you think that being a shepherd was a fancy job that everyone wanted? No, being a shepherd was hard and dirty work. Back then, shepherds were looked down upon. I don't know why, though, because sheep are awesome. But, that's how it was.

Did you know that Jesus was called the Great Shepherd? He was. Jesus said that he had many sheep and that his sheep know his voice and go to him when he calls.

Who do you suppose are Jesus' sheep? The sheep of Jesus are all those people that are Christians, followers of Jesus. So just like David was a shepherd of sheep and goats, Jesus is a shepherd of people.

That's the story for tonight. I'll see you later! Baaa-ye.

CLOSING

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

(KB enters)

KB: Welcome back friends. It's time for...KB's Kwiz!

SLIDE

Please welcome tonight's contenders. Over on this side, the old man with 8 sons. The owner of donkeys loaded with bread, Jesse! And over on this side, the guy who wasn't chosen as king. The brother that no one remembers, Shimea! Let's get ready to rumble!

QUESTIONS

And that's KB's Kwiz! Thanks for joining me. See you next week! Goodbaaa-ye!

Lesson 3

1 Samuel 17

DAVID AND GOLIATH

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! This is the final week for Psalm 100:1-3. “Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.”

There is one phrase that we have not talked about yet. It says, “know that the LORD is God.” Why do you think that the word LORD is in all capital letters? Way back in the book of Exodus, chapter 3, Moses asked God what was his name. God told him. The people of God believed that the name of God should never be spoken or written and so all we have today are the letters YHWH. Way back in the day, when people were putting the Bible into different languages, they replaced YHWH with the word LORD instead of guessing what vowels should go in the word, and to respect the name of God.

So the verse says that you should know that the God of the Bible, and no other god, is the one true God. There is only one God, he is the one who made and owns you. He alone is the one you should worship. Now let’s sing these verses together again.

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO *(Music leader leads in hand motions and singing. After the song, the music leader exits)*

WORD: Now where’s our little friend at? KB? KB? Are you there?

(KB enters)

WORD: Why so sheepish, KB?

KB: Ha ha. You-know-who is in our story tonight.

WORD: Oh Goliath. Well, your buddy David will help you.

KB: You're right. You're right.

WORD: Take it away KB.

(Word exits)

KB: "The Philistines now mustered their army for battle...Saul countered by gathering his Israelite troops near the valley of Elah. So the Philistines and Israelites faced each other on opposite hills, with the valley between them."

(Saul enters and stands on one side. A soldier enters and stands on the other.)

KB: "Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall!"

(Goliath enters)

GOLIATH: Arrh!!!

KB: "He wore a bronze helmet, and his bronze coat of mail weighed 125 pounds. He also wore bronze leg armor, and he carried a bronze javelin on his shoulder. The shaft of his spear was as heavy and thick as a weaver's beam, tipped with an iron spearhead that weighed 15 pounds."

GOLIATH: "Why are you all coming out to fight? I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul. Choose one man to come down here and fight me! If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!"

SAUL: Oh man! We're in big trouble. What are we going to do? That guy is huge!

KB: Now David's three oldest brothers-Eliab, Abinadab, and Shimea-had joined Saul's army to fight against the Philistines.

(Eliab, and an Israel Soldier enter and stand by Saul. David enters and stands by KB)

KB: David went back and forth to his brothers and to his father's sheep in Bethlehem.

DAVID: Hey little guy. I'm going to have to go back to me my brothers soon. You behave while I'm gone.

KB: Baaa!

(Jesse enters)

JESSE: David my boy.

DAVID: Yes father?

JESSE: "Take this basket of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread, and carry them quickly to your brothers. And give these ten cuts of cheese to their captain. See how your brothers are getting along, and bring back a report on how they are doing."

(Jesse exits. David pets KB)

DAVID: Ok little buddy. I'm going to leave you with another shepherd. I must head out early in the morning with the gifts my Dad told me to take to my brothers. I'll see you later. Be good.

(David walks over to the Israel Soldier and leaves the gifts off to the side. David's brother and the Israel Soldier move toward center stage and the Philistine soldier moves to center stage. They both start yelling at each other.)

GOLIATH: "Choose one man to come down here and fight me! If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!"

(David's brother and the Israel Soldier run away in terror. The Israel Soldier runs over to David.)

ISRAEL SOLDIER: "Have you seen the giant? He comes out each day to defy Israel. The king has offered a huge reward to anyone who kills him. He will give that man one of his daughters for a wife, and the man's entire family will be exempted from paying taxes!"

DAVID: “What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?”

ISRAEL SOLDIER: A wife and no taxes. “Yes, that is the reward for killing him.”

(Eliab walks over to David)

ELIAB: “What are you doing around here anyway? What about those few sheep you’re supposed to be taking care of? I know about your pride and deceit. You just want to see the battle!”

DAVID: “What have I done now? I was only asking a question!”

SAUL: Come here David.

(David walks over to Saul and kneels before him.)

DAVID: “Don’t worry about this Philistine. I’ll go fight him!”

SAUL: “Don’t be ridiculous! There’s no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You’re only a boy, and he’s been a man of war since his youth.”

DAVID: “I have been taking care of my father’s sheep and goats. When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. I have done this to both lions and bears, and I’ll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!”

SAUL: “All right, go ahead. And may the Lord be with you!” Here take my own armor. Here’s my bronze helmet and a coat of mail. And take my sword. These will serve you well. Try them on.

(David puts the armor on and runs around a little.)

DAVID: “I can’t go in these. I’m not used to them.” I’m just going to use what I’m used to.

(David takes the armor off. Then he walks over to the stream and picks up five smooth stones and puts them in his bag. David picks up his staff and his sling and walks toward center stage.)

GOLIATH: “Am I a dog that you come at me with a stick?” May the gods, Dagon, Baal, and Astarte crush you by my hand you ruddy-faced boy! “Come over here, and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!”

DAVID: “You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. Today the Lord will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! And everyone assembled here will know that the Lord rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the Lord’s battle, and he will give you to us!”

(David and Goliath run towards each other. David takes out a stone and slings it at Goliath. Goliath stumbles and falls. David grabs Goliath’s sword and kills him. The Philistine soldier turns and runs. Eliab and the Israel Soldier chase after him for a while and then exit.)

PHILISTINE: Goliath is dead?!? Time to go.

ELIAB: After them!!!

(Everyone exits except KB)

KB: “So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword.” “When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they turned and ran. Then the men of Israel and Judah gave a great shout of triumph and rushed after the Philistines, chasing them as far as Gath [Goliath’s home town] and the gates of Ekron.”

And that is how David defeated Goliath.

Why wasn’t David afraid of fighting against Goliath? He was trusting in God. He saw Goliath as if he were just another bear or lion that was attacking him. God had protected him against the wild animals he knew God could protect him from a wild giant!

When something big and scary comes your way, how do you act? Are you like Saul and his army that runs away, not trusting in God? Or are you like David, who trusted in God and stood up to the big and scary giant?

The Great Shepherd, Jesus, said that even if you had the tiniest faith, like a little seed, that faith could move mountains, or big hairy giants. You see, people by themselves can't really accomplish a whole lot. But with God, all things are possible.

So what do you need to do? Have faith in God.

That's the story for tonight. I'll see you later! Baaa-ye.

CLOSING

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

(KB enters)

KB: Welcome back friends. It's time for...KB's Kwiz!

SLIDE

Please welcome tonight's contenders. Over on this side, the big man on campus. The guy who literally lost his head, Goliath! And over on this side, the annoying older brother, the brother who was also not picked as king, Eliab! Let's get ready to rumble!

QUESTIONS

And that's KB's Kwiz! Thanks for joining me. See you next week! Goodbaaa-ye!

Lesson 4

1 Samuel 17:55-18

DAVID AND SAUL'S FAMILY

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! Our new verse for this week is: "O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands". Psalm 63:1-4

Do you want to know God? That is part of why you come to Adventure Club, isn't it? But do you *really* want to know God? The first part of your memory verses talks about wanting to really know God. Have you ever been really thirsty? So thirsty that all you can think about is getting your next drink? That's how this verse talks about wanting to know God. It's like being in a desert with nothing to drink, and your body is screaming out for water. All you can think about is water. This is how you should be toward God. Nothing else matters in this world but God. Knowing him should control your thoughts and actions. Being with God is what directs all of your actions and plans in life.

That's what this verse says. So do you think that way about God? If you want God to be number one in your life, just pray and ask Him to be what your soul thirsts for.

Now it's time to sing our verse.

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

WORD: Now where do you think KB has gone off to? KB, time for your story.

(KB enters)

KB: Oh, hey Word. I was just hanging out with my family...all one hundred of them.

WORD: Good, good. You should tell the kids about your friend David and his relationship with King Saul's family.

KB: Yeah, if you think *your* family is weird you should hear this story.

WORD: Take it away KB.

(Word exits)

KB: This story starts where we left off last time.

(Saul and Abner enter)

KB: King Saul and his commander Abner watched as David walked out to fight Goliath.

SAUL: "Abner, whose son is this young man?"

ABNER: "I really don't know."

SAUL: "Well, find out who he is!"

ABNER: Yes, my lord.

(Abner exits. David and Abner enter)

ABNER: Here he is.

SAUL: "Tell me about your father, young man."

DAVID: "His name is Jesse, and we live in Bethlehem."

SAUL: Well, done my son. You are a mighty man of war as I have been told. Come! You will stay with me. I will send word to your father that he had better find a new shepherd.

(Jonathan enters)

SAUL: Ah, Jonathan! Come here. I want you to meet this fine young man.

JONATHAN: Hello, my name is Jonathan.

DAVID: My name is David, my lord.

JONATHAN: My father is king. You can just call me Jonathan.

DAVID: Ok, Jonathan.

JONATHAN: Oh, man. The way you took out that Philistine was awesome. A sling and a stone brought him down. Who would have guessed?

DAVID: I just treated him like I would have done to any bear or lion that tried to kill my sheep.

JONATHAN: Yeah, but this guy was huge. And a great warrior. It was so cool.

DAVID: It kind of was, wasn't it?

JONATHAN: David, you and I are going to be good friends. You and I are a lot alike. In fact, I'll make a pact with you.

DAVID: A pact? Really?

JONATHAN: Guys like us have got to stick together. What do you say?

DAVID: Sounds good to me.

JONATHAN: Here. Take my robe and my tunic. And over here. Take my sword, bow and belt.

KB: "Whatever Saul asked David to do, David did it successfully. So Saul made him a commander over the men of war, an appointment that was welcomed by the people and Saul's officers alike.

When the victorious Israelite army was returning home after David had killed the Philistine, women from all the towns of Israel came out to meet King Saul."

(Saul, Abner, Jonathan and David line up and parade across the front. Women with cymbals and tambourines enter)

WOMAN 1: "Saul has killed his thousands"

WOMAN 2: "And David his ten thousands!"

SAUL: “What’s this? They credit David with ten thousands and me with only thousands. Next they’ll be making him their king!” Abner, keep an eye on David. He will never steal my throne from me!

(Abner and Jonathan exit. David picks up his harp.)

KB: “The very next day a tormenting spirit from God overwhelmed Saul, and he began to rave in his house like a madman.”

(Saul runs around the stage saying strange phrases. Eventually, he walks over and picks up his spear.)

SAUL: I’ll get you. You’ll see! I’ll pin you to the wall!

(Saul throws his spear at David twice and misses.)

DAVID: My king! What have I done?

SAUL: Just get out of here! Get out!

(David puts down his harp and picks up his sword. Abner enters.)

SAUL: Abner! I want you to put David in command over 1,000 men. Send him into the hardest battles! We’ll see if the LORD is with him. We’ll see!

(Abner talks to David and then exits. David runs into battle either behind the scenes or he could battle a few soldiers.)

KB: “David continued to succeed in everything he did, for the LORD was with him. When Saul recognized this, he became even more afraid of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David because he was so successful at leading his troops into battle.” Sometime later, Saul called for David.

SAUL: “I am ready to give you my older daughter, Merab, as your wife. But first you must prove yourself to be a real warrior by fighting the LORD’s battles.”

(Saul turns away from David and talks to himself.)

SAUL: “I’ll send him out against the Philistines and let them kill him rather than doing it myself.”

DAVID: What's that? What did you say?

SAUL: Hmm? Oh, nothing.

DAVID: "Who am I, and what is my family in Israel that I should be the king's son-in-law?" David exclaimed. "My father's family is nothing!"

SAUL: Oh ok.

(Saul talks to himself.)

SAUL: I'll give Merab to that guy Adriel instead. Ha! That'll show that punk David!

(Michal enters)

MICHAL: Oh David. David. Hi David. I love your belt is it new?

DAVID: No, this is the same old one.

MICHAL: Oh, it makes you look so manly.

DAVID: Um, thanks.

SAUL: "Here's another chance to see him killed by the Philistines!" David my son! Come here! "Today you have a second chance to become my son-in-law!" All I want is vengeance on my enemies. Kill 100 Philistines and Michal will be yours.

DAVID: Kill 100 Philistines? Ha! My men and I will do that and more!

(David shouts and runs out and quickly returns)

DAVID: I have returned victorious my king. We have killed 200 Philistines and brought back the proof you required.

(Saul talks to himself)

SAUL: Ugh! He was supposed to die fighting those Philistines. I guess I'll have to give him Michal.

(Turns to David)

SAUL: Here take Michal as your wife, son-in-law.

(Everyone exits but KB)

KB: “When Saul realized that the LORD was with David and how much his daughter Michal loved him, Saul became even more afraid of him, and he remained David’s enemy for the rest of his life.”

Every time the commanders of the Philistines attacked, David was more successful against them than all the rest of Saul’s officers. So David’s name became very famous.

And that is how David became part of Saul’s family.

Why do you think Saul wanted David dead? He was jealous of him, wasn’t he? Saul wanted the fame and the blessing of God that David had. Do you remember why God wasn’t with Saul? He disobeyed God. So the reason why Saul was jealous of David was Saul’s own fault! Saul was causing all of his own problems.

Is it good to be jealous of others? No, it only makes things worse. Not only do you not have the thing you want: but, it makes you hate the person that has it. You end up hating a person through no fault of their own.

Do you think that God wants us hating people for no reason? Of course not. In fact, the Great Shepherd, Jesus, told us to love people. He even said to love our enemies.

Do you think Saul’s life would have been different if he chose to love David instead of hating him? It sure would have been. You’ll see later on in the story that Saul’s anger and disobedience of God destroys his life.

That’s the story for tonight. I’ll see you later! Baaa-ye.

CLOSING

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

(KB enters)

KB: Welcome back friends. It's time for...KB's Kwiz!

SLIDE

Please welcome tonight's contenders. Over on this side, the guy who is always ready for battle, the man with the plan and the troops to carry it out, Abner! And over on this side, she plays a wicked tambourine, she wrote a number one hit single in ancient Israel, tambourine singing lady! Let's get ready to rumble!

QUESTIONS

And that's KB's Kwiz! Thanks for joining me. See you next week! Goodbaaa-ye!

Lesson 5

1 Samuel 19

SAUL VS. DAVID

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! Our verses for this week are: “O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands”. Psalm 63:1-4

The phrase, “I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory,” may not make much sense to you. The sanctuary refers to the temple in Jerusalem where God would meet with his people. It is there that God’s power and glory were seen. If you put this verse together with what we talked about last week, you get a picture of a person in the wilderness, in the desert, feeling separated from God, and wanting desperately to go back to the place where they had felt God’s presence before, where they knew his power and glory.

Have you ever felt like maybe God wasn’t there? Maybe you were in trouble and you felt like God didn’t see you needed help? Maybe you wished you could get back to a place where you felt God was really with you? If you felt that way, then you know exactly what this verse is talking about.

Now it’s time to sing our verse.

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

WORD: Have you seen KB around here tonight? Hey KB! Are you there?

(KB enters)

KB: I’m here. Have you seen Saul around anywhere? Things are getting pretty heated between my buddy David and Saul.

WORD: Not yet. But that is what your story is about tonight. Saul vs. David and the trouble that kept growing between those two.

KB: That's right. That Saul guy is a real meany.

WORD: Well, take it away KB.

(Word exits)

KB: Thanks Word. Remember that Saul kept sending David and his men out to fight, hoping that David would die in battle. But God was with David and not with Saul, so David was successful at everything Saul sent him to do. Saul's jealousy and hatred for David grew worse and worse.

(Saul and Jonathan enter. Saul begins to pace back and forth.)

SAUL: Ugh! I have to get rid of this guy. David is driving me crazy. I need this guy dead. Jonathan! I want David assassinated. Look for an opportunity to get rid of him. I'll tell all of the servants too. Surely, someone can take this guy out.

JONATHAN: Ok father. Um, I'll see you later. I have to go do something. Goodbye.

(David enters. Jonathan runs over to David)

DAVID: Oh hey buddy, how's it going?

JONATHAN: Come here! Don't let anyone see you. My father wants you dead. He is telling all of the servants that he wants you assassinated.

DAVID: Oh, great. What do I do now?

JONATHAN: "Tomorrow morning you must find a hiding place out in the fields. I'll ask my father to go out there with me, and I'll talk to him about you. Then I'll tell you everything I can find out."

DAVID: Sounds like a plan. I'll see you tomorrow then.

(David sneaks out. Jonathan walks over to Saul)

JONATHAN: Good morning, father.

SAUL: Blah, what's so good about it?

JONATHAN: Let's go for a walk in the fields. It'll do you some good.

SAUL: Eh? Let's go.

JONATHAN: The other day, David and I were talking...

SAUL: David! Don't get me started!

JONATHAN: I don't get why you don't like David. He is a great warrior. Actually, he's the best. His command of the troops is most impressive.

SAUL: Sure, I mean, he's good.

JONATHAN: Plus he is a gifted musician. You love his harp playing, don't you?

SAUL: I do enjoy that one song he plays.

JONATHAN: And David has been a great friend to me. I'd do anything for that guy.

SAUL: What are you getting at?

JONATHAN: "The king must not sin against his servant David. He's never done anything to harm you. He has always helped you in any way he could. Have you forgotten about the time he risked his life to kill the Philistine giant and how the LORD brought a great victory to all Israel as a result? You were certainly happy about it then. Why should you murder an innocent man like David? There is no reason for it at all!"

SAUL: I hear what you are saying. "As surely as the LORD lives, David will not be killed."

JONATHAN: Thank you father for listening.

(Jonathan exits. Then David and Jonathan enter)

DAVID: Are you sure everything is ok now?

JONATHAN: Yes, I'm sure. The king has seen that what he was wanting to do was wrong. Everything is good now. Come on. We'll go to my father and you can serve him just like you did before.

(Jonathan walks David up to Saul. David kneels before Saul)

SAUL: Arise my son. All is well. You are most welcomed here. Please play the harp for me. I do enjoy your playing.

(Jonathan exits. David picks up his harp and begins to play)

KB: So my buddy David served in Saul's court again. The Philistines kept attacking but David would fight them so strongly that they all ran away. Things were good again until one day when the tormenting spirit came upon Saul again.

(Saul picks up his spear and plays with it. Then he starts saying weird things)

DAVID: What's that my king? What did you say?

(Saul says some more gibberish)

DAVID: Oh no. Not again!

(Saul throws his spear at David. David dodges the spear and then runs away to his house. Michal enters and goes into the house)

SAUL: I'll get you David! You won't survive this time! You can't hide from me! Abner!

(Abner and soldiers enter)

ABNER: Yes my king.

SAUL: Take your soldiers over to David's house. Wait until morning. When David comes out, kill him!

ABNER: Consider it done.

(Abner and the soldier march out and head towards David's house eventually getting there, but not before David escapes).

MICHAL: David, David! My precious David. I've heard what has happened. "If you don't escape tonight, you will be dead by morning." You've got to climb out the back window. It's the only way. I'll help you. I've got this rope. We'll tie it off over here and you can climb out.

DAVID: Thank you, my wife. Make sure you pull the rope up as soon as I leave.

(They get the rope and David climbs out the window and exits)

MICHAL: Those soldiers aren't going to wait outside forever. I've got to think of something. I'll take this idol over here and put it in David's bed. There. I'll just cover it with his blankets. This hairy pillow will look like David's hair. There! Perfect.

SOLDIER: Abner. It's mid-morning already and David hasn't come out.

ABNER: Let's go in and arrest him.

(Abner knocks on the door)

ABNER: David! Come on out! We have the place surrounded. Give yourself up and everything will be ok.

(Michal answers the door)

MICHAL: Hello gentleman. Can I help you?

ABNER: The king wants David.

MICHAL: David is horribly sick and can't get out of bed. See. Please come back some other time.

ABNER: Very well! Let's go guys.

(Abner and the soldiers walk back over to Saul)

ABNER: My king, we went over to David's house but he was sick in bed.

SAUL: Go back to his house! "Bring him to me in his bed so I can kill him!"

(Abner and the soldiers walk back to David's house and break in)

ABNER: Get out of the way Michal. We have our orders.

MICHAL: No wait! He is very sick. You don't want to move him.

(Abner and the soldier move the blankets and find the idol and pillow)

ABNER: What's this? You tricked us? That's it. You are coming with us.

(Abner and the soldiers lead Michal over to Saul)

ABNER: Sir! Your daughter has tricked us. She let him escape and place a statue in his bed to make it look like he was there.

SAUL: "Why have you betrayed me like this and let my enemy escape?"

MICHAL: "I had to. He threatened to kill me if I didn't help him."

SAUL: Ugh! Abner! Get your troops together and go after David. Find out where he is!

(Michal exits. Saul, Abner and the soldiers march out. David enters)

DAVID: Where should I go to hide? Who can I trust to help me? I know. I'll go to the prophet Samuel. He is a man of God. He will help me.

(Samuel enters)

DAVID: Samuel. My name is David, a Bethlehemite, a son of Jesse.

SAMUEL: I know who you are, my son. What can I do for you?

DAVID: I've have served king Saul for many years and have been faithful to him, but now he hunts me to kill me.

SAMUEL: You are safe with me. Let's go over to Naioth. You can live with me there.

(Everyone exits but KB)

KB: Eventually, the report that David was living with Samuel reached Saul. He sent troops to capture him but every time the men got near the Holy Spirit would come upon them and they would prophesy and then the troops returned home. Eventually, Saul himself came and he too prophesied. David was able to flee before Saul arrived and he got away.

And that is how David got away from Saul.

David had some narrow escapes in our story tonight. Each time when he was almost caught, he got away. Why do you think that happened? God was with David and not with Saul. Back when David fought Goliath he said that the battle belonged to the LORD. God was fighting for David and that is what we saw in our story.

Have you ever been in a situation that looked bad but somehow it all worked out? God does that for his people.

The Great Shepherd, Jesus, told us that he would be always with us even to the end of the age. Jesus also said that he would send the Holy Spirit to always be with us, forever. That's the same Holy Spirit that helped David defeat Goliath. That's the same Holy Spirit that saved David when he was with Samuel. If you believe in Jesus, that's the same Holy Spirit that's with you.

That's the story for tonight. I'll see you later! Baaa-ye.

CLOSING

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

(KB enters)

KB: Welcome back friends. It's time for...KB's Kwiz!

SLIDE

Please welcome tonight's contenders. Over on this side, the wife with a guy's name, the lady who is a liar, Michal. And over on this side, the guy who failed multiple times, the one who never gets his man, Saul's soldier! Let's get ready to rumble!

QUESTIONS

And that's KB's Kwiz! Thanks for joining me. Goodbaaa-ye!

Lesson 6

Review Night

REVIEW NIGHT

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! Our verses for this week are: “O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands”. Psalm 63:1-4

We’ve already seen that these verses are talking about someone wanting to get to God. They want to know him, to be near him, and to see his power and glory. The second half of this passage talks about what this person is going to do. Because God’s love is better than all that life has to offer, because God’s love is better than anything, this person is going to worship God with their lips. They are going to glorify, praise and lift their hands up to God.

Now, let’s put this all together. When you are in a place where you feel like God is not with you, remember what God has done in the past for you, when you felt his presence and when you saw him and his power and glory, and worship him. Don’t complain about your problems but worship God in spite of your problems. And remember what you have been learning with KB, God is the Great Shepherd the One Shepherd and he is with you.

Now it’s time to sing our verse.

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

WORD: Since tonight is a review night, I asked some friends to join us.

SLIDE

(Word exits. Theo and Elly enter)

ELLY: Welcome to the Theo and Elly show!

THEO: That's right. Each review night we will bring you a new game to help review what you've learned so far.

ELLY: Tonight's game is a special Theo and Elly version of...Who Wants to be a Millionaire!

THEO: I do, I do!

ELLY: They're not playing for money.

THEO: Not even Who Wants to Be a Hundrednaire?

ELLY: Nope. Sorry.

THEO: Shucks. How this game works: each team will answer the question and write their final answer on the board. Each team has a 50:50, a phone a pastor, and steal the other team's answer (if you get it wrong and they get it right you get the points).

ELLY: Our captains for tonight's game are David and Jonathan.

THEO: A battle of the buds. Sweet. Let the games, begin!

(Use the powerpoint game. Have questions and answers written out for puppeteers as they Ad Lib throughout the game.)

Lesson 7

1 Samuel 24

DAVID SPARES SAUL

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! Our new memory verses for this week are from Psalm 148:1-5. "Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights above. Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created."

These verses are all about one thing. Can you guess it? Praise! God used the word praise a lot of times in his Bible, but what does that word praise mean? It means to applaud, to say that something is good. It means to show your approval of someone or something that has worth.

In our world, we give praise to a lot of people. I'm sure all of you have gotten praise before. Like when you did good in school and the teacher said, "Good job. You did really well on the test." Or maybe you did your chores and your Mom said, "Thank you for doing such a good job."

I bet you give praise to people all the time, too. When you say, "That football player is awesome," or "that singer is great," you just gave praise to that person.

If anyone deserves praise, it is God. So praising God is to show your approval of his worth. It is saying, "Look at God and all of his qualities. He is amazing. Look at what God has done. He is great!" All of the good words and good things you can say, all of those should be said about God. That's what praising God is: pointing to God and saying, "Look at Him. He is better than everyone and everything!"

People can praise God in a lot of different ways. You can praise God when you pray and you thank him for all that he has done for you. You can praise God when you

spend time reading his Bible. I'm thinking of another way to praise God. Can you guess what it is? Yes, through singing!

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

WORD: Now it's time for our story for tonight. KB! Come on out!

(KB enters)

KB: Hi kids! I was just hanging out with friends in that cave over there. Caves are cool places to explore and to hide when you are scared.

WORD: That's true. People and animals have always used caves as a place for shelter when they were in need.

KB: My buddy David once hid in a cave. Do you want to hear that story?

WORD: Sure KB. Take it away.

(Word exits)

KB: Even though David had run away, Saul still wanted David dead. One day he was told that David was hiding in the wilderness of Engedi.

SAUL: Finally, I have some news about where David is hiding. I will take three thousand men, the best men of Israel, and I'll go find him.

(A couple of soldiers enter)

SAUL: Let's go. I hear he is by Wildgoat's Rock.

(David and his soldiers enter).

DAVID: What's that on horizon?

DAVID'S SOLDIER: I'll go scout it out.

(The soldier goes scouting and then returns)

DAVID'S SOLDIER: It's Saul with about three thousand men and they are coming this way.

DAVID: Get the others and we will hide in the innermost part of the cave.

(Saul and the soldiers march around and finally make it to the cave. The soldiers walk by KB and pet him).

SOLDIER: Hey little guy. Aren't you cute?

SAUL: You guys stay here and stand guard. I have to use the bathroom. I'll just be over there in that cave.

SOLDIER: Yes, my king.

(Saul walks into the cave so that you can't see him)

DAVID'S SOLDIER: Look its king Saul. "Here is the day of which the Lord said to you, 'Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.'"

(David motions the men to be quiet and stay. He sneaks up behind Saul and cuts a piece of his robe off and then sneaks back to his men,)

DAVID'S SOLDIER: This is our chance to kill Saul and be done with him once and for all. No more running!

DAVID: "The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the Lord's anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the Lord's anointed." No, we can't do this.

DAVID'S SOLDIER: If your places were reversed he would not have hesitated to kill you! You know that. You don't have to kill him, we will do it for you.

DAVID: No, we must not touch him. God has made him king and we must respect that. We will not attack him. Let him go.

(Saul walks out of the cave back to his soldiers. David walks out and stands at the cave's entrance with his men.)

DAVID: My lord the king!

(David bows before Saul)

DAVID: “Why do you listen to the words of men who say, ‘Behold, David seeks your harm’? Behold, this day your eyes have seen how the Lord gave you today into my hand in the cave. And some told me to kill you, but I spared you.”

DAVID’S SOLDIER: That’s right! He could have too.

DAVID: “I said, ‘I will not put out my hand against my lord, for he is the Lord’s anointed.’ See, my father, see the corner of your robe in my hand. For by the fact that I cut off the corner of your robe and did not kill you, you may know and see that there is no wrong or treason in my hands. I have not sinned against you, though you hunt my life to take it. May the Lord judge between me and you, may the Lord avenge me against you, but my hand shall not be against you. As the proverb of the ancients says, ‘Out of the wicked comes wickedness.’ But my hand shall not be against you. After whom has the king of Israel come out? After whom do you pursue? After a dead dog! After a flea! May the Lord therefore be judge and give sentence between me and you, and see to it and plead my cause and deliver me from your hand.”

SAUL: “Is this your voice, my son David?”

(Saul starts to cry loudly)

SAUL: “You are more righteous than I, for you have repaid me good, whereas I have repaid you evil. And you have declared this day how you have dealt well with me, in that you did not kill me when the Lord put me into your hands. For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go away safe? So may the Lord reward you with good for what you have done to me this day. And now, behold, I know that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand. Swear to me therefore by the Lord that you will not cut off my offspring after me, and that you will not destroy my name out of my father’s house.”

DAVID: I swear to you that I will not kill your children or destroy your name.

SAUL: Let’s go men. We will let him go today.

(Saul and his soldiers march out)

DAVID: Gather the equipment. I think we are safe for now. We'll make for the stronghold.

(David and his soldiers gather their stuff and march out).

KB: And that is how David spared the life of Saul. David had the opportunity to kill Saul which would have solved a big problem in his life. But, instead, David recognized that God had chosen Saul to be king of Israel. David did not have any right to kill the one that God had chosen. It would have been wrong for David to take Saul's life.

Have you ever been in a situation like David, where you had the chance to do something bad that would hopefully bring about something good? Have you ever had a chance to cheat on a test or your school work? You could do something bad, like cheat, and hopefully something good would happen, like you getting a good grade on the test.

When there is something in your life that tries to get you to do something bad we call that a temptation. Everyone has temptations in their lives; from the little toddler who throws a fit to get his own way, all the way up to the old guy down the street who is angry all the time, and everyone in between.

Did you know that the Great Shepherd Jesus was tempted to do evil? One time, the enemy Satan, came to him and tempted him to do evil three times. All of the temptations would have brought about good things in the end but it would have been evil to do them. Do you think Jesus gave in and did those bad things? No, he never did. Jesus was tempted but Satan many, many times but Jesus never did a bad thing. Ever! Jesus lived a perfect life. That's why he is the GREAT Shepherd.

That's the story for tonight. I'll see you later! Baaa-ye.

CLOSING

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

(KB enters)

KB: Welcome back friends. It's time for...KB's Kwiz!

SLIDE

Please welcome tonight's contenders. Over on this side, the guy who was a real caveman. The dude who wanted to take out Saul, David's soldier! And over on this side, the runaway, the shepherd who also was a tailor, my buddy and yours, David! Let's get ready to rumble!

QUESTIONS

And that's KB's Kwiz! Thanks for joining me. Goodbaaa-ye!

Lesson 8

1 Samuel 25

DAVID AND ABIGAIL

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! Our memory verses for this week are from Psalm 148:1-5. "Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights above. Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created."

These verses are a call to praise God. But who do these verse call to praise? The first couple of verse say that the heavens, angels and heavenly hosts should praise God. Before God created the universe and the earth he created spiritual beings. Some are called angels, which means messengers. You might remember learning about an angel named Gabriel who gave a message to Mary and Joseph about the birth of Jesus. Some beings are called Seraphim and some Cherubim. There are some called the four living creatures. Who else is in heaven? All those people that believed in Jesus that have died. All of them are there too. All of these are called to praise the Lord, and, you know what? They always do.

And just like the heavens and angels and heavenly hosts you can praise God to. Let's sing these verses together!

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

WORD: Now it's time for our story for tonight. KB! Come on out!

(KB enters)

KB: Hi friends.

WORD: What's the matter?

KB: Ah, it's shearing time again. I hate when they have to cut my wool off. I get so chilly. Brrr.

WORD: But it always grows back. Do you have a story for the kids tonight?

KB: I got one about when my friends got sheared by the Fool.

WORD: The Fool? That's not very nice. Oh wait. You are talking about Nabal. His name means fool.

KB: Right, and he lived up to his name.

WORD: Well, take it away KB.

KB: My buddy David kept moving around because King Saul was still after him.

(David enters with at least one young man)

KB: David moved down to the wilderness of Maon. "There was a wealthy man from Maon who owned property near the town of Carmel."

(Nabal enters)

KB: "He had 3,000 sheep and 1,000 goats, and it was sheep-shearing time. This man's name was Nabal, and his wife, Abigail, was a sensible and beautiful woman. But Nabal, a descendant of Caleb, was crude and mean in all his dealings."

DAVID: I have heard that it is sheep-shearing time. I want ten of you young men to travel to Carmel with a message for Nabal. Say this to him: "Peace and prosperity to you, your family, and everything you own! I am told that it is sheep-shearing time. While your shepherds stayed among us near Carmel, we never harmed them, and nothing

was ever stolen from them. Ask your own men, and they will tell you this is true. So would you be kind to us, since we have come at a time of celebration? Please share any provisions you might have on hand with us and with your friend David.”

YOUNG MAN: Yes sir, we will go at once.

(The young man walks over to Nabal)

NABAL: Yeah? What do you want?

YOUNG MAN: I have a message from my master David.

(The young man hands Nabal a scroll)

NABAL: “Who is this fellow David? Who does this son of Jesse think he is? There are lots of servants these days who run away from their masters. Should I take my bread and my water and my meat that I’ve slaughtered for my shearers and give it to a band of outlaws who come from who knows where?”

(The young man returns to David. Nabal exits)

DAVID: So what did he say?

YOUNG MAN: He asked who did you think you were? He basically said that you were some run away and that he would not share his food with a band of outlaws.

DAVID: Outlaws? How dare he! Get your swords! We will take 400 men and leave 200 behind to guard our equipment while we are gone. We will show this Nabal the error of his ways!

(David and the young men grab their swords and march out toward Nabal. Abigail enters and walks to one side of stage followed shortly by a servant.)

SERVANT: Abigail! I have to tell you something! “David sent messengers from the wilderness to greet our master, but he screamed insults at them. These men have been

very good to us, and we never suffered any harm from them. Nothing was stolen from us the whole time they were with us. In fact, day and night they were like a wall of protection to us and the sheep. You need to know this and figure out what to do, for there is going to be trouble for our master and his whole family. He's so ill-tempered that no one can even talk to him!"

ABIGAIL: There's no time to waste. We're going to need 200 loaves of bread and two wineskins of wine.

SERVANT: We'll get baking right away and I know we have the wine.

ABIGAIL: We also need to slaughter five sheep, gather a bushel of roasted grain, 100 clusters of raisins, and 200 fig cakes.

SERVANT: I think we can do that.

ABIGAIL: We'll need to pack all of it on donkeys. You and the other servants lead the donkeys ahead and I will follow shortly after you. Make sure you keep all of this quiet and don't tell Nabal.

SERVANT: Yes ma'am.

(The servant gathers together items and runs out, Abigail follows. David and the young men march to the stage.)

DAVID: "A lot of good it did to help this fellow. We protected his flocks in the wilderness, and nothing he owned was lost or stolen. But he has repaid me evil for good. May God strike me and kill me if even one man of his household is still alive tomorrow morning!"

(Abigail runs in and bows before David)

ABIGAIL: "I accept all blame in this matter, my lord. Please listen to what I have to say."

DAVID: Go ahead.

ABIGAIL: “I know Nabal is a wicked and ill-tempered man; please don’t pay any attention to him. He is a fool, just as his name suggests. But I never even saw the young men you sent.”

DAVID: I see.

ABIGAIL: “Now, my lord, as surely as the Lord lives and you yourself live, since the Lord has kept you from murdering and taking vengeance into your own hands, let all your enemies and those who try to harm you be as cursed as Nabal is. And here is a present that I, your servant, have brought to you and your young men. Please forgive me if I have offended you in any way. The Lord will surely reward you with a lasting dynasty, for you are fighting the Lord’s battles. And you have not done wrong throughout your entire life.

DAVID: I hear what you are saying and...

ABIGAIL: “Even when you are chased by those who seek to kill you, your life is safe in the care of the Lord your God, secure in his treasure pouch! But the lives of your enemies will disappear like stones shot from a sling! When the Lord has done all he promised and has made you leader of Israel, don’t let this be a blemish on your record. Then your conscience won’t have to bear the staggering burden of needless bloodshed and vengeance. And when the Lord has done these great things for you, please remember me, your servant!”

DAVID: “Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, who has sent you to meet me today! Thank God for your good sense! Bless you for keeping me from murder and from carrying out vengeance with my own hands. For I swear by the Lord, the God of Israel, who has kept me from hurting you, that if you had not hurried out to meet me, not one of Nabal’s men would still be alive tomorrow morning.”

ABIGAIL: Here accept this present that I have brought for you.

DAVID: Thank you. "Return home in peace. I have heard what you said. We will not kill your husband."

(David and the young men exit. Nabal enters)

NABAL: Party! Party! Party! Woohoo!

(Nabal falls down asleep)

ABIGAIL: I'll tell him about David, tomorrow, when he is sober.

KB: In the morning when Nabal was sober, his wife told him what had happened.

NABAL: I could have died by David? Ugh! Ugh!

(Nabal falls down in dramatic fashion. Abigail walks over to him)

ABIGAIL: I think he has had a stroke.

KB: Nabal lay paralyzed for ten days until he died.

(Messenger enters)

KB: When David heard that Nabal was dead he sent a messenger to Abigail.

ABIGAIL: Can I help you?

MESSENGER: I am a messenger from David. When he found out that Nabal had died he praised God for avenging the insult he had received from Nabal and had been kept from doing himself. And now he asks you to become his wife.

(Abigail bows to the ground)

ABIGAIL: "I, your servant, would be happy to marry David. I would even be willing to become a slave, washing the feet of his servants!"

KB: Quickly getting ready, she took along five of her servant girls as attendants, mounted her donkey, and went with David's messengers. And that's how Abigail became David's wife.

Our story tonight had three main characters: Nabal, Abigail and David. One of these three did something that was bad. Who do you think that was? It was Nabal. He acted foolishly and repaid David's kindness with evil. David took care of Nabal's servants and animals, but when David was in need Nabal just snubbed him. Nabal should have helped David out.

In our story, who almost did something that was wrong? It was my buddy David. When Nabal did evil toward him, David let his anger get the best of him and he would have killed Nabal and his whole family. That would have been wrong.

Abigail was the one person that tried to do right. She tried to fix the problem that her husband created and was honest with him and told him what she had done.

The Great Shepherd Jesus talked about what Nabal and David did. He said, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you"

David did not love his enemy Nabal, but instead he hated him and cursed him until Abigail changed his mind. And Nabal did not want to give to David who was begging from him. He gave David nothing but insults. To be a follower of God we must love our enemies and do good to all people, even if they are mean to us.

That's the story for tonight. I'll see you later! Baaa-ye.

CLOSING

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

(KB enters)

KB: Welcome back friends. It's time for...KB's Kwiz!

SLIDE

Please welcome tonight's contenders. Over on this side, the lady who liked to smooth things over, David's second wife Abigail! And over on this side, the guy whose name means fool, the guy who was scared to death, Nabal! Let's get ready to rumble!

QUESTIONS

And that's KB's Kwiz! Thanks for joining me. Goodbaaa-ye!

DAVID SPARES SAUL 2

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! Our memory verses for this week are from Psalm 148:1-5. "Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights above. Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created."

Just like the first part of the passage, the second part calls for praise. But where is this praise supposed to come from? It comes from the sun, moon, stars, the highest heavens and the waters above the skies. The sounds like everything in outer space, doesn't it? But wait, how can a star give praise to God? Have you ever heard the moon sing, "Hallelujah?" No, it doesn't sing or talk. So how can they give praise?

Remember, praise is showing the worth of someone that is worthy. If you think about it, the moon can do that. God created the moon specifically for the people on earth to help tell the seasons and the passing of years. Has the moon ever failed at doing that?

Does the moon ever choose to stop spinning around the Earth? No. It does exactly what God made it to do. In that way, it praises God because it always does what God wants it to do. It's as if the moon is saying to us, "Look at God! He is a great God! He made me to light up the night and to help you tell the time of year. Isn't he great?"

And that's how outer space praises God. Now I'd like to hear how people praise God. Are you ready?

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

WORD: Now it's time for our story for tonight. KB! Come on out!

(KB enters)

KB: Hey Word.

WORD: Hey KB. Do you have a story for the kids tonight?

KB: I sure do. It's about the time when David spares Saul's life.

WORD: Didn't you already do that story?

KB: Oh yeah. But this time we are going to talk about the second time David spared Saul's life.

WORD: You mean the one in the camp not the cave?

KB: Exactly.

WORD: Well, take it away KB!

(Saul, Abner and his men enter)

KB: "Now some men from Ziph came to Saul at Gibeah to tell him, "David is hiding on the hill of Hakilah, which overlooks Jeshimon.""

SAUL: Abner, gather together 3,000 of Israel's elite troops. We are going to the wilderness of Ziph.

ABNER: Who are we going after?

SAUL: That no good David! Let's go!

(Soldiers enter and join Saul and Abner as they march into the wilderness.)

SAUL: Let's camp beside the hill of Hakilah, near Jeshimon.

ABNER: Yes sir! Let's set up camp men.

(Abner and the soldiers set up the camp. They can ad lib lines here and set up tents or have them already set up on stage. David and his spy enter)

DAVID: I've heard rumors that Saul has come out into the wilderness to hunt me down. Take a few other men with you and spy out the land and see if it is true.

(The spy walks around and finally stumbles upon Saul's camp. The spy then returns to David).

SPY: What you have heard is true. Saul has made camp over at the hill Hakilah.

DAVID: Good work men.

(Spy exits. Saul, Abner and the soldiers go to sleep in their tents. David scouts out the camp himself and then returns to the side of the stage.)

DAVID: "Who will volunteer to go in there with me," into the camp?

(Abishai enters)

ABISHAI: I will! I'll go with you.

DAVID: Very well. Let's sneak into Saul's camp.

(David and Abishai sneak into Saul's tent.)

ABISHAI: "God has surely handed your enemy over to you this time! "Let me pin him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I won't need to strike twice!"

DAVID: "No! Don't kill him!"

ABISHAI: Don't worry I won't miss!

DAVID: "Who can remain innocent after attacking the Lord's anointed one? Surely the Lord will strike Saul down someday, or he will die of old age or in battle. The Lord forbid that I should kill the one he has anointed!"

ABISHAI: Very well.

DAVID: "But take his spear and that jug of water beside his head, and then let's get out of here!"

ABISHAI: Got it. Go, go, go!

(ABISHAI grabs the spear and water jug and along with David run off the stage)

KB: So David took the spear and jug of water that were near Saul's head. Then he and Abishai got away without anyone seeing them or even waking up, because the Lord had put Saul's men into a deep sleep. David climbed the hill opposite the camp until he was at a safe distance."

DAVID: "Wake up, Abner!"

(Abner, the soldiers and Saul wake up and come out of their tents).

ABNER: "Who is it?"

DAVID: "Well, Abner, you're a great man, aren't you? Where in all Israel is there anyone as mighty?"

ABNER: Who is this guy? He's got a lot of nerve!

DAVID: So why haven't you guarded your master the king when someone came to kill him? This isn't good at all! I swear by the Lord that you and your men deserve to die, because you failed to protect your master, the Lord's anointed!

ABNER: What is he talking about? Did you see anyone?

(Soldiers just look at each other and shrug their shoulders)

DAVID: "Look around! Where are the king's spear and the jug of water that were beside his head?"

(Abner frantically looks for the spear and jug)

SAUL: "Is that you, my son David?"

DAVID: "Yes, my lord the king. Why are you chasing me? What have I done? What is my crime?"

SAUL: Umm...

DAVID: “But now let my lord the king listen to his servant. If the Lord has stirred you up against me, then let him accept my offering. But if this is simply a human scheme, then may those involved be cursed by the Lord. For they have driven me from my home, so I can no longer live among the Lord’s people, and they have said, ‘Go, worship pagan gods.’”

SAUL: Uh...yeah...right.

DAVID: “Must I die on foreign soil, far from the presence of the Lord? Why has the king of Israel come out to search for a single flea? Why does he hunt me down like a partridge on the mountains?”

SAUL: “I have sinned. Come back home, my son, and I will no longer try to harm you, for you valued my life today. I have been a fool and very, very wrong.”

DAVID: “Here is your spear, O king,” David replied. “Let one of your young men come over and get it.”

(Saul motions to one of the soldiers and they run over and get the spear and jar and then run back to Saul).

DAVID: “The Lord gives his own reward for doing good and for being loyal, and I refused to kill you even when the Lord placed you in my power, for you are the Lord’s anointed one. Now may the Lord value my life, even as I have valued yours today. May he rescue me from all my troubles.”

SAUL: “Blessings on you, my son David. You will do many heroic deeds, and you will surely succeed.”

ABISHAI: No thanks to him, huh David?

DAVID: Get the rest of the men together, we are heading out.

SAUL: Abner! Let’s go home!

KB: And so David went his own way, not trusting Saul and Saul went back to his home. And that is how David spared Saul’s life, again!

Even though God allowed Saul to fall into David's hands again this was not a sign that God was giving David permission to kill Saul. David did what was right and spared Saul's life.

There is an important lesson here. What God says is always final. Sometimes, when things happen in our lives we might think that God is telling us to do something. In our story, David could have thought that God was telling him to kill Saul because he had the opportunity to do it twice. But David understood that God had chosen Saul and anointed him as king. What God said was what guided him in the situation.

Some people don't think like this. They don't think that God's word is final. Instead, they try to judge for themselves what God wants by looking at what's going on in their life.

Say there was this bully who kept picking on you. One day, you find out that he wets his bed at night. Then you find out that last summer his swimming trunks fell off when he was at the pool and everyone laughed at him. Then you found out he has a foot fungus. Now you could think, "God must really want me to nail this bully because he keeps letting me find out all this embarrassing stuff." Would that be the right way to think? No! If God's word is final, then after you learned all that bad stuff you should read your Bible and you would remember that the Great Shepherd Jesus told you to love your enemies, not humiliate them.

You need to be like David and trust God's word; don't rely upon your own judgement. God said in his word, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil."

That's the story for tonight. I'll see you later! Baaa-ye.

CLOSING

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

(KB enters)

KB: Welcome back friends. It's time for...KB's Kwiz!

SLIDE

Please welcome tonight's contenders. Over on this side, the guy who was super sneaky, the man who wouldn't have had to strike twice, Abishai! And over on this side, the guy who got a great night's sleep, the dude David punked, Abner! Let's get ready to rumble!

QUESTIONS

And that's KB's Kwiz! Thanks for joining me. Goodbaaa-ye!

Lesson 10

1 Samuel 31; 2 Samuel 1-2

DEATH OF SAUL

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! Tonight's verses are, "Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him." Psalm 95:1-4

These verses, like the verses you learned last time, invite people to do something. The first part of this passage tells you to sing for joy and shout. Now, I know that you kids don't know how to shout, right? Do you know how to shout? I thought you did. But these verses give you a good reason to shout and sing: God is the Rock of your salvation.

Have you ever seen a big giant boulder in the ground? Have you ever tried to move one? You can try as hard as you can but you can't move it. You could even get some of your friends to help, but it won't budge. That is what God is like. He is the rock of your salvation. He can't be moved. Your salvation is secure because it is secure in a person that can't be moved.

Now that is a reason to sing and shout. Are you ready?

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

WORD: Now it's time for our story for tonight. KB! Come on out!

(KB enters humming to himself)

KB: Oh hey Word. Don't you just love a good song?

WORD: Yes, I do. In fact, my pages have a lot of songs in them.

KB: That's right, they do, don't they? Including the one from my story tonight.

WORD: Which song is that?

KB: The one my buddy David wrote when Saul died.

WORD: Ah yes. Well, take it away KB.

(Word exits. Saul and his armor bearer enter. Saul is wounded by an arrow).

KB: "Now the Philistines attacked Israel, and the men of Israel fled before them. Many were slaughtered on the slopes of Mount Gilboa. The Philistines closed in on Saul and his sons, and they killed three of his sons—Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malkishua. The fighting grew very fierce around Saul, and the Philistine archers caught up with him and wounded him severely."

SAUL: "Take your sword and kill me before these pagan Philistines come to run me through and taunt and torture me."

ARMOR: No my lord. I could never do that. I can't.

SAUL: Just do it!

ARMOR: No. No!

SAUL: Then I must take matters into my own hands. I will not fall to these Philistines!

(Saul falls on his own sword.)

SWORD: No my lord! No! Aah! What do I do? I'm surrounded. Aah!

(Armor bearer falls on his own sword.)

KB: "So Saul, his three sons, his armor bearer, and his troops all died together that same day."

(David enters.)

KB: After the death of Saul, David returned from his victory over the Amalekites and spent two days in Ziklag. On the third day a man arrived from Saul's army camp. He had torn his clothes and put dirt on his head to show that he was in mourning.

(Soldier with torn dirty clothes runs in and falls at David's feet.)

DAVID: Where have you come from?

SOLDIER: "I escaped from the Israelite camp."

DAVID: What happened? Tell me how the battle went."

SOLDIER: "Our entire army fled from the battle. Many of the men are dead, and Saul and his son Jonathan are also dead."

DAVID: "How do you know Saul and Jonathan are dead?"

SOLDIER: "I happened to be on Mount Gilboa, and there was Saul leaning on his spear with the enemy chariots and charioteers closing in on him. When he turned and saw me, he cried out for me to come to him. 'How can I help?' I asked him."

"He responded, 'Who are you?'"

"I am an Amalekite,' I told him."

"Then he begged me, 'Come over here and put me out of my misery, for I am in terrible pain and want to die.'"

"So I killed him for I knew he couldn't live. Then I took his crown and his armband, and I have brought them here to you, my lord."

KB: “David and his men tore their clothes in sorrow when they heard the news. They mourned and wept and fasted all day for Saul and his son Jonathan, and for the Lord’s army and the nation of Israel, because they had died by the sword that day.”

DAVID: “Where are you from?”

SOLDIER: “I am a foreigner, an Amalekite, who lives in your land.”

DAVID: “Why were you not afraid to kill the Lord’s anointed one?”

(One of David’s men enters)

DAVID: “Kill him! You have condemned yourself for you yourself confessed that you killed the Lord’s anointed one.”

(David’s man grabs the soldier leads him out to his demise. Two people from Judah enter).

KB: Then David composed a funeral song for Saul and Jonathan, and he commanded that it be taught to the people of Judah. It is known as the Song of the Bow.

DAVID: “Your pride and joy, O Israel, lies dead on the hills! Oh, how the mighty heroes have fallen!”

JUDAH 1: “Don’t announce the news in Gath, don’t proclaim it in the streets of Ashkelon, or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice and the pagans will laugh in triumph.

JUDAH 2: “O mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor fruitful fields producing offerings of grain. For there the shield of the mighty heroes was defiled; the shield of Saul will no longer be anointed with oil.

DAVID: The bow of Jonathan was powerful, and the sword of Saul did its mighty work. They shed the blood of their enemies and pierced the bodies of mighty heroes.

JUDAH 1: How beloved and gracious were Saul and Jonathan! They were together in life and in death. They were swifter than eagles, stronger than lions.

JUDAH 2: O women of Israel, weep for Saul, for he dressed you in luxurious scarlet clothing, in garments decorated with gold. Oh, how the mighty heroes have fallen in battle! Jonathan lies dead on the hills.

DAVID: How I weep for you, my brother Jonathan! Oh, how much I loved you! And your love for me was deep, deeper than the love of women!

JUDAH 1: Oh, how the mighty heroes have fallen! Stripped of their weapons, they lie dead.

KB: After this the Lord told David to move to Judah. David took his family and his men and their families and settled in a town called Hebron in Judah.

(Judah 1 grabs a crown and puts it on David's head)

KB: "Then the men of Judah came to David and anointed him king over the people of Judah."

JUDAH 1: Long live king David!

(Judah 1 and 2 exit; David exits after them. Abner and Ishbosheth)

KB: But not all was well. After the death of Saul, the commander of his army, Abner (remember that guy?) went to a town called Mahanaim in Israel.

ABNER: Ishbosheth, son of Saul. I anoint you as king over the lands of Israel.

(Abner places a crown of Ishbosheth's head. Ishbosheth struts around and then he along with Abner exit.)

KB: Ishbosheth, Saul's son, was forty years old when he became king, and he ruled from Mahanaim for two years. Meanwhile, the people of Judah remained loyal to David.

David made Hebron his capital, and he ruled as king of Judah for seven and a half years. It wasn't long and war broke out between the people of Judah and Israel.

And that is how Jonathan and Saul died and David became king over the land of Judah. Isn't it interesting how David wrote a song about Saul and Jonathan? It makes sense that he wrote a song about Jonathan because they were such good friends. They were best buds. But he wrote about nice things about King Saul even though they were enemies for many years.

Do you remember the apostle Peter? One time he asked the Great Shepherd Jesus how many times he should forgive his brother if he did something wrong to him. Should he forgive even seven times? Jesus said that he should forgive even seventy times seven times. What Jesus went on to explain is that God forgives his people even if they sin over and over again. If you are a follower of God then you too must forgive over and over again without limit.

That is what David chose to do. He forgave Saul even though Saul wronged David over and over. David could have been angry and chose to not forgive, which would have led to him being bitter and sad and whole bunch of other bad emotions. And that would only have hurt David because Saul was long gone.

If there is someone in your life that keeps wronging you, try to do what David did; follow God and forgive that person.

That's the story for tonight. I'll see you later! Baaa-ye.

CLOSING

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

(KB enters)

KB: Welcome back friends. It's time for...KB's Kwiz!

SLIDE

Please welcome tonight's contenders. Over on this side, one of David's backup singers, a man that recognized God's chosen king, a man from Judah! And over on this side, the guy the proved liars never win, the man that learned not to mess with God's anointed, the Amalekite soldier! Let's get ready to rumble!

QUESTIONS

And that's KB's Kwiz! Thanks for joining me. Goodbaaa-ye!

Lesson 11

2 Samuel 5

DAVID BECOMES KING

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! Tonight's verses are, "Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him." Psalm 95:1-4

These verses say that you should come before God with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. I'm pretty sure you know what it means to give thanks but what does extol mean? It means to praise highly. So you should give God lots of excited, happy praise.

Now why should you give thanks and extol him? Because he is the great God, the great King above all gods. Now people have made things their gods, they have made statues their gods, they have made evil spirits their gods, they have taken the things God has made and worshipped them as god. But the God of the Bible is the one true God and he rules over all those other so-called gods. He deserves your thanks and he deserves your praise.

So as we sing these verse tonight, do you think you can extol him? I don't want to see any grumpy faces or sleepy bodies. Let's see you give God the highest praise!

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

WORD: Now it's time for our story for tonight. KB! Come on out!

KB: Is it story time already?

WORD: It sure is.

KB: Let's talk about when David was made king.

WORD: You talked about that last week.

KB: That was just over Judah. I'm talking about king of Judah and Israel, all of the land that God gave to his people, the Hebrews.

WORD: I see. That is a great story! Carry on my furry little friend.

KB: Thanks Word.

(Word exits)

KB: "As the war between the house of Saul and the house of David went on, Abner became a powerful leader among those loyal to Saul. One day Ishbosheth, Saul's son, accused Abner" of a crime against his family.

(Abner and Ishbosheth enter).

ISHBOSHETH: You have committed a horrible crime against my family. I can't believe you've done this!

ABNER: "Am I some Judean dog to be kicked around like this? After all I have done for your father, Saul, and his family and friends by not handing you over to David, is this my reward—that you find fault with me...? May God strike me and even kill me if I don't do everything I can to help David get what the Lord has promised him! I'm going to take Saul's kingdom and give it to David. I will establish the throne of David over Israel as well as Judah, all the way from Dan in the north to Beersheba in the south."

(Ishbosheth cowers in fear and then runs out. Abner walks to one side of the stage as David enters and walks to the other. Both of them get out scrolls to write on)

ABNER: I will send a message to David. Let's see. David, "Doesn't the entire land belong to you? Make a solemn pact with me, and I will help turn over all of Israel to you."

DAVID: "All right, but I will not negotiate with you unless you bring back my wife Michal, Saul's daughter, when you come."

ABNER: It's a deal! Now to send a message to the elders of Israel. "For some time now, you have wanted to make David your king. Now is the time! For the Lord has said, 'I have chosen David to save my people Israel from the hands of the Philistines and from all their other enemies.'"

(Abner begins to travel to see David)

KB: When Abner and twenty of his men came to Hebron, David entertained them with a great feast.

(Abner makes his way to David)

DAVID: Welcome, Abner. We have prepared a feast for you and your men. Come and enjoy.

(Abner and David sit at the table and feast.)

ABNER: Thank you for this, my lord. Now, "Let me go and call an assembly of all Israel to support my lord the king. They will make a covenant with you to make you their king, and you will rule over everything your heart desires."

(Abner exits. Joab enters)

KB: "Just after David had sent Abner away in safety, Joab and some of David's troops returned from a raid, bringing much plunder with them." Joab was commander of David's troops and his brother had been killed by Abner at the battle of Gibeon. "When

Joab arrived, he was told that Abner had just been there visiting the king and had been sent away in safety.”

JOAB: “What have you done? What do you mean by letting Abner get away? You know perfectly well that he came to spy on you and find out everything you’re doing!”

(Joan shows his disgust and walks away from David).

JOAB: I need a messenger.

(Messenger runs in)

MESSENGER: Yes Commander?

JOAB: Run after Abner and his men. Tell him that he has been requested to return.

(Messenger runs out and returns with Abner. Messenger then exits)

ABNER: Ah, Joab. Why have I been summoned to return?

JOAB: Come over here. I would like to talk to you in private, if you don’t mind.

(Joab pulls Abner aside and then stabs him in the stomach. Abner dies. Joab exits. David steps forward)

DAVID: “I vow by the Lord that I and my kingdom are forever innocent of this crime against Abner son of Ner. Joab and his family are the guilty ones. May the family of Joab be cursed in every generation with a man who has open sores or leprosy or who walks on crutches or dies by the sword or begs for food!”

Everyone, “Tear your clothes and put on burlap. Mourn for Abner. Should Abner have died as fools die? Your hands were not bound; your feet were not chained. No, you were murdered—the victim of a wicked plot.”

KB: “All the people wept again for Abner. David had refused to eat anything on the day of the funeral, and now everyone begged him to eat. But David had made a vow.”

DAVID: “May God strike me and even kill me if I eat anything before sundown.”

KB: “This pleased the people very much. In fact, everything the king did pleased them! So everyone in Judah and all Israel understood that David was not responsible for Abner’s murder.”

(David exits. Ishbosheth enters and then lays down to sleep. His doorkeeper enters and she sits at the door)

KB: “When Ishbosheth, Saul’s son, heard about Abner’s death at Hebron, he lost all courage, and all Israel became paralyzed with fear.”

(Baanah and Recab enter)

KB: “Now there were two brothers, Baanah and Recab, who were captains of Ishbosheth’s raiding parties.” They devised a plan in order to earn favor with David.

BAANAH: It’s about midday and Ishbosheth usually takes a nap about this time.

RECAB: What about the doorkeeper?

BAANAH: She was out sifting wheat all morning. She’ll probably be sound asleep when we get there.

(Recab and Baanah creep up on Ishbosheth)

BAANAH: See! What did I tell you. She is fast asleep. Now’s our chance.

RECAB: Get him!

(Recab and Baanah run out. David enters. Ishbosheth and the doorkeeper exit. Recab and Baanah run up to David with a bag)

BAANAH: “Look! Here is the head of Ishbosheth, the son of your enemy Saul who tried to kill you.”

RE CAB: “Today the Lord has given my lord the king revenge on Saul and his entire family!”

DAVID: “The Lord, who saves me from all my enemies, is my witness. Someone once told me, ‘Saul is dead,’ thinking he was bringing me good news. But I seized him and killed him at Ziklag. That’s the reward I gave him for his news! How much more should I reward evil men who have killed an innocent man in his own house and on his own bed? Shouldn’t I hold you responsible for his blood and rid the earth of you?”

Men! These men have been guilty of shedding innocent blood. Eye for an eye, tooth for tooth, life for life!

(Recab and Baanah run out. Some Israelites enter)

ISRAELITE 1: “We are your own flesh and blood. In the past, when Saul was our king, you were the one who really led the forces of Israel. And the Lord told you, ‘You will be the shepherd of my people Israel. You will be Israel’s leader.’”

ISRAELITE 2: And now we anoint you as king over all Israel.

DAVID: I make this covenant with you, all the elders of Israel, before the Lord that I will be your shepherd, your king.”

(Israelites celebrate and then exit. David exits)

KB: David was thirty years old when he began to reign. David took his men and attacked the city of Jerusalem and the fortress of Zion. At that time, the Jebusites, who were enemies of God, still lived there. He captured the city and named it the City of David. He made the fortress his home and a foreign king sent craftsman and they built David a beautiful palace.

And that is how David became king of both Judah and Israel and united them into one nation again.

Tonight's story was full of all kinds of action. There were murders and betrayals, funerals and celebration. A number of people did some really bad things. But one thing that was true then and is true today: God is in control. God said that David would be king of Israel and Judah. That was a promise and God never breaks a promise. He used the sinful and the good actions of all those people to bring his promise about. Isn't it amazing how God did that?

God has a plan for all things and nothing can change that. Do you know where God had a lot of that plan written down? In the Bible. Did you know that all of God's plan centers around the Great Shepherd, Jesus? Many times Jesus told the people that what was happening to him was to fulfill what God had promised. It had been written in the Bible so it had to happen.

Did you know that your life is in God's plan too? It sure is. And if you love God he has a special promise for you. God promised that all things, the good times and the bad times, the scary or sad times and the happy times, will work together for your good. Just like it did for my buddy David. Isn't that a great promise?

That's the story for tonight. I'll see you later! Baaa-ye.

CLOSING

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

(KB enters)

KB: Welcome back friends. It's time for...KB's Kwiz!

SLIDE

Please welcome tonight's contenders. Over on this side, the lady that worked too hard, the keeper who didn't keep, the sleepy doorkeeper! And over on this side, one of the bad guys, the dude who did something evil thinking he would get something good, Recab! Let's get ready to rumble!

QUESTIONS

And that's KB's Kwiz! Thanks for joining me. Goodbaaa-ye!

Lesson 12

Review Night

REVIEW NIGHT

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! Tonight's verses are, "Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him." Psalm 95:1-4

Now from this passage you have learned that you should sing and shout for joy to God. You should give him thanks and extol him for he is the great King. And tonight, we get a glimpse of how great he is.

The last verse tells us that God holds the depths of the earth in his hand, and the mountain peaks belong to him. In the ocean there is a place called Challenger Deep. It is around seven miles below sea level. God holds that in his hand. And the highest mountain, Mt. Everest belongs to God too. Actually, if you could put Mt. Everest in the Challenger Deep you would have to travel down a mile underwater before you'd reach the top. That's amazing, isn't it?

Those heights and depths seem huge to us, but for God, it's no big deal. He created those, and they belong to him. How does it make you feel that the God who loves you and cares for you is the same God that created the mighty mountains and carved out the deep oceans? You should feel pretty safe with him. You are just little you compared to those. You don't have to worry, God is the Great King!

Now let's sing and shout and give thanks and extol this great King!

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

WORD: Now it's time for the Theo and Elly Gameshow!

SLIDE

(Word exits. Theo and Elly enter)

ELLY: Welcome to the Theo and Elly show!

THEO: That's right. It's review night and we are bringing you a new game to help review what you've learned so far.

ELLY: Tonight's game is a special Theo and Elly version of...Family Feud

THEO: Who are the families? We've got a lot of families.

ELLY: Actually, we are all God's family.

THEO: True, but you're not helping.

ELLY: Just split it down the middle

THEO: Ok. Each round will have a question. A team has to guess all the answers in order to get the points. If the team gets three strikes, the other team can steal by guessing a right answer.

ELLY: For team captains we have on this side, King David and on the other King Saul.

THEO: It is a Battle Royale! Let's begin!

(Use the powerpoint game. Have questions and answers written out for puppeteers as they Ad Lib throughout the game.)

Lesson 13

2 Samuel 6; 1 Chronicles 15, 16

DAVID AND THE ARK

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! Tonight's verses are, "Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice." 1 Chron. 16:9-10.

So far this year you have learned a lot about David. You learned about how he became king and the trials he went through. And you learned that David was a song writer. Do you remember that he wrote the funeral song for Jonathan and Saul? Your memory verses are also from a song that David wrote. He wrote the song for a special occasion; when the Ark of the Covenant arrived in Jerusalem. Our buddy KB will tell you all about that later.

The first sentence in the passage tells you to do three things; sing, sing and tell. First, you are to sing to God. For all of those of you who stand around with your hands in your pockets not singing during the music time, you really are missing out on something great. God calls you to sing to him. He wants you to sing. But notice it doesn't say you have to sing perfectly. Not everyone is a professional singer, but that's ok. You just sing the best you can.

The second sentence tells you to sing praise to God. Remember that praise is giving worth to someone that is worthy. Sing about who God is, like his power or his love or kindness. Sing about what he has done. Sing about his mercy and sing about Jesus and his death and resurrection.

Finally, you are to tell. Tell people about all the amazing things that God has done. There are all of the wonderful acts recorded in the pages of the Bible that you can tell

people about. Plus, God works in the lives of those that follow Jesus. So you need to tell people about what God has done and is doing in you.

That's a lot of work to do. But I know you can do it with God's help. Now, everyone, let's sing praise to him!

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

WORD: Now it's time for our story for tonight. KB! Where are you?

(KB enters)

KB: Right here, Word.

WORD: Tonight, you are talking about when the Ark of the Covenant was brought into Jerusalem, right?

KB: That's right.

WORD: Might I suggest you tell the kids about the Ark of God? Some may not know what it is.

KB: Sure I can do that!

WORD: Well, then take it away, KB.

(Word exits)

KB: Thanks Word. Way back in the time of Moses, God instructed his people to build a large box, overlaid with gold. This box was called the Ark of the Covenant or Ark of God. God made the people of God carry this box with them wherever they traveled. It symbolized the presence of God with them. It was a special item, a holy item, set apart for the worship of the one true God. During the lifetime of David, that Ark had been captured by the Philistine people. When they had it, it brought them sickness and death. They returned it to the Israelites and it brought blessings upon the house of the man that kept it. When David settled in Jerusalem, he thought it was time for the Ark to find a new resting place.

(David enters)

DAVID: It is time to rally the troops to bring the Ark to where it belongs. Let's gather the elite troops of Israel, all 30,000 and we will march to Baalah to get it.

(Uzzah and Ahio enter with a cart and walk with David over to the ark. They lift the ark onto the cart and start walking. People of Israel enter and begin dancing and playing tambourines, cymbals, etc.)

KB: “They placed the Ark of God on a new cart and brought it from Abinadab’s house, which was on a hill. Uzzah and Ahio, Abinadab’s sons, were guiding the cart that carried the Ark of God. Ahio walked in front of the Ark. David and all the people of Israel were celebrating before the Lord, singing songs and playing all kinds of musical instruments—lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets, and cymbals.”

AHIO: Look out ahead Uzzah. We are almost to the threshing floor of Nacon. Keep an eye on the oxen.

UZZAH: I got it. Don’t worry.

AHIO: There’s a bump here.

UZZAH: The ark! It’s sliding off!

(Uzzah grabs the ark and then falls down dead. Ahio runs over to Uzzah. Everyone stops celebrating).

AHIO: Uzzah! Uzzah! He’s...he’s dead!

DAVID: Grr! How could God do this? From now on let this place be called Perez-uzzah because God burst out against Uzzah today. I can’t believe God would strike him down just like that. Wow, if he did that to Uzzah, what will he do if I bring the Ark into my city? Whoa, I’m not sure I want the ark near my house. God might just strike all of us. “How can I ever bring the Ark of the Lord back into my care?” Change of plans. Take the ark to Obed-edom’s house down in Gath.

AHIO: Yes my lord. All right people. You heard the king. We’re taking the Ark to Gath. Now let’s be careful this time. No one touch the Ark. Got it?

(The people of Israel exit. Ahio leads the cart away)

KB: “The Ark of the Lord remained there in Obed-edom’s house for three months, and the Lord blessed Obed-edom and his entire household.”

(Ahio leaves the ark off stage and exits)

DAVID: I have heard that the Lord has blessed Oed-edom's household and everything he has since the Ark has been with him. I think I am ready to bring the Ark into my city. "No one except the Levites may carry the Ark of God. The Lord has chosen them to carry the Ark of the Lord and to serve him forever."

(Levites enter)

DAVID: "You are the leaders of the Levite families. You must purify yourselves and all your fellow Levites, so you can bring the Ark of the Lord, the God of Israel, to the place I have prepared for it. Because you Levites did not carry the Ark the first time, the anger of the Lord our God burst out against us. We failed to ask God how to move it properly."

(The Levites pick up the ark on poles and move it. David and the Israelites begin dancing, shouting for joy, and blowing ram's horns. Michal enters).

KB: "As the Ark of the Lord entered the City of David, Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked down from her window."

MICHAL: Look at him down there. Some king he is. He looks like a fool dancing with everyone else. I can't believe this!

KB: "They brought the Ark of the Lord and set it in its place inside the special tent David had prepared for it. And David sacrificed burnt offerings and peace offerings to the Lord."

DAVID: May the Lord of Hosts bless you all! Each of you come forward and receive a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins. I have also appointed the choir to sing a new song that I have written.

KB: David wrote a pretty long song that called the people to sing praises to God. Your memory verses that you are learning are from this song.

(David hands out bags to the Israelites and the exit. David walks over to Michal)

MICHAL: "How distinguished the king of Israel looked today, shamelessly exposing himself to the servant girls like any vulgar person might do!"

DAVID: "I was dancing before the Lord, who chose me above your father and all his family! He appointed me as the leader of Israel, the people of the Lord, so I celebrate before the Lord. Yes, and I am willing to look even more foolish than this, even to be humiliated in my own eyes! But those servant girls you mentioned will indeed think I am distinguished!"

(Everyone except KB exits)

KB: Because she made fun of David, the King anointed by God, she was cursed by God and she was never able to have any children.

And that is how David brought the Ark of the covenant into Jerusalem, David's capital city. Not only would Jerusalem be the capital of Israel but it would also become the center of the worship of God.

The Ark arriving into the city was a good thing. That is why David and all the Israelites were happy. Since the Ark represented God's presence with the people, having it in the city of the King showed the God was with them.

Now that was a good thing that happened in the story, but there were a lot of bad things too. First, the way David chose to have the Ark transported. Way back when God commanded Moses to build the Ark, he gave some specific commands. He said that only the Levites were allowed to touch and move the Ark. God also said that the only way the Ark should be transported is by four Levites carrying it by the poles that ran through the rings on the side of the Ark. They messed that up, didn't they? And Uzzah died because they disobeyed God. David figured it out later and then they moved it the right way.

Another bad thing that happened was Michal's treatment of David. David was God's chosen one, the person he anointed King over all Israel and Michal felt that she could make fun of him for dancing before the Lord. There was nothing wrong with David wanting to dance for joy, but Michal was embarrassed by his joyful expression. She should have respected her husband and king and not have made fun of him.

From both of the bad actions that were committed there were some serious consequences. Both David, the Israelites and Michal's disobedience to God all ended up costing life; Uzzah and Michal's ability to have children. Our disobedience of God's commands brings consequences too. Whether we realize it or not, all the bad things we do have a consequence. Jesus, the Great Shepherd, said, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him." .So what should you do? Believe and obey God! How often should you obey God? All the time! That's right.

That's the story for tonight. I'll see you later! Baaa-ye.

CLOSING

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

(KB enters)

KB: Welcome back friends. It's time for...KB's Kwiz!

SLIDE

Please welcome tonight's contenders. Over on this side, the guy who was in the wrong place at the wrong time, the man whose job was a killer, Uzzah! And over on this side, the lady who was the first judge of dancing celebrities, the wife who was like continual dripping on a rainy day, Michal! Let's get ready to rumble!

QUESTIONS

And that's KB's Kwiz! Thanks for joining me. Goodbaaa-ye!

Lesson 14

2 Samuel 7; Luke 1

GOD'S PROMISE TO DAVID

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! Tonight's verses are, "Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. 1 Chron. 16:9-10

Last week we talked about singing praise to God and telling others about the amazing things God has done. This week we want to focus in on the phrase "Glory in his name." What does it mean to glory in God's name?

Let's talk about God's name first. When it says God's name it's not just talking about his actual name. It's talking about everything that makes God, God; who he is and what he does. For example, your name might be John. But if we are talking about your name in this sense, we might say that you are a baseball player, a student, and a brother. Everything that makes you, you.

Now the next part of the phrase says that you should glory in all that makes God, God. But what does it mean to glory in something? It means to give praise (which we've talked about before) and to exult. You might be thinking, "What does exult mean?" It comes from a language called Latin. It comes from two words stuck together which mean to jump out. So to exult means to jump for joy.

So tonight, let's glory in his name. Do you think you can do that?

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

WORD: Now it's time for our story for tonight. KB! Come on out!

(KB enters)

KB: Hey there Word. And hi friends.

WORD: What story are you going to tell the kids about tonight?

KB: Promise.

WORD: What do you promise?

KB: No the story tonight is about a promise. It's about God's promise to David.

WORD: I see. The Davidic Covenant.

KB: Huh?

WORD: God's promise to David.

KB: Oh...exactly.

WORD: Proceed my good sheep friend.

KB: Thanks Word. David was king of all Israel and his allies had built an amazing palace.

(David enters.)

KB: David finally settled in his palace and God gave peace throughout the whole land.

DAVID: Bring me Nathan!

(Nathan enters)

NATHAN: Yes, my king?

DAVID: "Look, I am living in a beautiful cedar palace, but the Ark of God is out there in a tent!"

NATHAN: "Go ahead and do whatever you have in mind, for the Lord is with you."

(Nathan walks to side of stage and lies down)

KB: But that same night the Lord said to Nathan, "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord has declared: Are you the one to build a house for me to live in? I have never lived in a house, from the day I brought the Israelites out of Egypt until this very day. I have always moved from one place to another with a tent and a Tabernacle as my dwelling. Yet no matter where I have gone with the Israelites, I have never once complained to Israel's tribal leaders, the shepherds of my people Israel. I have never asked them, "Why haven't you built me a beautiful cedar house?""

(Nathan gets up and walks over to David)

NATHAN: “This is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies has declared: I took you from tending sheep in the pasture and selected you to be the leader of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have destroyed all your enemies before your eyes. Now I will make your name as famous as anyone who has ever lived on the earth! And I will provide a homeland for my people Israel, planting them in a secure place where they will never be disturbed. Evil nations won’t oppress them as they’ve done in the past, starting from the time I appointed judges to rule my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies.

DAVID: That is amazing! Did he say anything else to you Nathan?

NATHAN: “Furthermore, the Lord declares that he will make a house for you—a dynasty of kings! For when you die and are buried with your ancestors, I will raise up one of your descendants, your own offspring, and I will make his kingdom strong. He is the one who will build a house—a temple—for my name. And I will secure his royal throne forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son. If he sins, I will correct and discipline him with the rod, like any father would do. But my favor will not be taken from him as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from your sight. Your house and your kingdom will continue before me for all time, and your throne will be secure forever.”

DAVID: Thank you Nathan. I must go before the Lord in prayer.

(David sits down)

DAVID: “Who am I, O Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? And now, Sovereign Lord, in addition to everything else, you speak of giving your servant a lasting dynasty! Do you deal with everyone this way, O Sovereign Lord?

“What more can I say to you? You know what your servant is really like, Sovereign Lord. Because of your promise and according to your will, you have done all these great things and have made them known to your servant.

“How great you are, O Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you. We have never even heard of another God like you! What other nation on earth is like your people Israel? What other nation, O God, have you redeemed from slavery to be your own people? You made a great name for yourself when you redeemed your people from Egypt. You performed awesome miracles and drove out the nations and gods that stood in their way. You made Israel your very own people forever, and you, O Lord, became their God

“And now, O Lord God, I am your servant; do as you have promised concerning me and my family. Confirm it as a promise that will last forever. And may your name be honored forever so that everyone will say, ‘The Lord of Heaven’s Armies is God over Israel!’ And may the house of your servant David continue before you forever.

“O Lord of Heaven’s Armies, God of Israel, I have been bold enough to pray this prayer to you because you have revealed all this to your servant, saying, ‘I will build a house for you—a dynasty of kings!’ For you are God, O Sovereign Lord. Your words are truth, and you have promised these good things to your servant. And now, may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you. For you have spoken, and when you grant a blessing to your servant, O Sovereign Lord, it is an eternal blessing!”

(Everyone exits except KB)

KB: God had made his promise to David that his kingdom would be an eternal kingdom and that someone from his family would have an eternal throne. But that’s not the end of the story.

(Mary and Gabriel enter)

Many, many years later “God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendent of King David.”

GABRIEL: “Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you! Don’t be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!”

MARY: “But how can this happen? I am a virgin.”

GABRIEL: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God...For the word of God will never fail.”

MARY: “I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.”

(Gabriel and Mary exit)

KB: So Jesus came to earth to take over the throne of David and to rule forever just like God had promised to David. Many people recognized this and called him “Son of David” during his ministry on earth. Even the demons, the evil spirits, recognized Jesus as the one God would make king.

And that is how King David received the promise of God.

Do you remember who Nathan was? He was a prophet. And what did prophets do? They were a spokesperson for God. They would give messages from God to the people. Nathan listened to God and gave David the message. Was the message David received the one he wanted? No. David wanted to build a house for God. He thought that since he had a beautiful palace it wasn't right for the Ark of God to sit in a tent. God told him that he never asked for the people to build him a temple. Instead, God promised to build David's house, or his family.

One of the greatest lessons that you can learn from this story is that God always keeps his promises. If you read a promise in the Bible you can count on it coming true. God never lies or is unable to keep his promises. Sometimes you have to wait for them to come true. David never saw the person that would take over his throne while he was alive. It took hundreds of years for the promise of God to come true, but it did. Jesus, the Great Shepherd, is the king that sits on the throne of David, forever.

Since Jesus is the king, he is in charge over everything. The Bible tells us that one day, everyone everywhere, both alive and dead, will bow down on their knees before the King. Some will bow with great joy because they love Jesus and have followed him in this life. Others will be forced to bow, in anger, but will have no choice except to say Jesus is king. Those people are the ones that did not love Jesus in this life and they will be taken away into punishment forever. The question for us is: do we want to bow in joy and love or in anger and fear?

That's the story for tonight. I'll see you later! Baaa-ye

CLOSING

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

(KB enters)

KB: Welcome back friends. It's time for...KB's Kwiz!

SLIDE

Please welcome tonight's contenders. Over on this side, the man with the mouth for God, the dude with the messenger bag, Nathan! And over on this side, the lady who was God's servant, the mother of the Son of David, Mary! Let's get ready to rumble!

QUESTIONS

And that's KB's Kwiz! Thanks for joining me. Goodbaaa-ye!

Lesson 15

2 Samuel 11-12

DAVID AND BATHSHEBA

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! Tonight's verses are, "Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. 1 Chron. 16:9-10.

The last phrase we need to look at is, "let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice." You can find the command to seek the Lord over and over again in the Bible. But what does it mean to seek the Lord? Obviously, if you look for God like you are looking for a lost toy under your bed, you won't see him. No one can see God. So how can you seek him? A big part of seeking the Lord is to want what he wants, not what we want. Some people call this doing the will of God. Another part of seeking God is putting your hope in him and nothing else. Trust and believe in God and his promises. In order to do these things, you have to be reading the Bible and praying. You can't seek the Lord unless you do those two things.

The verse says that those who are seeking the Lord will rejoice in their hearts. What does rejoice mean? It means to experience joy and gladness in a high degree. It's super happiness! It's the kind of happy that just busts out of you and you can't stop it. It's happiness that makes you cry or shout for joy. That's how you rejoice. And these verses tell us that you are to rejoice when you seek God. When you want what God wants and you try to do what God wants and you trust and believe in him, your heart will rejoice. Have you rejoiced recently? If not, start seeking Him right now as we sing!

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

WORD: Now it's time for our story for tonight. KB! Come on out!

(KB enters)

KB: Hey, it's my buddy Word! And my friends, how are you?

WORD: Sounds like they are doing well tonight. Do you have a story for them?

KB: I do, but it's not a good one.

WORD: Oh yeah?

KB: It's a story about some bad things David did.

WORD: Even the greatest human kings are human after all.

KB: Yeah, still, you always hope your friends will be better. But, let me tell you the story.

WORD: Take it away KB.

(Word exits)

KB: Thanks Word.

(David enters and walks around his rooftop)

KB: In the spring of the year, when kings normally go out to war, David sent Joab and the Israelite army to fight the Ammonites. They destroyed the Ammonite army and laid siege to the city of Rabbah. However, David stayed behind in Jerusalem.

DAVID: Ah, what a great nap! I wonder what's going on in the kingdom today? Oh look. There's Joshua and Eli, those little rascals. There's no telling what they are up to. Whoa! Who is that? She is gorgeous! I've got to know who she is. Messenger! Come here!

(Messenger enters)

MESSENGER: Yes, my lord?

DAVID: Go and find out who that lady is over there.

MESSENGER: Yes, my lord.

(Messenger leaves and returns)

MESSENGER: My lord "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite."

DAVID: She is a woman of unusual beauty. Bring her here to me. I'd like to talk to her.

(David and the messenger exit. David reenters)

KB: David sinned against God with Bathsheba and it wasn't too long before a message came from Bathsheba.

(Messenger enters)

MESSENGER: My lord. I have a message from Bathsheba.. She is pregnant.

DAVID: What? Oh great, just what I need. There's got to be a way out of this mess. Hmm...go to Joab and tell him to send Uriah the Hittite back home from the battle."

MESSENGER: Yes, my lord.

(Messenger exits. Uriah enters)

DAVID: Hey Uriah my Mighty Man. Welcome home! How goes the battle?

URIAH: Everything is going well my king. The men are fighting with all their hearts and the Lord is with us.

DAVID: Why don't you go on home and relax? You've earned it.

URIAH: Thank you.

(Uriah walks out and makes a place to sleep in the palace entrance. Messenger enters)

DAVID: Hey, did Uriah go home last night?

MESSENGER: No, I think he slept down stairs with the palace guard.

DAVID: What? Oh. Send him to me.

(Messenger gets Uriah then exits)

DAVID: "What's the matter? Why didn't you go home last night after being away for so long?"

URIAH: "The Ark and the armies of Israel and Judah are living in tents, and Joab and my master's men are camping in the open fields. How could I go home to wine and dine...? I swear that I would never do such a thing."

DAVID: “Well, stay here today, and tomorrow you may return to the army.” Tonight you dine with me!

(David and Uriah exit and then reenter. Uriah stumbles about drunk)

DAVID: Man, that was a great dinner. Why don’t you go home and sleep this off.

URIAH: No, I can’t. I swore to serve you. I would be disrespecting the other men.

DAVID: It’s ok. I’m king and I say go home.

URIAH: No, no.

(Uriah goes and lays down in the same spot as before).

DAVID: I guess it’s time for plan “B”. I’ll write Joab a letter. “Station Uriah on the front lines where the battle is fiercest. Then pull back so that he will be killed.”

(Uriah wakes up)

DAVID: Uriah, take this letter to Joab. This is for his eyes only.

URIAH: Yes, my lord. Goodbye.

(Uriah exits)

KB: “So Joab assigned Uriah to a spot close to the city wall where he knew the enemy’s strongest men were fighting. And when the enemy soldiers came out of the city to fight, Uriah the Hittite was killed along with several other Israelite soldiers.”

(Messenger enters)

MESSENGER: My king. I have a battle report. “The enemy came out against us in the open fields and as we chased them back to the city gate, the archers on the wall shot arrows at us. Some of the king’s men were killed, including Uriah the Hittite.”

DAVID: “Well, tell Joab not to be discouraged. The sword devours this one today and that one tomorrow! Fight harder next time, and conquer the city!”

(Messenger exits)

KB: “When Uriah’s wife [Bathsheba] heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. When the period of mourning was over, David sent for her and brought her to the palace, and she became one of his wives. Then she gave birth to a son. But the Lord was displeased with what David had done.”

(Nathan enters)

NATHAN: David! The Lord has sent me with a story to tell you.

DAVID: Go ahead Nathan. I will hear your story.

NATHAN: “There were two men in a certain town. One was rich, and one was poor. The rich man owned a great many sheep and cattle. The poor man owned nothing but one little lamb he had bought. He raised that little lamb, and it grew up with his children. It ate from the man’s own plate and drank from his cup. He cuddled it in his arms like a baby daughter. One day a guest arrived at the home of the rich man. But instead of killing an animal from his own flock or herd, he took the poor man’s lamb and killed it and prepared it for his guest.”

DAVID: “As surely as the Lord lives any man who would do such a thing deserves to die! He must repay four lambs to the poor man for the one he stole and for having no pity.”

NATHAN: “You are that man! The Lord, the God of Israel, says: I anointed you king of Israel and saved you from the power of Saul. I gave you your master’s house and his wives and the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. And if that had not been enough, I would have given you much, much more. Why, then, have you despised the word of the Lord and done this horrible deed? For you have murdered Uriah the Hittite with the sword of the Ammonites and stolen his wife. From this time on, your family will live by the sword because you have despised me by taking Uriah’s wife to be your own.

“This is what the Lord says: Because of what you have done, I will cause your own household to rebel against you. I will give your wives to another man before your very eyes...You did it secretly, but I will make this happen to you openly in the sight of all Israel.”

DAVID: “I have sinned against the Lord.”

NATHAN: “Yes, but the Lord has forgiven you, and you won’t die for this sin. Nevertheless, because you have shown utter contempt for the word of the Lord by doing this, your child will die.”

(Nathan exits)

KB: “After Nathan returned to his home, the Lord sent a deadly illness to the child of David and [Bathsheba]. David begged God to spare the child. He went without food and lay all night on the bare ground. The elders of his household pleaded with him to get up and eat with them, but he refused.”

“Then on the seventh day the child died. David’s advisers were afraid to tell him. “He wouldn’t listen to reason while the child was ill,” they said. “What drastic thing will he do when we tell him the child is dead?”

DAVID: “Is the child dead?”

KB: “Yes,” they replied, “he is dead.”

DAVID “I fasted and wept while the child was alive, for I said, ‘Perhaps the Lord will be gracious to me and let the child live.’ But why should I fast when he is dead? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him one day, but he cannot return to me.”

(David exits)

KB: And that is the story of one of David’s greatest sins. It was a sad day for my buddy. But he learned a lesson that day, a lesson that you need to learn too. When you do something bad there are always consequences.

Sins are the things that you do that go against the commands that God has given us. Some of the commands that God gave his people are the Ten Commandments. In this story, David, literally or in spirit, broke all ten. Why did David do such a thing? David made an idol out of Bathsheba’s beauty and chose to follow after what he wanted instead of what God wanted.

The lesson for us is to always do what God wants. When you don't, you'll have to pay the consequences. And there are always consequences. Always. David learned this the hard way by losing his baby boy.

But God forgave David his sin. Because David repented and asked God for forgiveness, God forgave him and did not hold his sin against him.

So when you sin you must remember: there are always consequences and God will forgive you if you confess your sin and turn away from it. God is faithful and just to forgive your sins and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness, just like he did for David. Jesus, the Great Shepherd, said that, "all sins will be forgiven the children of man." What a great promise!

That's the story for tonight. I'll see you later! Baaa-ye

CLOSING

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

(KB enters)

KB: Welcome back friends. It's time for...KB's Kwiz!

SLIDE

Please welcome tonight's contenders. Over on this side, the good guy of the night, the Migthy Man, Uriah! And over on this side, the forerunner to Snapchat, did you get a text? The Messenger! Let's get ready to rumble!

QUESTIONS

And that's KB's Kwiz! Thanks for joining me. Goodbaaa-ye!

Lesson 16

2 Samuel 13-14

ABSALOM

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! Tonight's verses are, "You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock eternal." Isaiah 26:3-4

Now the video for tonight does not have all of the words on it. Instead, you will meet some families that trusted in the Lord and set their minds on him.

First is the Rieb Family. You'll see a little boy named Moses who was abandoned in Haiti. He needed a family to love and care for him. They responded to God's call and adopted him. Together they have laughed, loved, cried and trusted God for the impossible.

Then you will see the Harbaugh family. Their youngest child, Caroline was born with a rare type of cancer. After seven long days of testing, doctors did not believe she would survive. They believed and trusted God, that even if He took Caroline home, He would not fail them. Through miracle after miracle, Caroline is now cancer free.

These two families are an example of people that put their trust In God. I bet there are many families here at this church that could tell you stories about how they had to step out in faith and trust in God. When you get a chance, you should ask them. But for now, we've got some singing to do.

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

WORD: Now it's time for our story for tonight. KB! Come on out!

(KB enters)

KB: Oh, hey Word, kids, how are you doing?

WORD: We are doing quite well tonight. How about you?

KB: Great! What do you think I would look like if I let my wool grow really long? Do you think I'd look good?

WORD: You might, but you know the shepherds won't let that happen.

KB: I know, you're right.

WORD: I'm assuming since you are talking about long hair you are telling the story of Absalom tonight.

KB: You can't learn about David if you don't learn about his son Absalom.

WORD: Well, take it away KB.

(Word exits)

KB: Now King David had a son named Absalom and a daughter Tamar. And they had a half brother who was named Amnon. Amnon was not a nice guy and did a horrible thing to his half sister and treated her terribly. When David and Absalom heard what had happened they both were angry but neither said anything to Amnon about it.

(Absalom enters)

ABSALOM: That Amnon! I really hate that guy. I can't believe he treated my sister this way. I hate you Amnon!

KB: "Two years later, when Absalom's sheep were being sheared...Absalom invited all the king's sons to come to a feast." There goes my long wool!

(David enters)

ABSALOM: "My sheep-shearers are now at work. Would the king and his servants please come to celebrate the occasion with me?"

DAVID "No, my son. If we all came, we would be too much of a burden on you."

ABSALOM: Ah, come on. It won't be that much trouble! We can handle it.

DAVID: No Absalom. I appreciate the offer and you have my blessing. But we will not come.

ABSALOM: “Well, then, if you can’t come, how about sending my brother Amnon with us?”

DAVID: “Why Amnon?”

ABSALOM: I mean, not just Amnon, but all of your sons. Let all of my brothers come and Amnon too. I will prepare a feast fit for you!

DAVID: Very well. They will come.

(David exits. Absalom’s men enter)

ABSALOM: “Wait until Amnon gets drunk; then at my signal, kill him! Don’t be afraid. I’m the one who has given the command. Take courage and do it!”

(Amnon enters stumbling around)

ABSALOM: Now!

(Absalom’s men chase after Amnon and they all exit)

KB: Absalom’s men killed Amnon but all of David’s other sons ran to their mules and got away.

ABSALOM: I’d better get out of here. I’ll go see if I can hide out with my Grandpa over in Geshur.

(Absalom runs out. David, followed shortly by the Messenger, enter)

MESSENGER: My king! “Absalom has killed all the king’s sons; not one is left alive!”

(David tears his robe and throws himself to the ground. Messenger exits. Jonadab enters.)

JONADAB: “No, don’t believe that all the king’s sons have been killed! It was only Amnon! Absalom has been plotting this ever since Amnon [hurt] Tamar. No, my lord the king, your sons aren’t all dead! It was only Amnon.”

DAVID: Are you sure?

JONADAB: Yes! The watchman just said he saw a crowd of people coming up the road. “Look! There they are now! The king’s sons are coming, just as I said.”

(Jonadab exits)

KB: Three years passed and David wished to be reunited with his son Absalom. “Joab realized how much the king longed to see Absalom. So he sent for a woman from Tekoa who had a reputation for great wisdom.”

(Joab and Tekoa enter)

JOAB: “Pretend you are in mourning; wear mourning clothes and don’t put on lotions. Act like a woman who has been mourning for the dead for a long time. Then go to the king and tell him the story I am about to tell you.”

(Joab whispers to the Woman from Tekoa. She walks over to David)

TEKOA: “O king! Help me!”

DAVID: “What’s the trouble?”

TEKOA: “Alas, I am a widow! My husband is dead. My two sons had a fight out in the field. And since no one was there to stop it, one of them was killed. Now the rest of the family is demanding, ‘Let us have your son. We will execute him for murdering his brother. He doesn’t deserve to inherit his family’s property.’ They want to extinguish the only coal I have left, and my husband’s name and family will disappear from the face of the earth.”

DAVID: “Leave it to me. Go home, and I’ll see to it that no one touches him.”

TEKOA: “Oh, thank you, my lord the king. If you are criticized for helping me, let the blame fall on me and on my father’s house, and let the king and his throne be innocent.”

DAVID: “If anyone objects, “bring him to me. I can assure you he will never harm you again!”

TEKOA: “Please swear to me by the Lord your God that you won’t let anyone take vengeance against my son. I want no more bloodshed.”

DAVID: “As surely as the Lord lives,” he replied, “not a hair on your son’s head will be disturbed!”

TEKOA: “Please allow me to ask one more thing of my lord the king.”

DAVID: “Go ahead and speak.”

TEKOA: “Why don’t you do as much for the people of God as you have promised to do for me? You have convicted yourself in making this decision, because you have refused to bring home your own banished son. All of us must die eventually. Our lives are like water spilled out on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. But God does not just sweep life away; instead, he devises ways to bring us back when we have been separated from him.

“I have come to plead with my lord the king because people have threatened me. I said to myself, ‘Perhaps the king will listen to me and rescue us from those who would cut us off from the inheritance God has given us. Yes, my lord the king will give us peace of mind again.’ I know that you are like an angel of God in discerning good from evil. May the Lord your God be with you.”

DAVID: “I must know one thing, and tell me the truth.”

TEKOA: “Yes, my lord the king?”

DAVID: “Did Joab put you up to this?”

TEKOA: “My lord the king, how can I deny it? Nobody can hide anything from you. Yes, Joab sent me and told me what to say. He did it to place the matter before you in a different light. But you are as wise as an angel of God, and you understand everything that happens among us!”

(Tekoa exits and Joab walks over to David)

DAVID: Joab! “All right, go and bring back the young man Absalom.”

JOAB: “At last I know that I have gained your approval, my lord the king, for you have granted me this request!”

DAVID: “Absalom may go to his own house, but he must never come into my presence.”

(David and Joab exit. Absalom enters and shows off.)

KB: “Now Absalom was praised as the most handsome man in all Israel. He was flawless from head to foot. He cut his hair only once a year, and then only because it was so heavy. When he weighed it out, it came to five pounds! He had three sons and one daughter. His daughter’s name was Tamar, and she was very beautiful.

Absalom lived in Jerusalem for two years, but he never got to see the king.” Absalom bothered Joab over and over until he went and convinced David to summon Absalom.

Then, at last, David summoned Absalom, who came and bowed low before the king, and the king kissed him.

And that is the beginning of David’s problems with his son Absalom.

Families can be pretty complicated sometimes. And David’s family is no different. When we talked about the consequences of David’s sin last time, God promised that David’s family would live by the sword. Tonight’s story is God’s promise come true.

Amnon treated his half-sister terribly, but, no one did anything to help Tamar or punish Amnon. But after two years of letting his anger grow, Absalom let it consume him and he murdered Amnon. That put a stain on his relationship with his dad, King David. Then Joab thought it was a good idea to trick the king just to get his point across. What a mess!

Unfortunately, this is only the beginning of the mess.

One of the great things about being a Christian is that, even if your own family is a mess, you get a big giant family called the church. Jesus, the Great Shepherd, said, “And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.” What a great promise that is!

That’s the story for tonight. I’ll see you later! Baaa-ye

CLOSING

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

(KB enters)

KB: Welcome back friends. It's time for...KB's Kwiz!

SLIDE

Please welcome tonight's contenders. Over on this side, Israel's Golden Boy, the Mile Long Hair, Absalom! And over on this side, the lady with no name, Gollum would call her Tricky the woman from Tekoa! Let's get ready to rumble!

QUESTIONS

And that's KB's Kwiz! Thanks for joining me. Goodbaaa-ye!

Lesson 17

2 Samuel 15

ABSALOM AND HIS EVIL PLAN

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! Tonight's verses are, "You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock eternal." Isaiah 26:3-4

For tonight, let's focus in on the first sentence. It says, "You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you." When it says "you", who is that talking about? God! God will keep you in perfect peace if your mind is steadfast, because you trust in him.

First of all, perfect peace is something that everyone wants. Who wants to be afraid or nervous or angry or sad? Perfect peace is what all people everywhere are looking for. Even people that don't believe in God want peace.

But how do you get and keep this perfect peace? A steadfast mind. Now, what does that mean? A steadfast mind means that your thoughts aren't wandering all over the place. You are laser focused on something or someone. You aren't running over here and over there. It's staying steady, locked on to one thing.

So what is that one thing that a person with perfect peace is locked on to? God, right? The verse says because the person trusts in you, God. If you don't let your mind wander away from God then you will find that you trust God. And if you place your trust in God, your mind won't tend to wander away from him.

If you focus your mind on God and place more and more of your trust in him, then more and more of that perfect peace will be yours. So set your mind and trust on him today. Are you ready to sing these verses?

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

WORD: Now it's time for our story for tonight. KB! Come on out!

(KB enters)

KB: Hey Word, what's happening?

WORD: The kids are ready for a new story.

KB: Last week, I introduced them to Absalom. Maybe now I should tell them about his evil plan.

WORD: I think you have to. It's definitely part of David's story.

KB: Sounds good to me. Thanks Word.

(Wprd exits)

_KB: Last time we ended the story with Absalom being welcomed back into Jerusalem.

(Absalom enters)

"Absalom bought a chariot and horses, and he hired fifty bodyguards to run ahead of him. He got up early every morning and went out to the gate of the city." If the people had disagreements or problems they would take their case before king David, but Absalom would meet them first."

(Israelite enters)

ABSALOM: I've heard your argument. "You've really got a strong case here! It's too bad the king doesn't have anyone to hear it. I wish I were the judge. Then everyone could bring their cases to me for judgment, and I would give them justice!"

ISRAELITE: Yes, thank you my lord.

(Israelite tries to bow before Absalom but he stops them)

ABSALOM: You don't need to bow before me. Come here.

(ABSALOM grabs the Israelite by the hand and kisses them)

ABSALOM: There you are. You have a great day.

ISRAELITE: Oh thank you. You are so kind and generous.

KB: Absalom did this with everyone who came to the king for judgment, and so he stole the hearts of all the people of Israel. After four years, Absalom went to talk to David.

(David enters)

ABSALOM: “Let me go to Hebron to offer a sacrifice to the Lord and fulfill a vow I made to him. For while your servant was at Geshur in Aram, I promised to sacrifice to the Lord in Hebron if he would bring me back to Jerusalem.”

DAVID: “All right. Go and fulfill your vow.”

(David exits)

KB: “So Absalom went to Hebron. But while he was there, he sent secret messengers to all the tribes of Israel to stir up a rebellion against the king”.

ABSALOM: “As soon as you hear the ram’s horn you are to say, ‘Absalom has been crowned king in Hebron.’”

KB: “He took 200 men from Jerusalem with him as guests, but they knew nothing of his intentions. While Absalom was offering the sacrifices, he sent for Ahithophel, one of David’s counselors who lived in Giloh. Soon many others also joined Absalom, and the conspiracy gained momentum.”

(Absalom exits. David enters followed shortly by a messenger)

MESSENGER: My lord, “All Israel has joined Absalom in a conspiracy against you!”

DAVID: “Then we must flee at once, or it will be too late! Hurry! If we get out of the city before Absalom arrives, both we and the city of Jerusalem will be spared from disaster.”

MESSENGER: “We are with you. Do what you think is best.”

KB: So the king and all his household set out at once. The king and all his people set out on foot, pausing at the last house to let all the king’s men move past to lead the way. There were 600 men from Gath who had come with David, along with the king’s bodyguard.

(Ittai enters)

DAVID: “Why are you coming with us? Go on back to King Absalom, for you are a guest in Israel, a foreigner in exile. You arrived only recently, and should I force you today to wander with us? I don’t even know where we will go. Go on back and take your kinsmen with you, and may the Lord show you his unfailing love and faithfulness.”

ITTAI: “I vow by the Lord and by your own life that I will go wherever my lord the king goes, no matter what happens—whether it means life or death.”

DAVID: “All right, come with us.”

(Ittai exits and Zadok enters)

KB: “Everyone cried loudly as the king and his followers passed by. They crossed the Kidron Valley and then went out toward the wilderness. Zadok and all the Levites also came along, carrying the Ark of the Covenant of God. They set down the Ark of God, and Abiathar offered sacrifices until everyone had passed out of the city.

DAVID: Take the Ark of God back into the city. “If the Lord sees fit he will bring me back to see the Ark and the Tabernacle again. But if he is through with me, then let him do what seems best to him.”

ZADOK: What can we do?

DAVID: “Look, here is my plan. You and Abiathar should return quietly to the city... I will stop at the shallows of the Jordan River and wait there for a report from you.”

ZADOK: Very well.

(Zadok exits. Hushai enters)

KB: “David walked up the road to the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went. His head was covered and his feet were bare as a sign of mourning. And the people who were with him covered their heads and wept as they climbed the hill. When someone told David that his adviser Ahithophel was now backing Absalom, David prayed.”

DAVID: “O Lord, let Ahithophel give Absalom foolish advice!” Ah, Hushai my friend.

HUSHAI: My king. I will go with you wherever you go.

DAVID: “If you go with me, you will only be a burden. Return to Jerusalem and tell Absalom, ‘I will now be your adviser, O king, just as I was your father’s adviser in the past.’ Then you can frustrate and counter Ahithophel’s advice. Zadok and Abiathar, the priests, will be there. Tell them about the plans being made in the king’s palace, and they will send their sons...to tell me what is going on.”

HUSHAI: I will do as you say. And may God be with you.

(Hushai and David exit)

KB: And that is how Absalom stole the kingdom away from his father David.

Absalom is a good example of a person that did not trust in the Lord, but let sin rule him. He committed one sin after another and eventually it led him to think that he should take the throne away from David.

That’s how sin works. You might do a sin that you think is little and no one would notice. Soon you do another sin and another. Then you are doing sins without even caring who sees or knows. Sin changes you and you may not even recognize what you have become.

David humbly submitted to God and left the city without a fight. Instead, David left the matter in God’s hands. If God was done with him, there was nothing he could do to change God’s mind. But if God was not done with him, David knew that God would restore him to his rightful place.

Jesus, the Great Shepherd, said, “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

This is the trust that you need too. Follow David’s example. Don’t try to take control of everything, but trust that God knows what’s best and let him work it out.

That’s the story for tonight. I’ll see you later! Baaa-ye

CLOSING

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

(KB enters)

KB: Welcome back friends. It's time for...KB's Kwiz!

SLIDE

Please welcome tonight's contenders. Over on this side, the priest of Israel, the guy with the name that sound like a comic book villain, Zadok! And over on this side, the guy with the advice, David's 007, Hushai! Let's get ready to rumble!

QUESTIONS

And that's KB's Kwiz! Thanks for joining me. Goodbaaa-ye!

Lesson 18

Review

REVIEW NIGHT

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! Tonight's verses are, "You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock eternal." Isaiah 26:3-4

This verse calls you to trust in the Lord, not just for today, or tomorrow but forever because he is the Rock eternal. God does not change and you can trust in him. You can find safety in him. And since he is the Rock eternal you never have to worry about him letting you down. So trust in the Rock eternal today!

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

WORD: Now it's time for the Theo and Elly Gameshow!

SLIDE

(Word exits. Theo and Elly enter)

ELLY: Welcome to the Theo and Elly show!

THEO: That's right. It's review night and we are bringing you a new game to help review what you've learned so far.

ELLY: Tonight's game is a special Theo and Elly version of...Jeopardy

THEO: Those of you that saw our show last year will remember this game.

ELLY: You'll take turns answering the questions. Whoever has the most points wins.

THEO: Awesome! But before we start, we need some team captains.

ELLY: Who should we choose?

THEO: On this side we have...King David! And the other, the spoiled brat (like my sister) Absalom.

ELLY: Watch it, buddy.

THEO: Uh, yeah. Let the game begin!

(Use the powerpoint game. Have questions and answers written out for puppeteers as they Ad Lib throughout the game.)

Lesson 19

2 Samuel 18-19

DEATH OF ABSALOM

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! Tonight's verses are, "The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing." Zephaniah 3:17

Let's think about the first half of the verse tonight. It says, "The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save." First, we find that the Lord your God is with you. That is great news, isn't it? Have you ever played a team game that maybe you weren't very good at, but you had a teammate that was really good? Even though you could not do much, your team still did well because of the one person. I bet you felt pretty good about that, especially if you won the game. What this verse is telling you, is that you are on God's team. He is with you. You are not alone. Jesus said that he would never leave us nor forsake us.

If you are on God's team, you can't lose. The memory verse says that God is mighty to save, which means that God is powerful enough to help you whenever and however you need help. The book of Romans in the Bible talks about this. It says, "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things...we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

Isn't it great to know that if you are on God's team, then you are a mega conqueror, and nothing can stand against you?

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

WORD: Now it's time for our story for tonight. KB! Come on out!

(KB enters)

KB: Hey Word. How's it going?

WORD: Just fine my friend. Last time you talked about Absalom and how he stole the kingdom from David. What's the story for tonight?

KB: Tonight is about the death of Absalom.

WORD: Very well, carry on my furry friend.

(Word exits)

KB: Thanks Word.

(David and Joab enter)

KB: Last time we talked about how David fled from Jerusalem and how Absalom had taken over. Now, David gathered his troops together to fight against the army that his son Absalom had created.

DAVID: I am appointing generals and captains for the army. I want to divide the army into three groups. Joab, you will lead one group while your brother Abishai and Ittai will lead the other two. And, "I am going out with you."

JOAB: "You must not go. If we have to turn and run—and even if half of us die—it will make no difference to Absalom's troops; they will be looking only for you. You are worth 10,000 of us, and it is better that you stay here in the town and send help if we need it."

DAVID: "If you think that's the best plan, I'll do it," But, "For my sake, deal gently with young Absalom."

(Joab marches to war. Soldiers enter and a battle scene commences)

KB: "So the battle began in the forest of Ephraim, and the Israelite troops were beaten back by David's men. There was a great slaughter that day, and 20,000 men laid down their lives. The battle raged all across the countryside, and more men died because of the forest than were killed by the sword."

(Absalom enters and is cornered by David's men. Absalom tries to flee on his mule but gets stuck in the tree).

ABSALOM: Ah! I'm stuck! Someone get me down. Help!

(One of David's soldiers sees Absalom and runs over to Joab).

SOLDIER: During the battle, I came across Absalom and he was dangling from a great tree."

JOAB: "What? You saw him there and didn't kill him? I would have rewarded you with ten pieces of silver and a hero's belt!"

SOLDIER: "I would not kill the king's son for even a thousand pieces of silver. "We all heard the king say to you and Abishai and Ittai, 'For my sake, please spare young Absalom.' And if I had betrayed the king by killing his son—and the king would certainly find out who did it—you yourself would be the first to abandon me."

JOAB: "Enough of this nonsense!"

(Joab takes three daggers and stabs Absalom. David's soldiers take Absalom down and exit. Joab blows a ram's horn. Ahimaaz enters).

AHIMAAZ: "Let me run to the king with the good news that the Lord has rescued him from his enemies."

JOAB: "No, it wouldn't be good news to the king that his son is dead. You can be my messenger another time, but not today."

(An Ethiopian enters and walks by)

JOAB: "Go tell the king what you have seen."

(The Ethiopian bows and runs off.)

AHIMAAZ: "Whatever happens, please let me go, too."

JOAB: "Why should you go, my son? There will be no reward for your news."

AHIMAAZ: "Yes, but let me go anyway."

JOAB: “All right, go ahead.”

(Ahimaaz runs off toward David and gets ahead of the Ethiopian. The watchman enters and walks over to David. Joab exits)

WATCHMAN: I have seen a lone man running toward the city.

DAVID: “If he is alone, he has news.”

WATCHMAN: “Here comes another one!”

DAVID: “He also will have news.”

WATCHMAN: “The first man runs like Ahimaaz son of Zadok.”

DAVID: “He is a good man and comes with good news.”

AHIMAAZ: “Everything is all right! Praise to the Lord your God, who has handed over the rebels who dared to stand against my lord the king.”

DAVID: “What about young Absalom? Is he all right?”

AHIMAAZ: “When Joab told me to come, there was a lot of commotion. But I didn’t know what was happening.”

DAVID: “Wait here.”

ETHIOPIAN: “I have good news for my lord the king. Today the Lord has rescued you from all those who rebelled against you.”

DAVID: “What about young Absalom? Is he all right?”

ETHIOPIAN: “May all of your enemies, my lord the king, both now and in the future, share the fate of that young man!”

(David walks to the side. Ahimaaz and the Ethiopian exit. Joab walks over to David).

DAVID: “O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you! O Absalom, my son, my son.”

JOAB: “We saved your life today and the lives of your sons, your daughters, and your wives and concubines. Yet you act like this, making us feel ashamed of ourselves. You

seem to love those who hate you and hate those who love you. You have made it clear today that your commanders and troops mean nothing to you. It seems that if Absalom had lived and all of us had died, you would be pleased. Now go out there and congratulate your troops, for I swear by the Lord that if you don't go out, not a single one of them will remain here tonight. Then you will be worse off than ever before."

(David walks out to center stage. Joab exits)

KB: "So the king went out and took his seat at the town gate, and as the news spread throughout the town that he was there, everyone went to him." Then David started back to Jerusalem to reclaim his throne.

(Shimei and Abishai enter)

SHIMEI: "My lord the king, please forgive me. Forget the terrible thing your servant did when you left Jerusalem. May the king put it out of his mind. I know how much I sinned. That is why I have come here today, the very first person in all Israel to greet my lord the king.

ABISHAI: "Shimei should die, for he cursed the Lord's anointed king!"

DAVID: "Who asked your opinion, you sons of Zeruiah! Why have you become my adversary today? This is not a day for execution, for today I am once again the king of Israel! Your life will be spared."

SHIMEI: Oh thank you my king. Thank you!

KB: David showed kindness and mercy to many more people as he arrived back into Jerusalem. Once again, David was king, but there was still much arguing between the people of Israel and Judah.

And that is the story of the death of Absalom and how David got his kingdom back.

My buddy David could have sent his whole army to chase down and destroy Absalom for what he did. David could have hated him. But David chose to love his son. David could have hated all those people that didn't leave Jerusalem with him but he chose to show kindness and mercy.

Jesus, the Great Shepherd, talked a lot about showing love to enemies. Jesus said, ““If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same...But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.”

The reason why we should be kind and merciful to even our enemies is because that is what God does. He forgives us when we ask for forgiveness. And if he can forgive us, who were once God’s enemies, shouldn’t we ought to forgive others?

That’s the story for tonight. I’ll see you later! Baaa-ye

CLOSING

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

(KB enters)

KB: Welcome back friends. It's time for...KB's Kwiz!

SLIDE

Please welcome tonight's contenders. Over on this side, the dude with lightning speed and a message, Ahimaaz! And over on this side, the commander who doesn't listen, the guy who was not a shoulder to cry on, Joab! Let's get ready to rumble!

QUESTIONS

And that's KB's Kwiz! Thanks for joining me. Goodbaaa-ye!

Lesson 20

2 Samuel 20, 21; 1 Chron. 20

KING DAVID DEFEATS HIS ENEMIES

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! Tonight's verse is, "The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17

Last time, we talked about how if you are a follower of Jesus then God is with you. He is right here, walking with you and he is able to save you. The next phrase says that God will take great delight in you. Another way to say that is that God will rejoice over you with gladness. Did you know that Jesus told three stories about this? Some of you probably know them. They are the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin and the prodigal or lost son. Jesus said that if a shepherd that lost one sheep, or a woman who lost a valuable coin, or a father who lost his son gets those back and they celebrate, then how much more do the angels and God celebrate over a sinful person who repents of their sins and turns to God? Those celebrations don't even compare.

The key in the memory verse from Zephaniah and the stories of Jesus is that the people needed to repent of their sins. Have you repented of your sins or the bad things that you have done? Do you turn away from bad things every day? If not, then chose to do that, and if you do, God has promised to take great delight in you and to rejoice over you with singing! Imagine that! God will sing for you!

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

WORD: Now it's time for our story for tonight. KB! Are you ready?

(KB enters)

KB: Hey Word, I'm ready! I've got a new story for the kids.

WORD: Awesome! What's tonight about?

KB: King David defeats his enemies. It's all about some of the battles that David fought.

WORD: Sounds good, KB. Take it away.

(Word exits)

KB: Thanks Word.

(David and Sheba enter.)

As David was traveling back into Jerusalem, the people of Israel and the people of Judah began to fight amongst themselves. "There happened to be a troublemaker there named Sheba son of Bicri, a man from the tribe of Benjamin."

(Sheba blows a ram's horn)

SHEBA: "Down with the dynasty of David! We have no interest in the son of Jesse. Come on, you men of Israel, back to your homes!"

KB: "So all the men of Israel deserted David and followed Sheba son of Bicri. But the men of Judah stayed with their king and escorted him from the Jordan River to Jerusalem."

(Sheba exits. Amasa enters).

DAVID: Amasa, "mobilize the army of Judah within three days, and report back at that time."

(Amasa bows and exits)

KB: "So Amasa went out to notify Judah, but it took him longer than the time he had been given."

(Abishai and Joab enter)

DAVID: “Sheba son of Bicri is going to hurt us more than Absalom did. Quick, take my troops and chase after him before he gets into a fortified town where we can’t reach him.”

(David exits. Joab and Abishai start running. Amasa enters)

AMASA: Oh, hey guys! What’s up? Has it been three days already?

JOAB: “How are you, my cousin?”

(Joab acts as if he is going to give Amassa a kiss but actually stabs him and Amasa dies)

JOAB: Just leave him there let’s keep going after Sheba.

(A soldier enters)

SOLDIER: Amasa is dead. And there goes Joab. Let me get him off the road.

(Soldier cover Amasa and pulls him out of sight)

SOLDIER: “If you are for Joab and David, come and follow Joab.”

(Soldier runs after Joab and Abishai)

KB: With Amasa gone, “everyone went on with Joab to capture Sheba son of Bicri.”

(Sheba enters and run into the city)

KB: Meanwhile, Sheba traveled through all the tribes of Israel and eventually came to the town of Abel-beth-maacah. All the members of his own clan, the Bicrites, assembled for battle and followed him into the town. When Joab’s forces arrived, they attacked Abel-beth-maacah.

JOAB: Let’s set up a siege ramp over there. I think that will be an effective place to attack. We can batter the wall from there.

ABISHAI: Agreed. Let’s get to work right away!

(Soldier, Joab and Abishai set up their siege ramp and begin to attack the wall. Woman enters from behind the wall)

WOMAN: “Listen to me, Joab. Come over here so I can talk to you. Are you Joab?”

JOAB: “I am.”

WOMAN: “Listen carefully to your servant.”

JOAB: “I’m listening.”

WOMAN: “There used to be a saying, ‘If you want to settle an argument, ask advice at the town of Abel.’ I am one who is peace loving and faithful in Israel. But you are destroying an important town in Israel. Why do you want to devour what belongs to the Lord?”

JOAB: “Believe me, I don’t want to devour or destroy your town! That’s not my purpose. All I want is a man named Sheba son of Bicri from the hill country of Ephraim, who has revolted against King David. If you hand over this one man to me, I will leave the town in peace.”

WOMAN: “All right, we will throw his head over the wall to you.”

ABISHAI: What did she say?

JOAB: She said that they would take care of Sheba for us. She promised that they would through his head over the wall.

ABISHAI: Do you believe her?

JOAB: Keep pressing the attack. If she succeeds then we’ll stop the attack.

(A bag comes flying over the wall)

ABISHAI: What’s that?

(Abishai gets the bag and opens it)

JOAB: Is that Sheba?

ABISHAI: Yep, it’s the traitor’s head.

(Joab blows the ram’s horn).

JOAB: Alright men. Sheba is dead! Pack it up, we’re going home!

(Joab, Abishai and the soldier exit)

KB: Over the years that David was king, he had to fight often against his enemies. One by one, God won the victory for him.

(David, Sibbecai, Elhanan, and David's nephew Jonathan enter and sit around a fire)

JONATHAN: Tell us about Rabbah again.

DAVID: Ah, those vile Ammonites? Joab did a great job of conquering that city. When I arrived the city was ours. I walked up and took that huge crown off of their king's head and stuck it on my head. Did you know that crown weighed seventy-five pounds?

ELHANAN: That guy had a huge head. Tell us a story Sibbecai.

SIBECAI: In the battle with the Philistines at Gezer I ran into Saph, the giant. He was no match for me. I cut him down to size.

JONATHAN: It must have taken a while because you're so short.

SIBECAI: Hey! I'll show you what I can do! Well, Elhanan do you have a story?

ELHANAN: I'm sure our king will like this one. I ran into Lahmi, Goliath's brother. The spear that guy had was huge! But he was too slow for me.

JONATHAN: I fought a giant too. He was huge and he had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot. He defied and taunted our army just like Goliath did, but he met his end by my sword.

DAVID: You men make me proud. And have followed in my footsteps, I see. Those God-hating giants of Gath are no more. Now, let's go get some rest.

(Everyone exits except KB)

KB: And that is how David won many battles against the enemies of Israel.

In the book of Proverbs it says, "No wisdom, no understanding, no counsel can avail against the Lord. The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the Lord." That is what David said way back when he fought Goliath. "For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand."

Many people underestimate God and what he can do through his people. David was just a young man when he defeated Goliath but people doubted he could do it. Throughout his life, people doubted whether or not David could fight against them. Absalom, Sheba, and the Philistines thought that they could just run right over David. But David trusted in the Lord. He knew that God could and would save him. All he had to do was wait for the Lord to act. And you know what? God always came through for David.

This is a great lesson for you to learn. If you are a follower of God, then God is with you. He walks alongside you. He has promised to fight for you. Jesus, the Great Shepherd, said that he would never leave you nor forsake. Jesus is with you all the way. What should you be afraid of then? Nothing! That's right.

That's the story for tonight. I'll see you later! Baaa-ye

CLOSING

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

(KB enters)

KB: Welcome back friends. It's time for...KB's Kwiz!

SLIDE

Please welcome tonight's contenders. Over on this side, the man who fought the six-fingered man, no not Inigo Montoya, it's Jonathan! And over on this side, the traitor, the guy who literally lost his head, Sheba! Let's get ready to rumble!

QUESTIONS

And that's KB's Kwiz! Thanks for joining me. Goodbaaa-ye!

Lesson 21

2 Samuel 24; 1 Chron. 21-22

DAVID'S CENSUS AND SOLOMON

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! Tonight's verse is, "The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17

So far, we have talked about how God is with you and that he is a mighty savior. We talked about how God rejoices and sings over those that repent of their sins and obey him. Finally, we need to talk about what it means that God will quiet you with his love.

This little section is translated in several different ways. It could mean that God will quiet your fears with his love. This is true and is talked about in other places in the Bible. God's love casts out all fear.

It could also mean that God will renew you with his love. If you are tired or growing weary, God can make you new again by his love. This is also found elsewhere in the Bible. Jesus said for all those that are weary and carry a heavy burden to go to him and he will give rest.

It could also mean that God will be silent in his love. Elsewhere in the Bible it says that God will not accuse his people or speak judgment against them. He will be quiet, because Jesus has paid for their sins.

All three of these ideas are great promises for you to remember. If you love Jesus and obey his commands God will quiet your fears, will give you rest from your troubles and will save you. Now let's sing these verses together.

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

WORD: Now it's time for our story for tonight. Do think KB has a story for you?

(KB enters)

KB: You bet I do. It's about the time David took a census.

WORD: That was not a good time for your buddy.

KB: No, but it does show that David was a normal guy who needed a savior like everyone else.

WORD: That's right KB. Take it away!

(Word exits)

KB: Thanks Word. The story starts with the people of Israel acting in such a way that they made God angry and so God had to punish them. God allowed Satan to rise up against Israel and tempted David to take a census of the people.

(David and Joab enter)

DAVID: "Take a census of all the people of Israel—from Beersheba in the south to Dan in the north—and bring me a report so I may know how many there are."

JOAB: "May the Lord increase the number of his people a hundred times over! But why, my lord the king, do you want to do this? Are they not all your servants? Why must you cause Israel to sin?"

DAVID: I want you to go Joab! Take the commanders and do what I have said!

JOAB: Yes, my king.

(Joab walks around and takes the census asking people if they can handle a sword)

KB: "So Joab traveled throughout all Israel to count the people. Then he returned to Jerusalem and reported the number of people to David."

(Joab returns to David)

JOAB: There are, "1,100,000 warriors in all Israel who could handle a sword, and 470,000 in Judah."

DAVID: Very good, Joab. Now we know the power of the nation of Israel.

(Joab exits)

KB: “God was very displeased with the census, and he punished Israel for it.” David began to think about what he had done and then he felt guilty. So he cried out to God.

DAVID: Oh Lord, “I have sinned greatly by taking this census. Please forgive my guilt for doing this foolish thing.”

(Gad enters)

GAD: Hello my king.

DAVID: Gad! Has the Lord given you a message?

GAD: “This is what the Lord says: I will give you three choices. Choose one of these punishments, and I will inflict it on you.’ These are the choices the Lord has given you. You may choose three years of famine, three months of destruction by the sword of your enemies, or three days of severe plague as the angel of the Lord brings devastation throughout the land of Israel. Decide what answer I should give the Lord who sent me.”

DAVID: “I’m in a desperate situation! But let me fall into the hands of the Lord, for his mercy is very great. Do not let me fall into human hands.”

GAD: Option 3. Very well.

KB: “So the Lord sent a plague upon Israel, and 70,000 people died as a result. And God sent an angel to destroy Jerusalem. But just as the angel was preparing to destroy it, the Lord relented and said to the death angel, “Stop! That is enough!” At that moment the angel of the Lord was standing by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.”

(David looks up into the sky)

DAVID: Look! It is the angel of the Lord! His sword is drawn and he is ready to strike our city. Everyone, let us put on burlap, and lay with our faces to the ground to show our deep distress.

(David puts on burlap and lays on the ground.)

DAVID: “I am the one who called for the census! I am the one who has sinned and done wrong! But these people are as innocent as sheep—what have they done? O Lord my God, let your anger fall against me and my family, but do not destroy your people.”

GAD: Get up David. The angel of the Lord has told me that you are to go up and build an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

(Gad exits and Araunah enters and bows before David).

DAVID: “Let me buy this threshing floor from you at its full price. Then I will build an altar to the Lord there, so that he will stop the plague.”

ARAUNAH: “Take it, my lord the king, and use it as you wish. I will give the oxen for the burnt offerings, and the threshing boards for wood to build a fire on the altar, and the wheat for the grain offering. I will give it all to you.”

DAVID: “No, I insist on buying it for the full price. I will not take what is yours and give it to the Lord. I will not present burnt offerings that have cost me nothing! Here is 600 pieces of gold for the threshing floor.”

(David builds an altar and fire burns up the sacrifice)

KB: “David built an altar there to the Lord and sacrificed burnt offerings and peace offerings. And when David prayed, the Lord answered him by sending fire from heaven to burn up the offering on the altar. Then the Lord spoke to the angel, who put the sword back into its sheath.

DAVID: “This will be the location for the Temple of the Lord God and the place of the altar for Israel’s burnt offerings!”

(David acts out what KB talks about)

KB: “So David gave orders to call together the foreigners living in Israel, and he assigned them the task of preparing finished stone for building the Temple of God. David provided large amounts of iron for the nails that would be needed for the doors in the gates and for the clamps, and he gave more bronze than could be weighed. He also

provided innumerable cedar logs, for the men of Tyre and Sidon had brought vast amounts of cedar to David.”

DAVID: “My son Solomon is still young and inexperienced. And since the Temple to be built for the Lord must be a magnificent structure, famous and glorious throughout the world, I will begin making preparations for it now.”

(Solomon enters)

SOLOMON: Yes father?

DAVID: “My son, I wanted to build a Temple to honor the name of the Lord my God. But the Lord said to me, ‘You have killed many men in the battles you have fought. And since you have shed so much blood in my sight, you will not be the one to build a Temple to honor my name. But you will have a son who will be a man of peace. I will give him peace with his enemies in all the surrounding lands. His name will be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel during his reign. He is the one who will build a Temple to honor my name. He will be my son, and I will be his father. And I will secure the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.’”

SOLOMON: I understand.

DAVID: “Now, my son, may the Lord be with you and give you success as you follow his directions in building the Temple of the Lord your God. And may the Lord give you wisdom and understanding, that you may obey the Law of the Lord your God as you rule over Israel. For you will be successful if you carefully obey the decrees and regulations that the Lord gave to Israel through Moses. Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid or lose heart!”

SOLOMON: I will father. I will do as the Lord has said.

DAVID: “I have worked hard to provide materials for building the Temple of the Lord—nearly 4,000 tons of gold, 40,000 tons of silver, and so much iron and bronze that it cannot be weighed. I have also gathered timber and stone for the walls, though you may need to add more. You have a large number of skilled stonemasons and carpenters and craftsmen of every kind. You have expert goldsmiths and silversmiths

and workers of bronze and iron. Now begin the work, and may the Lord be with you!" Listen all of you leaders, assist my son Solomon in this project. "The Lord your God is with you. He has given you peace with the surrounding nations. He has handed them over to me, and they are now subject to the Lord and his people. Now seek the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. Build the sanctuary of the Lord God so that you can bring the Ark of the Lord's Covenant and the holy vessels of God into the Temple built to honor the Lord's name."

(Everyone exits except KB)

KB: And that is how David disobeyed God by taking a census, how he repented of his sin and how he made the preparations for the Temple.

In this story, we saw how David sinned against God, again. But we also saw how God forgave David again when he repented of his sin. We also learned about how David made the preparations for the Temple that his son Solomon would build.

David was a normal guy that loved God. And just like everyone else, David was a sinner. Sometimes he followed God perfectly and other times he sinned against God. Do you remember king Saul? The difference between king Saul and king David was that David always repented of his sin and sought forgiveness from God.

One time when Jesus, the Great Shepherd, was eating at a man's house, a woman came and put perfume on Jesus and washed his feet with her own tears and hair. She even kissed his feet. This woman had lived a life of sin; but, she placed her faith in Jesus and sought forgiveness from God. Jesus said that her sins were forgiven and that her faith had saved her.

If you want to be forgiven, then you too must place your faith in God and repent of your sins.

That's the story for tonight. I'll see you later! Baaa-ye

CLOSING

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

(KB enters)

KB: Welcome back friends. It's time for...KB's Kwiz!

SLIDE

Please welcome tonight's contenders. Over on this side, the prophet of God, the guy with the three letter name, Gad! And over on this side, the builder of the temple, David Jr., Solomon! Let's get ready to rumble!

QUESTIONS

And that's KB's Kwiz! Thanks for joining me. Goodbaaa-ye!

Lesson 22

2 Samuel 23; Psalms

THE MIGHTY MEN AND THE PSALMS OF DAVID

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! Tonight's verses are, "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb...Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen! Revelation 7:10, 12

Tonight, let's think about the first part of the verse. It says that salvation belongs to God and to the Lamb.

The first question I have for you is: Who is the Lamb? John the Baptist knew. When he saw Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" Paul called Jesus "our Passover Lamb." Peter agreed with Paul and said that Jesus' blood was like that of a Passover Lamb that was without spot or blemish. The book of Revelation makes it clear that the Lamb is Jesus. So salvation belongs to God and Jesus.

All year long we have been talking about the salvation of God. How he saves us from our sins. God saved us from being punished. God saved us by sending the Son of God, Jesus, to the earth where he took on himself a body. He lived a perfect life and then gave that life as a sacrifice for all those who would believe in him. Salvation belongs to Jesus because he made salvation by his death and resurrection.

Salvation belongs to Jesus and he gives it to all those whom God chooses. Since it belongs to him, you cannot do anything to earn it. You can't save yourself.

Let's sing these verses about that great Jesus who owns salvation.

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

WORD: Hey KB! Are you there?

(KB enters)

KB: Here I am! Hey friends.

WORD: So KB, do you have a story for the kids tonight?

KB: No, not exactly.

WORD: Should I be afraid to ask? What are you doing then?

KB: I don't have a story about David, but I thought we should talk about two important things in the life of David.

WORD: I see. What are those two things?

KB: David's Mighty Men and the Psalms of David.

WORD: Ah, I see. Well, take it away KB

(Word exits)

KB: Thanks Word. Let's talk about David's Mighty Men. That sounds pretty cool doesn't it? The Mighty Men were the best warriors in all of Israel. If you were the enemy coming up against these guys you'd want to run away. Here comes David now to introduce you to the Mighty Men!

(David enters)

DAVID: Ladies and gentleman, boys and girls, welcome to the mightiest show on earth. I have a great lineup of warriors for you tonight. Up first is Jashobeam the Hacmonite.

(Jashobeam enters with his spear and shows off his skills)

DAVID: Jashobeam was the leader of the Three. The three were the mightiest warriors among my men. He once used his spear to kill 800 enemy warriors in a single battle!

(Jashobeam exits. Eleazar enters with a sword and displays his skills)

DAVID: Next up is Eleazar son of Dodai, a descendant of Ahoah. Eleazar was number two of the Three. Once, Eleazar and I stood against the Philistines when the entire Israelite army had fled. "He killed Philistines until his hand was too tired to lift his sword,

and the Lord gave him a great victory that day. The rest of the army did not return until it was time to collect the plunder!”

(Eleazar exits. Shammah enters and displays his skills with the sword.)

DAVID: Next up is Shammah son of Agee from Harar. “One time the Philistines gathered at Lehi and attacked [my army] in a field full of lentils. The [army] fled, but Shammah held his ground in the middle of the field and beat back the Philistines. So the Lord brought about a great victory.”

(Eleazar and Jashobeam enter)

DAVID: “Once during the harvest, when [I] was at the cave of Adullam, the Philistine army was camped in the valley of Rephaim. The Three went down to meet [me] there. [I] was staying in the stronghold at the time, and a Philistine detachment had occupied the town of Bethlehem.

I told them “Oh, how I would love some of that good water from the well by the gate in Bethlehem.”

(The Three walk off to the side and talk to each other about getting the water and then exit. They return shortly with a bucket of water.)

DAVID: “The Three broke through the Philistine lines, drew some water from the well by the gate in Bethlehem, and brought it back to [me]. But I didn’t drink it. Instead I offered it up as a sacrifice to the Lord. I told them, “The Lord forbid that I should drink this! This water is as precious as the blood of these men who risked their lives to bring it to me.”

(The Three exit. Abishai enters)

DAVID: Besides the Three I had a group of men known as the Thirty. These were an elite group of warriors. Two of the most famous were Abishai and Benaiah. “Abishai son of Zeruiah, the brother of Joab, was the leader of the Thirty. He once used his spear to kill 300 enemy warriors in a single battle. It was by such feats that he became as famous as the Three. Abishai was the most famous of the Thirty and was their commander.

(Abashai exits and Benaiah enters and acts out his battles)

DAVID: “There was also Benaiah son of Jehoiada, a valiant warrior from Kabzeel. He did many heroic deeds, which included killing two champions of Moab. Another time, on a snowy day, he chased a lion down into a pit and killed it. Once, armed only with a club, he killed an imposing Egyptian warrior who was armed with a spear. Benaiah wrenched the spear from the Egyptian’s hand and killed him with it. Deeds like these made Benaiah as famous as the Three mightiest warriors. He was more honored than the other members of the Thirty. I made Benaiah the captain of my personal bodyguard.

(Benaiah exits)

KB: There was another member of the Thirty that we had already talked about. Uriah the Hittite, the man David had killed, was a member of the Thirty. But I’m guessing he doesn’t want to talk about that.

DAVID: Nope.

KB: So that was David’s Mighty Men. They were his trusted soldiers and he could count on them.

Now you know David was a great warrior but he was also a song writer. Did you know that many of the psalms in the book of Psalms were written by David? They were. David why don’t you recite one of your psalms for the kids?

DAVID: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

KB: Thanks buddy.

(David exits)

KB: The psalms of David have been used by the Jewish people in their worship since he wrote them. Many of them have been set to new music and are sung in churches around the world today.

Did you know that many of David's psalms talk about the Great Shepherd Jesus? Even though David lived long before Jesus, he wrote about him. The psalm that David just read to you is quoted several times in the New Testament in reference to Jesus.

Did you know that the whole Old Testament is about Jesus? After Jesus died and rose from the dead he appeared to the disciples and gave them their final instructions. There was a couple that were going to a town called Emmaus. Jesus walked with the couple and taught them about how the history, the Law, the writings of the prophets including the Psalms, were all about him.

That's the story for tonight. I'll see you later! Baaa-ye

CLOSING

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

(KB enters)

KB: Welcome back friends. It's time for...KB's Kwiz!

SLIDE

Please welcome tonight's contenders. Over on this side, the leader of the three, the spear wielding machine, Jashobeam! And over on this side, the number two, the defender of lentils, Shammah! Let's get ready to rumble!

QUESTIONS

And that's KB's Kwiz! Thanks for joining me. Goodbaaa-ye!

Lesson 23

1 Kings 1-2; 2 Samuel 23:1-7

THE DEATH OF DAVID

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone! Tonight's verses are, "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb...Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen! Revelation 7:10, 12

These verses talk about seven things that belong to God. They are: praise, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength. Each of these seven things are something that God has, or, is something that people should give to God.

Take praise for example. God is praise worthy because of who he is. Because he is praise worthy everyone should give him praise. God is glorious and people should give God glory. God is all wise and to seek wisdom in someone or something else would be silly. God deserves thanks because everything starts with God and all good gifts come from him. God does everything honorable and, therefore, deserves honor. God is all powerful. Sometimes we call him almighty or, here's a big word for you-omnipotent (that means all powerful). God is the ultimate authority in the universe, no one is in charge of him. God also has all strength, which means he can do whatever he wants to do. Nothing can stop him.

The verse ends by saying that these seven things belong to God forever and ever. There will never be a time when God is not in charge and does not have the strength to do what he wants. God will never be without honor. No one will ever be more wise than God. God will always deserve your thanks.

This is the God of the universe. This is the God that sent Jesus to be the savior. This is the God that calls people everywhere to find salvation in him. Let's sing praises to that God now!

Let's sing these verses about that great Jesus who owns salvation!

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

WORD: Hey KB! Are you there?

(KB enters)

KB: Hey Word.

WORD: Tonight is the last night for our David stories.

KB: I know. It's been a lot of fun this year.

WORD: It sure has, little buddy. Now, what story do you have for the kids tonight?

KB: Tonight is about the death of my friend David.

WORD: That's a good place to end. Take it away KB!

KB: Thanks Word.

(David enters and lies down in his bed)

KB: Now King David was very old and no matter what he did he could not stay warm.

DAVID: Can I get some more blankets over here?

(Adonijah enters)

KB: "About that time David's son Adonijah, whose mother was Haggith, began boasting."

ADONIJAH: "I will make myself king." Hmm..how can I go about doing this? I know! I'll need some chariots and charioteers. Yes! And I'll get about fifty guys and I'll have them run in front of me wherever I go. That'll get people's attention.

KB: Now his father, King David, had never disciplined him at any time, even by asking, “Why are you doing that?”

DAVID: Meh.

ADONIJAH: Next I’ll need to get some important people on my side like Joab.

(Joab enters.)

ADONIJAH: As you know, my father is dying and Israel needs a new king. That is why I have brought you here. Who else came?

JOAB: Abithar came but Zadok the priest, Benaiah, Nathan, Shimei, Rei, and the king’s bodyguard have refused to support you as the next king.

ADONIJAH: I don’t need them. Let’s go over to the Stone of Zohemoth near the spring of En-rogel. I’m going to sacrifice sheep, cattle and the fattened calves to announce my kingship. And I also want to invite all my brothers, all of king David’s sons, except Solomon to the party.

(Adonijah and Joab exit. Nathan and Bathsheba enter)

NATHAN: “Haven’t you heard that Haggith’s son, Adonijah, has made himself king, and our lord David doesn’t even know about it? If you want to save your own life and the life of your son Solomon, follow my advice. Go at once to King David and say to him, ‘My lord the king, didn’t you make a vow and say to me, “your son Solomon will surely be the next king and will sit on my throne”? Why then has Adonijah become king?’ And while you are still talking with him, I will come and confirm everything you have said.”

BATHSHEBA: Oh my goodness. Yes. I will go at once.

(Bathsheba walks over to David)

DAVID: “What can I do for you?”

BATHSHEBA: “My lord, you made a vow before the Lord your God when you said to me, ‘Your son Solomon will surely be the next king and will sit on my throne.’ But instead, Adonijah has made himself king, and my lord the king does not even know about it. He has sacrificed many cattle, fattened calves, and sheep, and he has invited

all the king's sons to attend the celebration. He also invited Abiathar the priest and Joab, the commander of the army. But he did not invite your servant Solomon. And now, my lord the king, all Israel is waiting for you to announce who will become king after you. If you do not act, my son Solomon and I will be treated as criminals as soon as my lord the king has died."

(Nathan walks over to David and bows, Bathsheba walks to side of stage.)

NATHAN: "My lord the king, have you decided that Adonijah will be the next king and that he will sit on your throne? Today he has sacrificed many cattle, fattened calves, and sheep, and he has invited all the king's sons to attend the celebration. He also invited the commanders of the army and Abiathar the priest. They are feasting and drinking with him and shouting, 'Long live King Adonijah!' But he did not invite me or Zadok the priest or Benaiah or your servant Solomon. Has my lord the king really done this without letting any of his officials know who should be the next king?"

DAVID: "Call Bathsheba!"

(Bathsheba walks back to David)

DAVID: "As surely as the Lord lives, who has rescued me from every danger, your son Solomon will be the next king and will sit on my throne this very day, just as I vowed to you before the Lord, the God of Israel."

BATHSHEBA: "May my lord King David live forever!"

(Bathsheba exits)

DAVID: "Take Solomon and my officials down to Gihon Spring. Solomon is to ride on my own mule. There Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet are to anoint him king over Israel. Blow the ram's horn and shout, 'Long live King Solomon!' Then escort him back here, and he will sit on my throne. He will succeed me as king, for I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and Judah."

(Nathan exits and returns with Solomon. People celebrating enter. Solomon sits on his throne.)

KB: And that is what they did. “And all the people followed Solomon into Jerusalem, playing flutes and shouting for joy. The celebration was so joyous and noisy that the earth shook with the sound.”

(Adonijah and Jonathan the priest enter)

ADONIJAH: Come in, Jonathan, “for you are a good man. You must have good news.”

JONATHAN: “Not at all! Our lord King David has just declared Solomon king! Solomon is now sitting on the royal throne as king. And all the royal officials have gone to King David and congratulated him, saying, ‘May your God make Solomon’s fame even greater than your own, and may Solomon’s reign be even greater than yours!’

DAVID ‘Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, who today has chosen a successor to sit on my throne while I am still alive to see it.’”

(Adonijah screams and runs)

ADONIJAH: “Let King Solomon swear today that he will not kill me!”

SOLOMON: “If [Adonijah] proves himself to be loyal, not a hair on his head will be touched. But if he makes trouble, he will die.”

(Everyone exits except KB, David and Solomon)

KB: As the time for King David’s death came near he gave some final words to his son Solomon.

(Solomon walks over to David in bed)

DAVID: “I am going where everyone on earth must someday go. Take courage and be a man. Observe the requirements of the Lord your God, and follow all his ways. Keep the decrees, commands, regulations, and laws written in the Law of Moses so that you will be successful in all you do and wherever you go. If you do this, then the Lord will keep the promise he made to me. He told me, ‘If your descendants live as they should and follow me faithfully with all their heart and soul, one of them will always sit on the throne of Israel.’

Also, don't let Joab grow old for he must be punished for the crimes he has committed. Be kind to the family of Brazillai, but make sure that Shimei meets a bloody death for his curse against me.

KB: "Then David died and was buried with his ancestors in the City of David. David had reigned over Israel for forty years, seven of them in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. Solomon became king and sat on the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was firmly established.

And that is the end of David's story. I hope that you have learned a lot about David but more importantly, about God and the Great Shepherd Jesus. One of the main themes that run throughout David's story is that God has a plan and no one can change or stop that plan. David's story ends with Adonijah trying to stop God's plan of making Solomon king; but, obviously, that didn't happen.

David knew that God had a plan for his life and for the lives of his ancestors. He said that one day, he would call one of his ancestors Lord. That ancestor of David would be Jesus. David looked forward to the time when Jesus would come and establish the throne of David forever. Jesus rules as king, the eternal king.

And that's the story of David. I'll see you later! Baaa-ye

CLOSING

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

(KB enters)

KB: Welcome back friends. It's time for...KB's Kwiz!

SLIDE

Please welcome tonight's contenders. Over on this side, the prophet of God, a loyal friend to David, Nathan! And over on this side, the young upstart, the guy who thought he could undo God's plan, Adonijah! Let's get ready to rumble!

QUESTIONS

And that's KB's Kwiz! Thanks for joining me. Goodbaaa-ye!

Lesson 24

Review

REVIEW NIGHT

WELCOME

MUSIC

WORD: Hello everyone. You have learned a lot of verses this year! So tonight we are going to go over all the verses. So stand up. Clear your throats. And get ready to do some singing!

BIBLE VERSE VIDEO

WORD: Now it's time for the Theo and Elly Gameshow!

SLIDE

(Word exits. Theo and Elly enter)

ELLY: Welcome to the Theo and Elly show!

THEO: That's right. It's review night and we are bringing you a new game to help review what you've learned so far.

ELLY: Tonight's game is a special Theo and Elly version of...Cash Cab

THEO: How did we get this cab?

ELLY: I don't know. I thought you got it.

THEO: Maybe I did? Oh well. It's here and let's go with it.

ELLY: So, in cash cab Theo and I will ask the questions and you'll have to answer them.

THEO: So that's basically like every game.

ELLY: Um, yeah.

THEO: OK, so our team captain for this side over here is, the one and only, David!

ELLY: And on this side, the beautiful queen, the mother of Solomon, Bathsheba!

THEO: Queen versus King! Let the games begin!

(Use the powerpoint game. Have questions and answers written out for puppeteers as they Ad Lib throughout the game.)