

GLENVIEW NEW CHURCH SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAM
Primary Lessons: Phase 3 – Lesson 26
David As King (II Samuel 11, 12)

I. Underlying Ideas for the Teacher

- A. The people we learn about in the Word do both good and evil things, just as we ourselves do.
- B. Good is rewarded, and evil is punished.
- C. Bringing the ark to Jerusalem describes our recognition that the commandments are essential in our lives.
- D. The enemies of Israel represent our evils and false ideas. The battles are our struggles with temptation. It was David's obedience to the Lord that allowed the enemies to be conquered. In fighting temptations, we must obey the Lord and His commandments.
- E. The death of David and Bathsheba's firstborn shows that every wrong we do destroys something good in us which might have grown up to give us great happiness.

II. Story Circle

- A. Introduce the Story
 - 1. Last time we learned that king Saul was jealous of David, a shepherd boy whom the Lord had told Samuel to anoint as the next king of Israel after Saul. Saul's son, Jonathan, was a good friend to David, and he helped save David's life when Saul wanted to kill him.
 - 2. Eventually Saul and Jonathan were killed in a battle with the Philistines, and David became king. One of the first things he did as king was to capture Jerusalem and bring the ark there. He built a new tabernacle for the ark on Mount Zion, one of the hills in Jerusalem. As David moved the ark there, he and the people played music before the Lord. And when the ark rested in the tabernacle, David made offerings to the Lord and blessed the people in the name of the Lord.
 - 3. David was a great king! He did not trust in himself as Saul had done, but instead David obeyed the Lord, so the Lord could be with him. Because the Lord was with him, David conquered all the enemies of Israel while he was king. So the children of Israel were finally settled in the land of Canaan.
 - 4. But David was not perfect. Although he always obeyed the commands the Lord gave him through the prophet, Nathan, he did not always obey the Ten Commandments.

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5. Our story today is about David and how he came to have Bathsheba for a wife.

B. Tell/Read the Story

1. One day David saw a beautiful woman named Bathsheba. He already had many wives, but he wanted to marry Bathsheba also. She was already married to Uriah, a brave man fighting in David's army. So David told the army commander to put Uriah up front where he would be killed in battle. Uriah did die in the fighting, and David married Bathsheba. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.
2. Read II Samuel 12:1– 7, 9, 13– 15.

C. Ideas to Discuss

1. Literal Sense

- a. Who was the second king of Israel? (David)
- b. Who anointed him? (Samuel) How did Samuel know whom to anoint? (The Lord told him.)
- c. Who became David's very good friend? (Jonathan, king Saul's son)
- d. How did Saul and Jonathan die? (in battle against Philistines)
- e. What city did David take? (Jerusalem)
- f. What did he bring to Jerusalem? (the ark)
- g. What great thing did David do for Israel? (conquered all enemies)
- h. What bad thing did David do? (He had Uriah killed so that he could marry Uriah's wife, Bathsheba.)
- i. Who did the Lord send to rebuke David? (Nathan, the prophet)
- j. What story did Nathan tell to David? (About a rich man who took away a poor man's only lamb)
- k. How did David think the rich man should be punished? (die)
- l. How did Nathan answer him? (He said, "You are the man.")
- m. Was David sorry for his evil act? (yes)
- n. What was David's punishment? (The first son born to him and Bathsheba would die.)

2. Further Ideas

- a. David was a great king, and he did many good things for Israel: He captured the city of Jerusalem and made it the most important city in Israel. (Sometimes it was called City of David or Zion.) He moved the ark to Jerusalem and put it in a new tabernacle there.
He conquered all Israel's enemies.
He made Israel larger by conquering more land.
David could do all these things because he obeyed the Lord and the Lord was with Him.

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- b. But sometimes David didn't obey the Lord's commandments. Then he was punished, and he was sad. When he wanted to marry Bathsheba, which 2 commandments did he break? (The commandments about not hurting marriage— — don't commit adultery— — and about not killing.) So he was punished by having their first child die. But David was sorry, and the Lord forgave him. Then David and Bathsheba had another son named Solomon, and Solomon eventually became the next king of Israel!
- c. We are like David. When we do what is right, the Lord can make us happy. Everything seems to go well. And when we do something bad, it brings us unhappiness. But if we are sorry, the Lord can make us happy again.

III. Enrichment Activities

A. Music

1. "As warriors true," HYMNAL 1173.
2. "I pray Thee, Lord, to guide my ways," HYMNAL #169.
3. "Every child in heaven," HYMNAL #149.
4. "Father in heaven," HYMNAL #152.

B. Activities

While children are doing the project, or when they are finished, discuss whether they would be happy or sad in circumstances described by the teacher to illustrate that obedience brings happiness, and disobedience brings its own punishment.

C. Project:

KING DAVID: HAPPY WHEN HE OBEYED, SAD WHEN HE DISOBEYED

Children cut out a figure of King David from stiff paper. Give him a happy face on one side and a sad face on the other. Give him a gold crown and fine clothes fit for a king!

IV. Teaching Aids

Illustrations of the David story, especially during his reign as king.

(You can find these in David by Maud and Misha Petersham, and in the Teaching Pictures Flip Chart on David.)

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V. Further Reading for the Teacher

- A. Dole's BIBLE STUDY NOTES, Vol. 3, "The Ark Brought to Jerusalem" (II Samuel 6), pp. 145– 158,
- B. Dole's BIBLE STUDY NOTES, Vol. 3, "David and Nathan the Prophet" (II Samuel 12:1– 25), pp. 159– 173.
- C. SAUL, DAVID, AND SOLOMON by Hugo U. Odhner, Chapters 5, 6, and 7.