

God Chooses David

David, a young shepherd, picked up the smallest lamb. “How small and tiny you are,” he said quietly as he petted the animal’s head. “Don’t worry little lamb,” he continued. “Someday you’ll be as big and as strong as any of these sheep.”

David put the lamb down beside him on the soft, green grass. He picked up his harp and played a song, singing words about God and His goodness.

How happy David was! He loved the green meadow. He loved the tiny lambs and the big sheep. He loved to sing and play his harp. But most of all, deep in his heart, David loved God.

Many times during the day, David prayed to God. He told God how much he loved Him, and thanked Him for the beautiful world He had made. David knew God was his special friend. He knew that God loved him too, and would always take care of him.

One day as David was taking care of the sheep, a man brought him a message from home. “David, come quickly!” the man exclaimed. “The Prophet Samuel is at your father’s home and he wants to see you!”

David knew that the Prophet Samuel was a very important man. He

knew that Samuel was a worker for God. Many times, God would tell Samuel what was going to happen in the future. But David didn't know why Samuel wanted to see him.

He didn't know that God had sent Samuel to David's own house to find the future king of the people of Israel. Samuel had already looked at David's older brothers. As each brother walked by him, Samuel had thought, Surely this is the one! But each time God said no. Samuel saw only fine looking men, but God was looking at their hearts.

David hurried home. He was almost out of breath from running so fast. Samuel saw what a good-looking

young man he was; his cheeks were red, his hair was blown by the wind, and his skin was brown from the sun.

When God looked at David's heart He saw something very special. He knew David would be a good king. God spoke to Samuel's heart. He told Samuel to anoint David to be the next king of Israel.

Samuel obeyed God. He took oil and poured it on David's head. All of David's family saw Samuel do it. They knew that God had chosen David to be the next king.

From that day on, David loved God even more. He knew God had a special plan for his life. He knew God would always be by his side.

Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct words and write them on the blank lines.

David

Samuel

heart

brothers

1. God sent _____ to find the next king.
2. Samuel went to see Jesse's _____.
3. Jesse was David's _____.
4. David had seven older _____.
5. God saw that David's _____ was good.
6. God chose _____ to be the new king.

father

sons

Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

We are starting a unit on the life of one of the most well-known and loved Bible characters—David. Our study will begin with David as the young shepherd who was anointed to be the future king of Israel.

Your child will learn that David was chosen because God looked at his heart and recognized qualities there that would make him a good king. To visualize this thought with your child, help him draw a heart on a piece of paper. Provide him with magazines or newspapers, and let him look through these and find words which tell what might have been in David's heart. (If he cannot find whole words, let him cut out letters to form appropriate words.) Have him paste the words he finds inside the heart outline.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

Sunday: I Samuel 16:7

Monday: Luke 12:2

Tuesday: Psalm 44:21

Wednesday: Psalm 33:13-15

Thursday: Romans 8:27

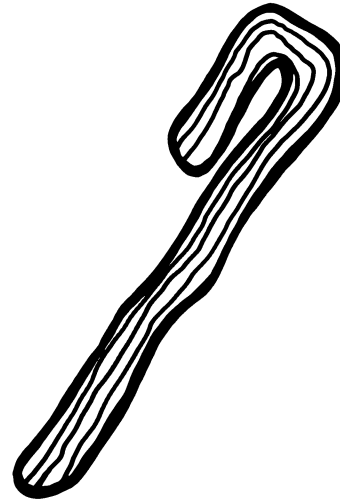
Friday: II Timothy 2:19

Saturday: Proverbs 21:2

Bible Text

I Samuel 13:14; 16:4-13

Acts 13:22



Memory Verse

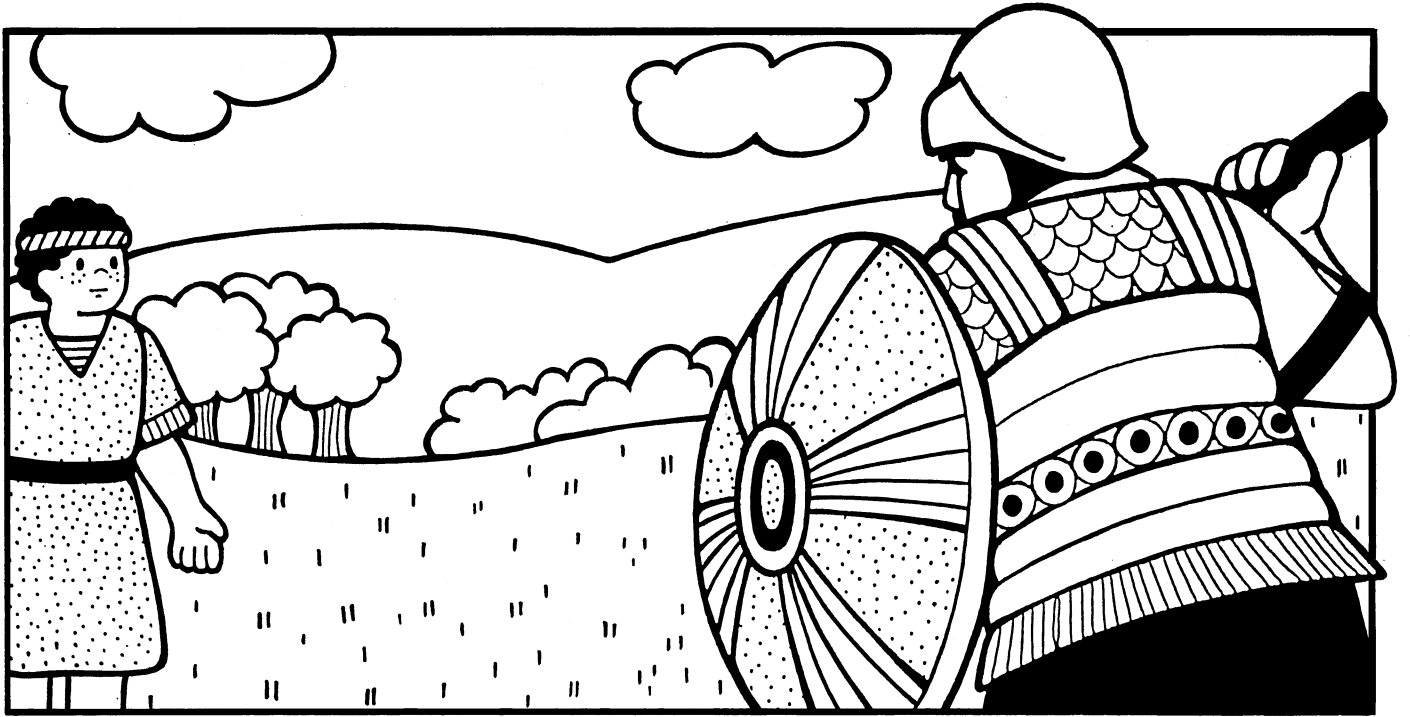
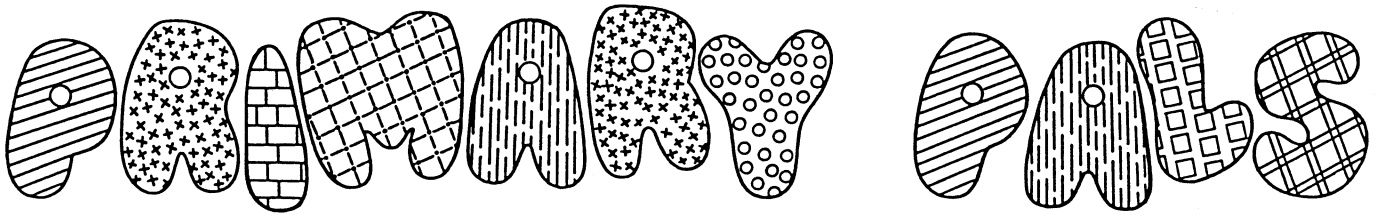
Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. — I Samuel 16:7

Chosen by God

Samuel anointed David. That means Samuel poured oil on David's head to show that he was God's choice for king. Color the picture below.



Name: _____



My God is Stronger!

“Who wants to fight me?” shouted the big, mean giant. “You’re all afraid!” he roared. “Come on out from your hiding places. I dare you! We’ll see who is the strongest!”

David, just a young shepherd, watched as the giant called to the people. He looked around expecting to see a brave soldier from the army of Israel rush out to fight Goliath, the giant. But no one moved.

David was surprised. He asked some nearby soldiers, “Who is this Philistine? Why does he make fun of Israel?” Goliath may be strong, thought David, but my God is

stronger. Then David realized that everyone was afraid. “I’ll fight Goliath,” David said as he jumped to his feet. “God has always taken care of me. He will protect me now when I fight this giant.”

David was taken to King Saul. King Saul was surprised when he saw how young David was. He tried to talk David out of fighting Goliath, but David told Saul all about his God and how he knew that God would help him.

King Saul put his own armor on David. But David could not go out to meet Goliath dressed like that. He

took it off because his trust was in God, not in the armor.

David ran down into the valley without any armor at all, his sling in his hand. He found a small stream of water and searched for some smooth stones. When he had found five stones he put them into his shepherd's pouch. Then he went to fight Goliath.

Goliath was angry when he saw David coming! Why, Goliath was over nine feet tall and David was so much smaller! How Goliath raged!

David wasn't afraid when he heard Goliath. He called out, "I come to you in the name of the Lord." David told

Goliath that God would win the battle. Then everyone would know how great the God of Israel was.

David put a stone in his sling. He ran toward the giant, swinging the sling around and around. Suddenly, David let the stone fly. THUD! The stone hit the giant right in the head. Down he went, flat on his face! God helped David defeat the giant.

David was right! His God was greater than a giant. His God was stronger than a giant. He didn't have to be afraid.

God loves and helps all of us too. God's people never have to be afraid.

Hidden Words

Find and circle the hidden words in the puzzle below.

A word search puzzle grid is shown, consisting of a 10x10 grid of letters. To the left of the grid is a list of words to find. The grid is partially obscured by a pattern of overlapping lines and dots.

Words to Find:

- LORD
- SAUL
- DAVID
- SLING
- SPEAR
- SWORD
- ISRAEL
- STONES
- GOLIATH
- PHILISTINE

Word Search Grid:

S	A	G	O	L	I	A	T	H	B
C	L	N	D	J	S	D	E	K	L
D	F	I	O	G	R	W	M	H	O
A	I	L	N	J	A	K	O	P	R
V	L	S	M	G	E	U	N	R	D
I	O	P	R	S	L	A	P	T	D
D	S	E	G	S	T	O	N	E	S
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B	D	R	H	E	R	S	A	U	L
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Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

This Bible story is one that is sure to stir the imagination of your child—the story of David confronting the giant, Goliath, and winning a mighty victory for the Children of Israel through his courage. The emphasis for this lesson is that God will be with those who trust in Him.

The Philistine champion was reported to be over nine feet tall. To illustrate to your child how high this is, measure that distance and have him stand beside it.

A simple shepherd's pouch can be made by cutting a circle from a brown paper bag approximately 7" in diameter. Punch small holes around the circle, about 1/2" from the edge. Crumple the circle between your hands to make it resemble leather. Thread a cord through the holes and pull up to form a pouch. Let your child search for five smooth stones to put into the pouch.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

Sunday: Isaiah 12:2

Monday: II Timothy 1:7

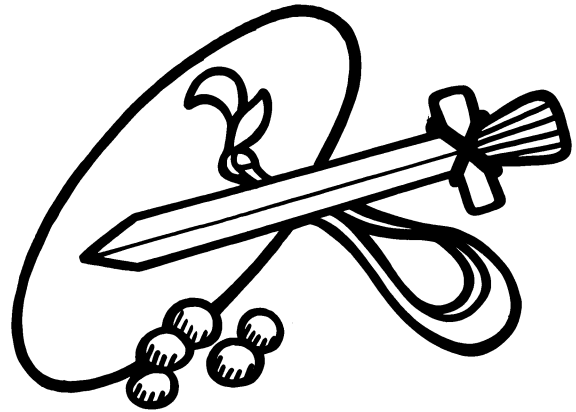
Tuesday: Mark 9:23

Wednesday: Proverbs 3:5

Thursday: Jeremiah 17:7

Friday: Psalm 145:18

Saturday: Psalm 27:1



Bible Text

I Samuel 17:17-51

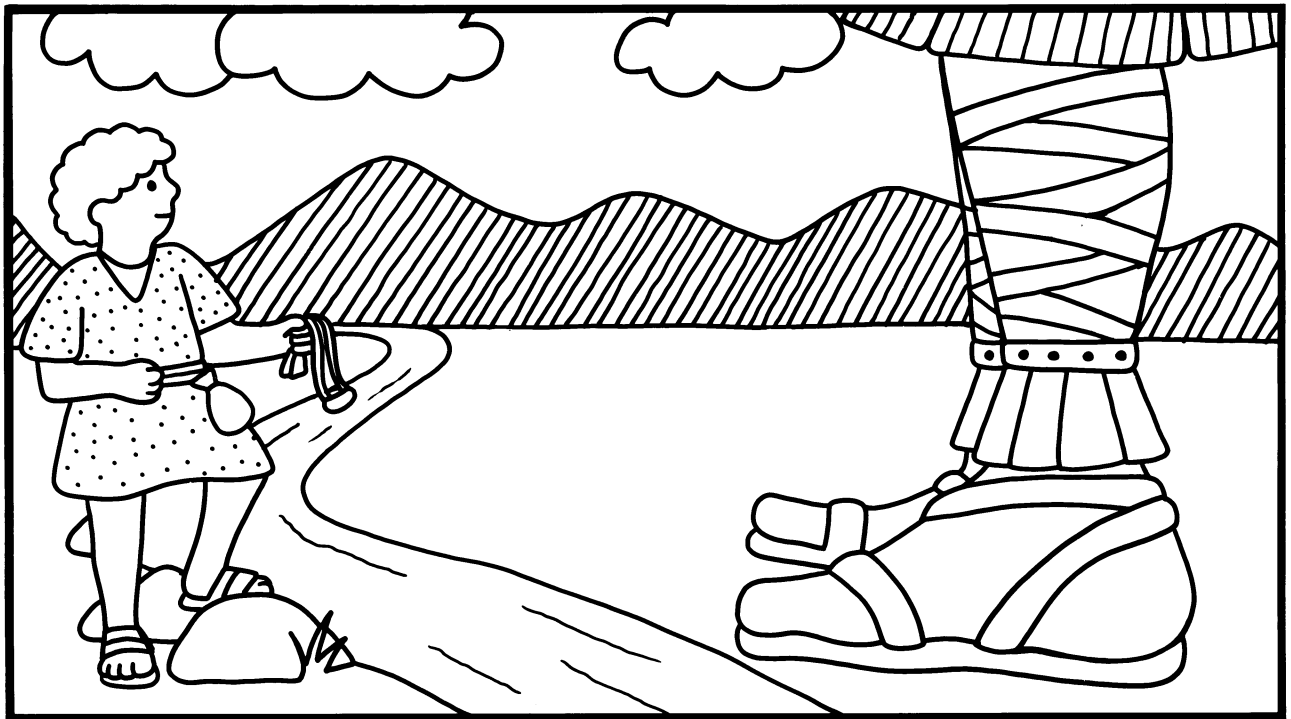
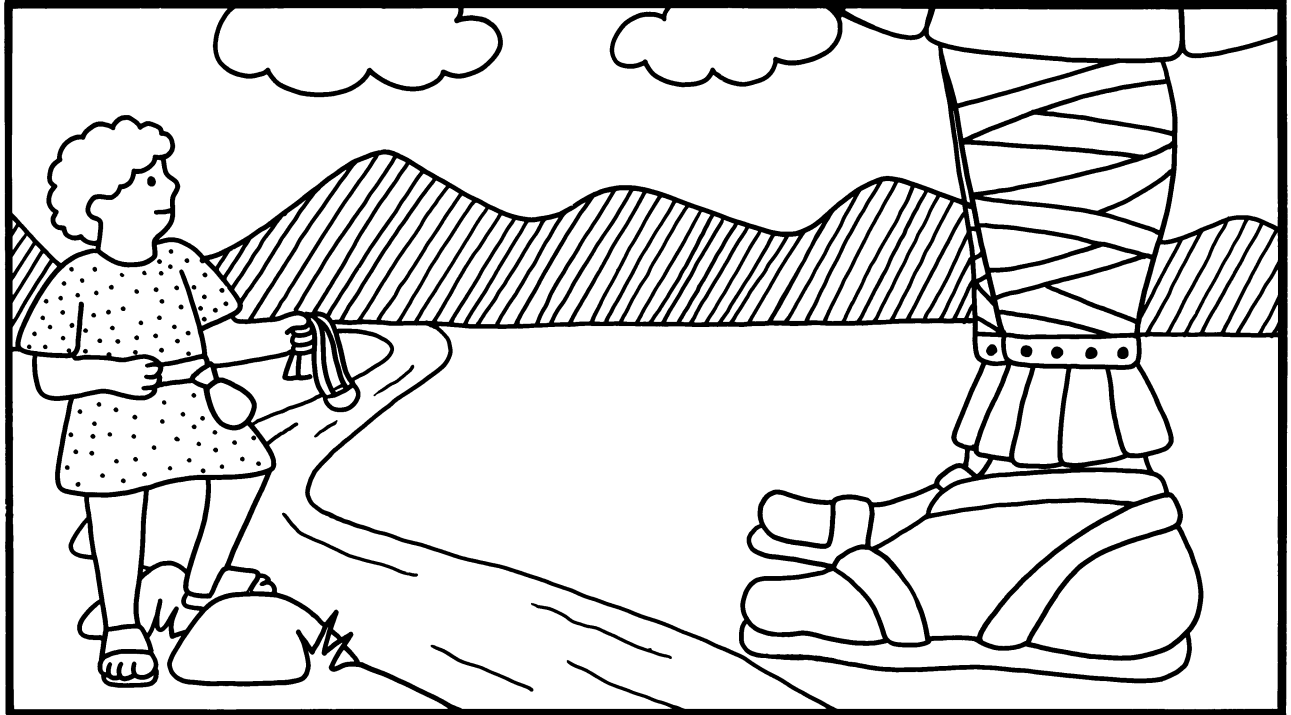
Isaiah 26:3

Memory Verse

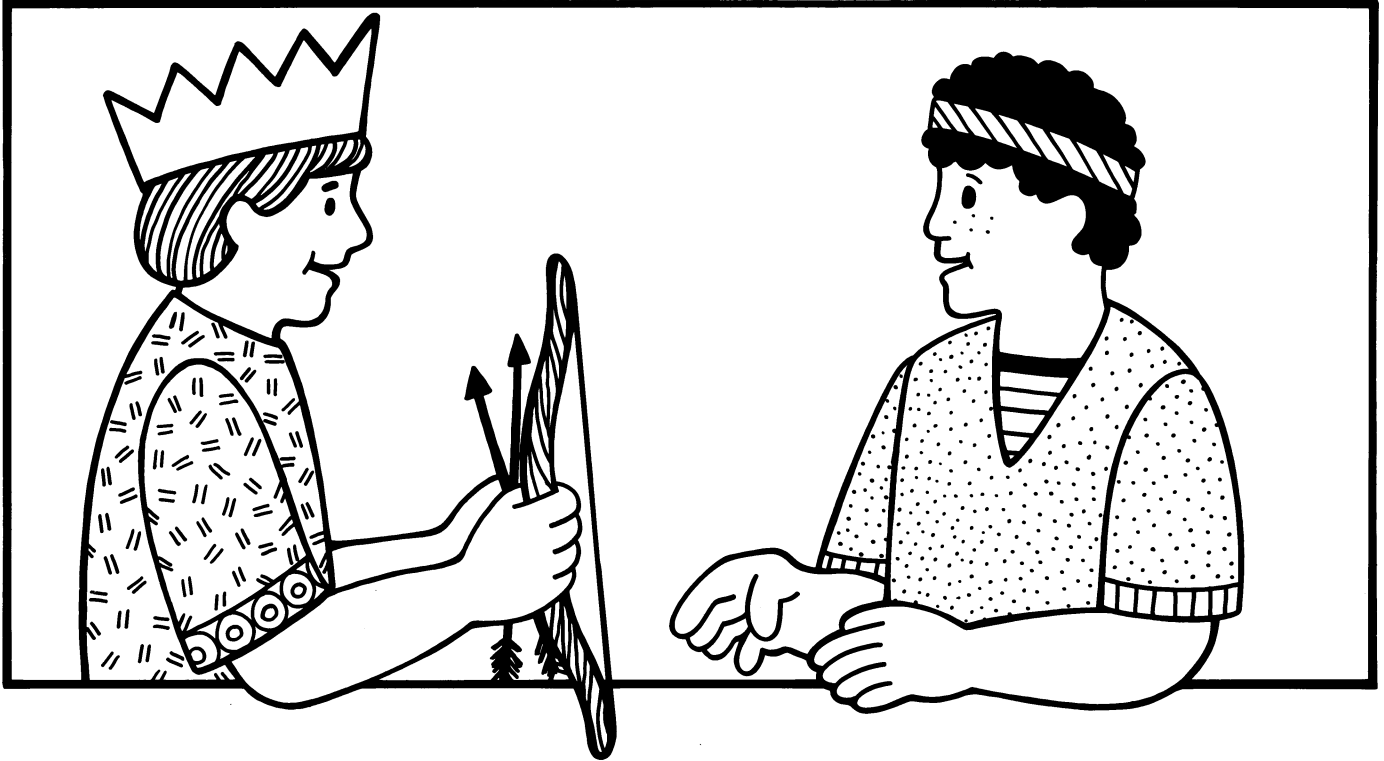
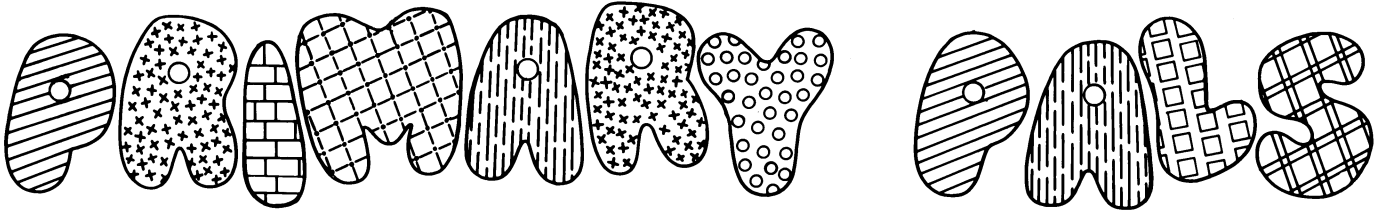
I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song. — Isaiah 12:2

What's the Difference?

Look carefully at the pictures below. At first glance they may look alike but there are six things that are different in the two pictures. Can you find them?



Name: _____



Best of Friends

How would you like to have a prince for a friend? That would be exciting, wouldn't it? Imagine getting to visit in a palace!

David, the young shepherd who killed the giant, Goliath, was not just going to visit a palace. He was going to live there! He would stay with Jonathan, King Saul's son. Jonathan would be his friend. How excited David must have been!

Jonathan was happy too. He thought David was the bravest person he knew. He also knew that David loved God. Jonathan loved God too.

At last the great day came. David

arrived at the palace. The two young men became good friends. To show David how much he liked him, Jonathan gave David some of his very own clothes to wear. Now David was dressed just like a prince! Then Jonathan gave David his own special sword and bow. He was not jealous of David, even though he knew that some day David would be king instead of him.

David was only a poor shepherd and he had nothing to give to Jonathan in return, except his friendship. He promised always to be a good friend to Jonathan.

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Parent's Corner

David and Jonathan had a beautiful friendship, despite their differences in background and position in society. We want your child to know that true friends love each other in good times as well as bad.

Help your child make a "Friendship Booklet" to give to a special friend. Across the top of each page let him write the words, "A friend is _____," and then finish the sentence. He might also like to illustrate the message.

Punch holes in the left side of each page and thread the pages together with brightly colored yarn.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

Sunday: Proverbs 17:17

Monday: John 15:13-15

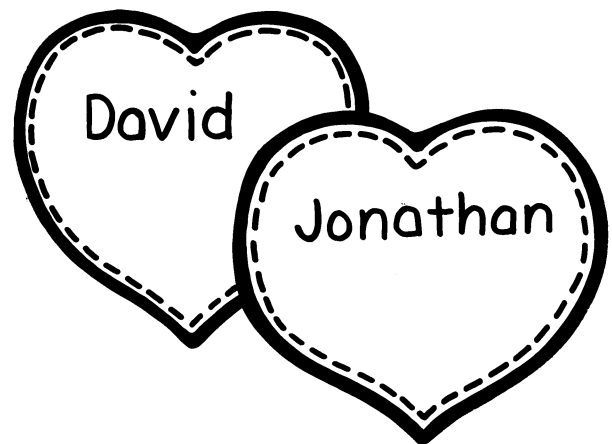
Tuesday: John 13:35

Wednesday: Acts 2:42

Thursday: I Thessalonians 5:15

Friday: Proverbs 18:24

Saturday: I John 3:11



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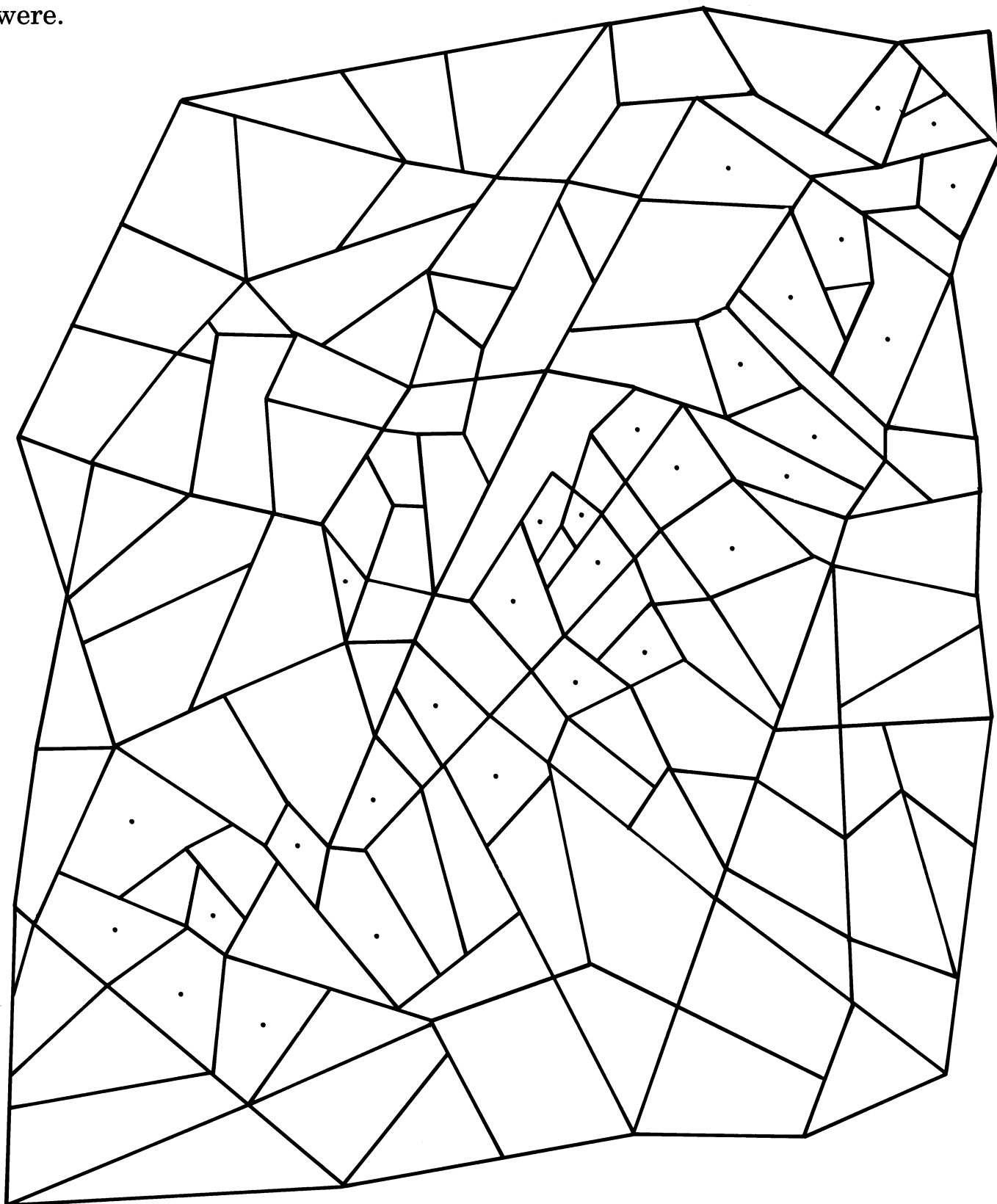
I Samuel 18:1-4; 19:1-7;
20:11-23,35-42

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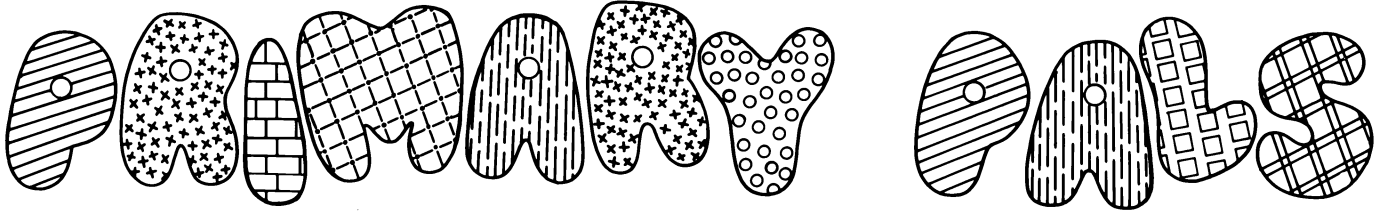
A friend loveth at all times. — Proverbs 17:17

Someone Special

Color the spaces that have dots inside. You will see what David and Jonathan were.



Name: _____



The Special Day

David pulled on his new shirt and, with a big grin on his face, ran down the stairs to breakfast.

“Say, you’re speedy this morning,” his mother smiled as she buttered the toast. “Breakfast isn’t even quite ready and here you are, all bright and shining.”

“Today’s the day, Mom!” David reminded her, “I’ve been waiting and waiting, and at last it’s here.”

“That’s right,” his mother agreed. “I know how much you’ve looked forward to this, and I hope it turns out to be a super-special day for you.”

David’s big sister Jessica came into

the kitchen just in time to hear the last of what her mother said. “What’s so special about today?” she asked. “Must be something important to get David down here before me!”

“Today David starts his time at school as Student of the Week,” her mother reminded her. “Remember, Mrs. Elgin sent home a calendar at the first of the school year assigning each child a special week. And David’s turn is finally here!”

Jessica grinned. “That’s funny,” she said. “I was just reading in my Bible about another David who had to wait a long time for something important.

It's our Sunday school lesson for next week."

"Tell me about him," David said, looking up from the plate of scrambled eggs his mother had placed in front of him.

"Well," Jessica started, "our lesson is about David who killed the giant, Goliath, remember?"

David nodded. "Sure. That's one of my favorite stories."

"Even before that happened, David knew that someday he would be king," Jessica went on. "God's prophet, Samuel, had come to his father's house one day. God told Samuel to choose David from all his brothers, and anoint him to be the next king of Israel."

"How come he didn't just make him king right then?" David asked.

Jessica looked a little puzzled. "I'm not sure . . . Mom, what do you think?"

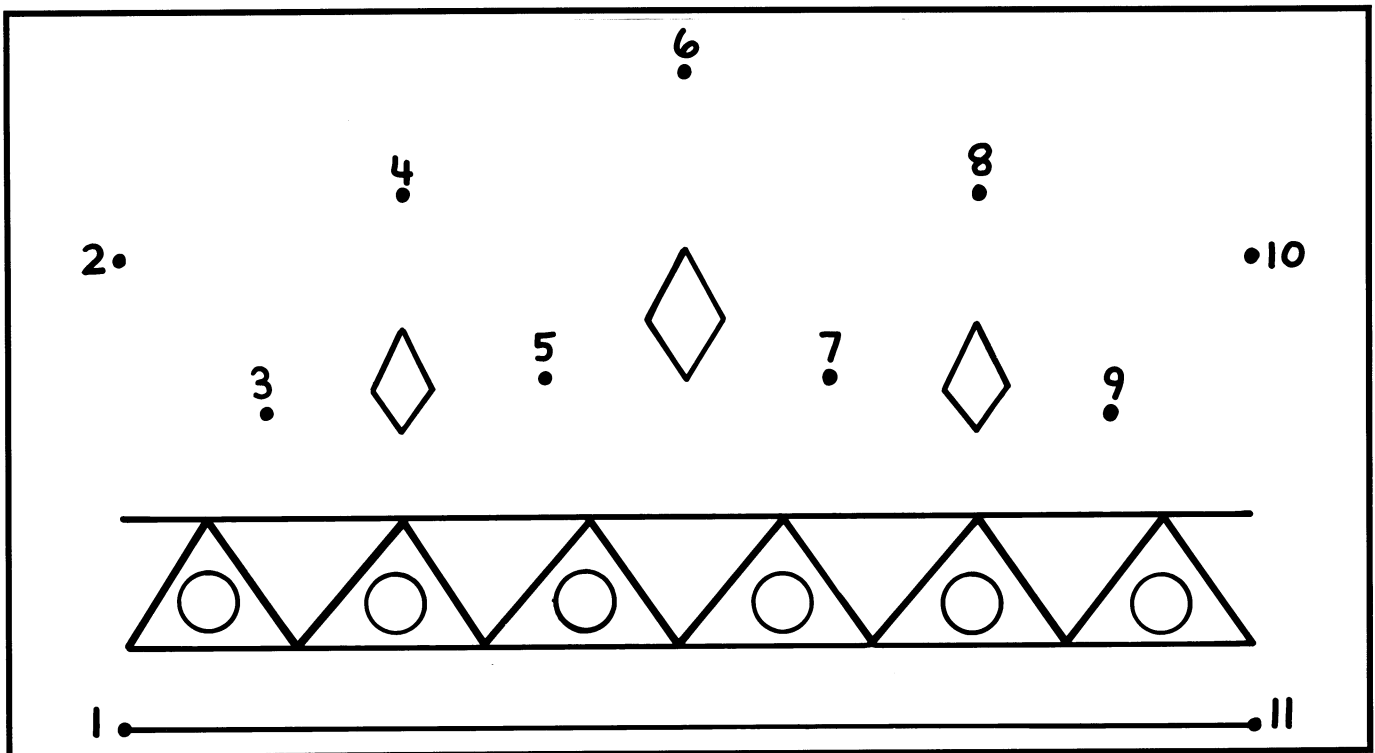
"Well, I believe it was because God knew the best time for David to become king. Perhaps there were more lessons David needed to learn about trusting God and looking to Him for help. David had to wait and be patient for a while."

Jessica nodded. "Anyway, David did wait, and one day God's promise to him came true."

David finished his breakfast. "And this David had to wait too, but today's the day! I wonder if that other David was as excited as I am when his big day finally came."

Dot-to-Dot

Connect the dots to finish the king's crown.



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The final lesson of this unit brings out the climax of David's becoming king of Israel at last. Your child should learn that David saw the promise fulfilled which was made when he was anointed to be king. This will be related to their day-to-day living by the assurance that God will also keep His promises to us.

Talk with your child about what a promise is, and the importance of keeping one's promise. Encourage him to make a promise to someone this week—perhaps a job he will do for someone or something of this nature. Help him write it down, and post it where it can serve as a reminder.

When the promise is fulfilled, let him place a smiley face sticker on the written promise, and reward him with a small prize or a special treat of some kind.

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Monday: I Chronicles 11:3

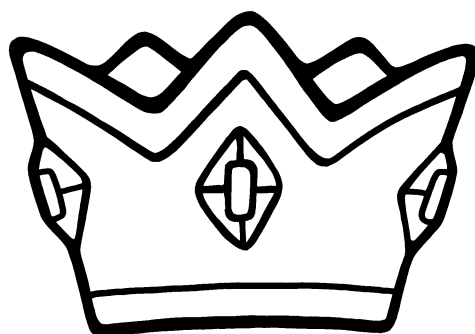
Tuesday: Psalm 28:8

Wednesday: Romans 4:21

Thursday: Luke 21:33

Friday: Ezekiel 12:25

Saturday: I John 2:25



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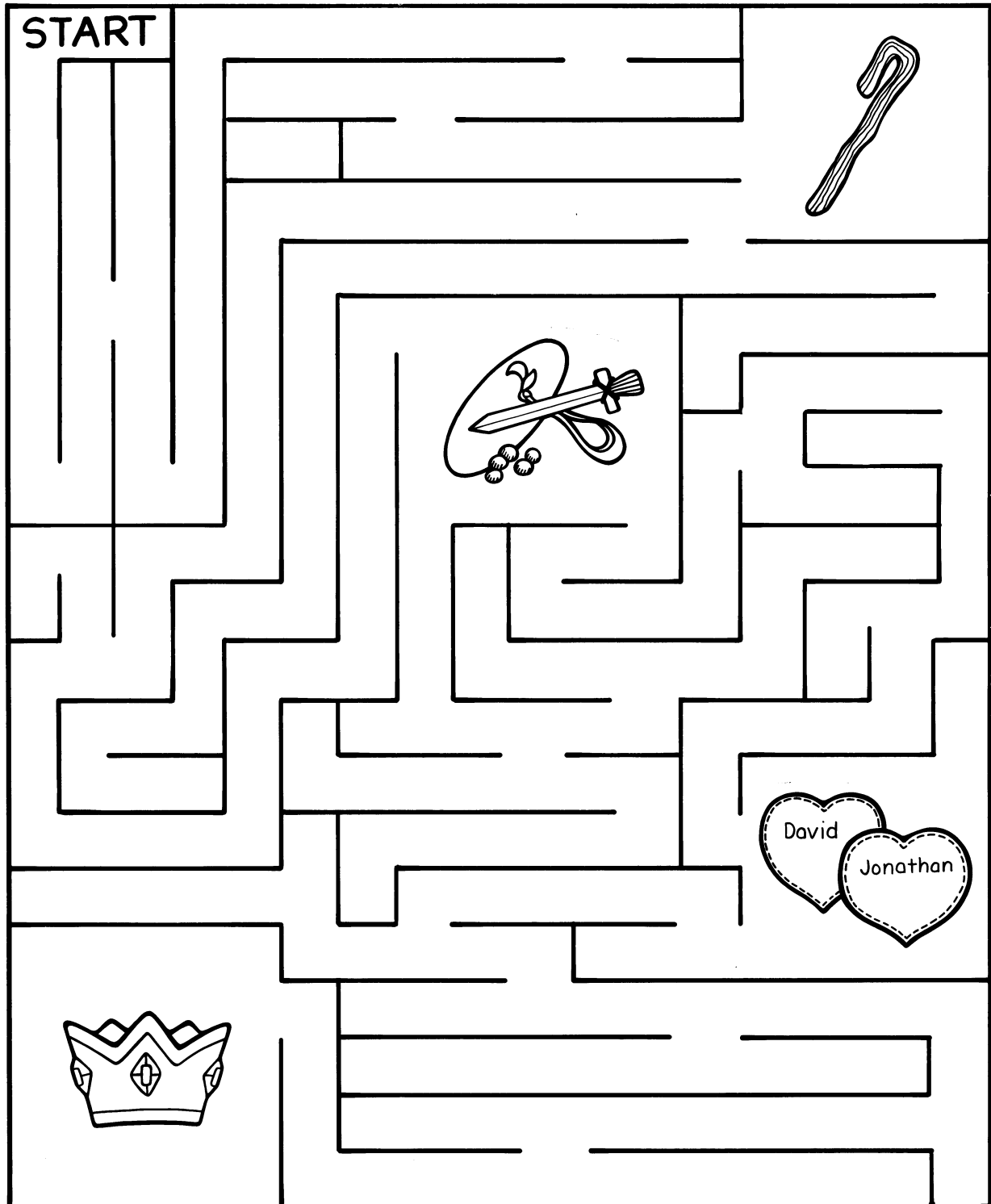
II Samuel 2:1-7; 5:1-5

Memory Verse

Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel.
— II Samuel 12:7

King at Last!

David was chosen to be king while he was a young man, but it was many years before he finally received the crown. Follow through the maze to see the different things that happened to David before he was at last made king.



Name: _____