

Unit 6 at a Glance

Kings

Unit Overview

The students continue their Old Testament survey as they move from the book of Judges to the book of Kings. The excitement never ends from the victory of David over Goliath to the completion of Solomon's temple. This is a journey of extraordinary hearts, courage, friendships and devotion to God designed to motivate the students to have a heart that pleases God.

Unit Goals

- The students will understand that God knows what is in a person's heart.
- The students will understand that God wants them to respect and obey their leaders.
- The students will learn that their best friends should love and obey God.

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Lesson 1 David Anointed

Scripture Memory Verse 1 Samuel 16:7

The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.

"Last but not least" describes the way David was selected to lead Israel as king and as victor over Goliath. God knew what was in David's heart and blessed his pure faith and shepherd's heart. The students will consider how they can imitate David's heart.

Lesson 2 David and Saul

Scripture Memory Verse Proverbs 14:30

A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.

Saul slowly lost the respect of Israel and eventually his relationship with God. With a heart full of envy, jealousy and pride, Saul became David's arch rival. The students will be challenged to think of ways that they will overcome envy in their own relationships.

Lesson 3 David and Jonathan

Scripture Memory Verse Psalm 133:1

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!

Extraordinary just begins to describe the friendship between David and Jonathan. Loyal and selfless devotion was the hallmark of these two friends. The students will consider the outcome of that relationship as they see their own need for their friends to love God.

Lesson 4 David's Mighty Men

Scripture Memory Verse 2 Chronicles 16:9

For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

Mighty in deed, David's men were mighty indeed! God's power is displayed powerfully through David's men, and will inspire the students also to do mighty things for God.

Lesson 5 The Reign of Solomon

Scripture Memory Verse Proverbs 9:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Solomon's zeal for God's house is central to this lesson. The students will consider why wisdom is valuable and why they should fear God.

Lesson 6 Ecclesiastes

Scripture Memory Verse Ecclesiastes 12:13

Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

"Meaningless" takes on new meaning in this lesson. Not only will the students learn the central message of Ecclesiastes, but they will also develop new ideas for ways to obey God's commandments.



3rd and 4th Grades

Dear Parent,

In this unit, the students continue their Old Testament survey as they move from Judges to Kings. The excitement never ends from the moment that David conquers Goliath to the completion of Solomon's temple. This is a journey of extraordinary hearts, courage, friendships and devotion to God designed to motivate the students to have a heart that pleases God.

On the reverse side of this page, you will find an outline and a description of the lessons that comprise this unit. Included with each lesson is a Scripture Memory Verse for you to review with your child at home.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways you can reinforce these lessons at home:

- Have a devotional on friendship. Look up different passages in the Old and New Testament that focus on great relationships in God's kingdom.
- Designate a "Best Friends" day in your home. Host a special evening designed to honor your best friends and thank them specifically for the ways they encourage you to love and obey God.
- Show pictures of your best friends in the kingdom and share specific things about each person that you admire and respect.
- Help your child to start his or her own "David and Jonathan" scrapbook, highlighting special friends and memories.
- Make a list of non-christian friends that you want to share with as a family. Pray for the list and watch God move!

We look forward to being partners with you to help your child grow to know and love God more.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers