

## Lesson 11: 1 Samuel & 2 Samuel



Time allotted: 1 hour

**Week: (Sunday, 10/12/14 –Saturday, 10/18/14)**

Calendar Significance: Columbus Day is Monday October 13th, some children will not have school and may be traveling. Class size may be different.

**Plan ahead:** Halloween is at the end of the month. Coordinate an activity with your church for the children that is a safe alternative to traditional trick or treating. Some churches celebrate “All Saints Day” or hold “Fall Festivals.”

**Background:** There are two books of Samuel. The 1st book of Samuel tells how the Israelites became a kingdom. The last of Israel’s judges is Samuel. After Samuel, Saul becomes Israel’s first King. David kills Goliath and joins Saul’s army. Saul dies. In the 2nd book of Samuel, David becomes King and rules for 40 years. During this time, Israel becomes a great nation.

**Warm Up:** Complete student worksheet page 57. Teacher answer sheet page 56.

\_\_\_\_\_ write your time for this activity (Example 9:00 - 9:15 AM) **Allotted time 15 minutes.**

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\_\_\_\_\_ write your time for this activity (Example 9:15 - 9:35 AM) **Allotted time 20 minutes.**

Cut out scripture verses on page 55 and hand out to children to look up verses.

Read **1 Samuel 8: 1-5**. This passage explains why the people wanted a king. In Chapter 10, Saul is made king. However, **1 Samuel 12: 17** states that the people did not completely trust God or they would not have asked for a king.

In the book of Samuel we learn the story of David and Goliath. Tell the children that they should ask their parents to read the story to them or they could practice reading out loud to their parents. Ask the children to raise their hand if they have heard the story before. Read **1 Samuel 17: 45** then read **1 Samuel 17: 48-49**.

After David defeats Goliath, he becomes popular and well liked. In **1 Samuel 18**, Saul sends David on many missions. David is so successful that Saul rewards him with a high rank in the military. Due to his large success, Saul gets worried that David will want the kingdom and his throne. Saul tries to kill David, but fails. David goes into hiding. At the end of 1 Samuel in Chapter 31. Saul is chased by the Philistines, is wounded, and eventually dies.

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**Lesson *Continued*:** 1 Samuel & 2 Samuel

In **2 Samuel 2: 4** David is made King of Judah. In **2 Samuel 2: 8-10** Ish-Bosheth, son of Saul is made King of Israel. A war broke out between the two Kings that lasted a long time.

Read **2 Samuel 5: 1-5**. Ish-Bosheth is murdered. David becomes King of all Israel.

Read **2 Samuel 8: 15** out loud and together as a group. David ruled for 40 years and Israel became a great nation. Go over the answers to the student worksheet page 57 before going on to snack.

**Snack / Prayer:** See page 5, section 6 for more information. *Ask a child to bless the food.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *(write in your time for this activity: Example: 9:35-9:45 AM; Allotted time 10 minutes.)*

A special snack option could be iced vanilla wafers. Take a very thin pourable gray colored icing and pour it over the vanilla wafers. They will look like small stones. You can talk about how David's faith in God helped him defeat Goliath.

**Activity:** Friendship Building Game.

\_\_\_\_\_ *(write in your time for this activity: Example: 9:45-9:55 AM; Allotted time 10 minutes.)*

On a chalkboard, dry erase board, banner paper, or poster board, draw a picture with Goliath on it with a bulls-eye on his forehead. The main emphasis should be the bulls-eye on a big giant looking man. If you can find a inexpensive sling-shot feel free to use it, if not just have the children attempt to hit the target with marshmallows.

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Cut and hand out each one to a student to look up. Have the student that looked up the verse say which verse they looked up and what page the verse was on. Have all the students find the verse.

1 Samuel 8: 1-5

1 Samuel 12: 17

1 Samuel 17: 45

1 Samuel 17: 48-49

2 Samuel 2: 4

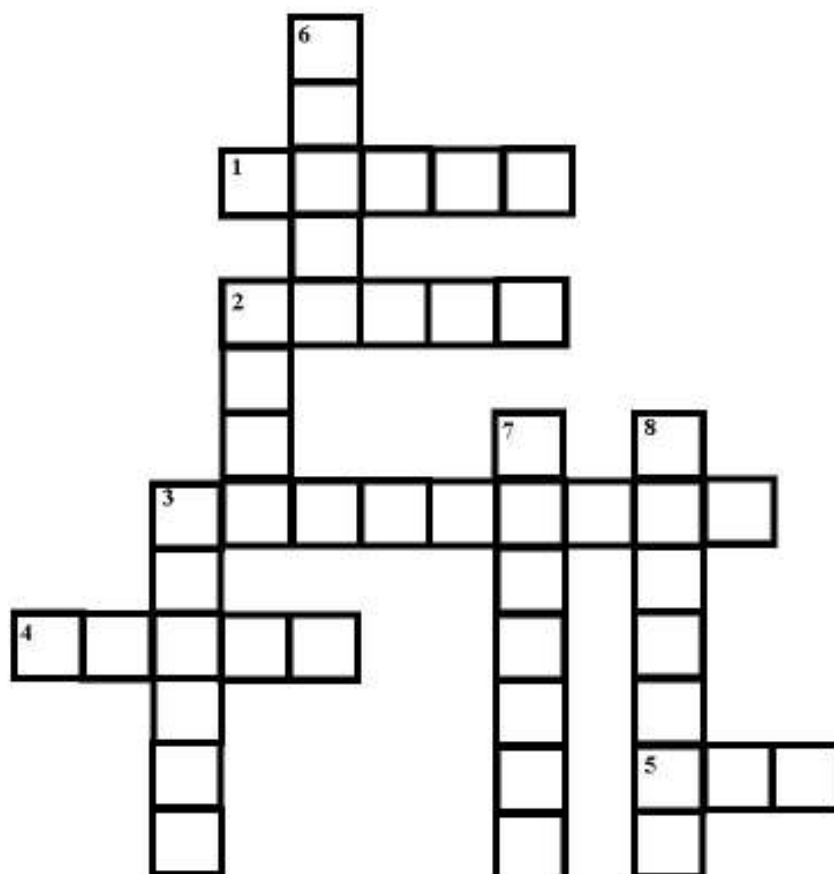
2 Samuel 2: 8-10

2 Samuel 5: 1-5

2 Samuel 8: 15



Teacher answer sheet



Across

- 1.) Jesse of Bethlehem's youngest son David .
- 2.) David kills Goliath with a Stone .
- 3.) What weapon was used to defeat Goliath? Slingshot .
- 4.) Saul put his own Armor on David before he fought Goliath
- 5.) How many books of Samuel are there in the Bible? Two .

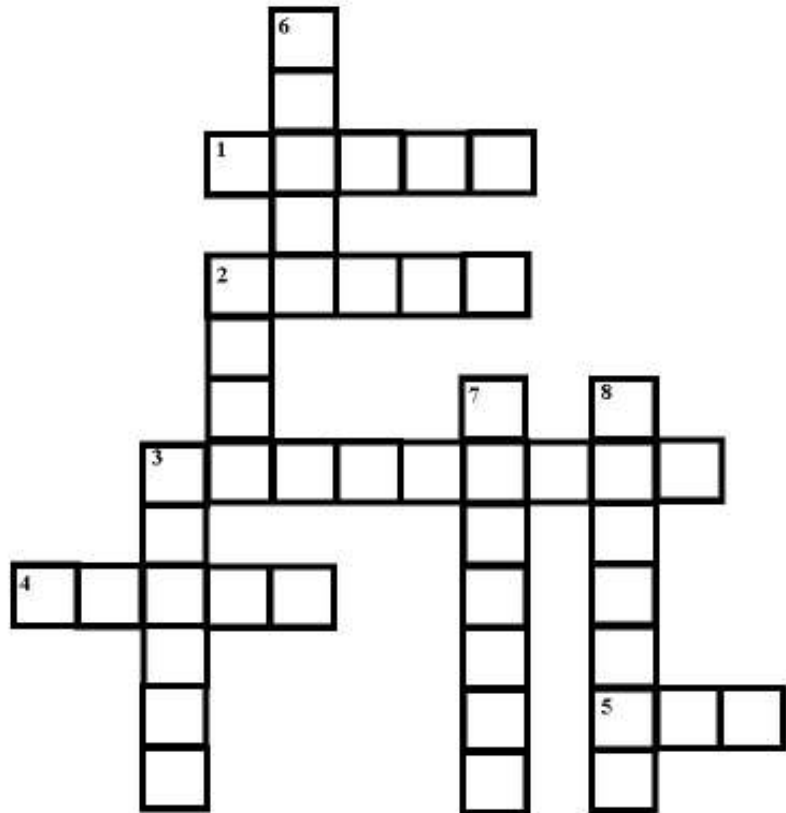
Down

- 2.) Who is Israel's first King? Saul .
- 3.) Last judge of Israel Samuel of Israel.
- 6.) God didn't choose David because of his size but because of his Heart .
- 7.) In which book of the Bible does David become king after Saul dies? 2 Samuel .
- 8.) A famous Philistine champion Goliath .

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### Complete the crossword



#### Across

- 1.) Jesse of Bethlehem's youngest son \_\_\_\_\_. **1 Samuel 16: 8-13**
- 2.) David kills Goliath with a \_\_\_\_\_. **1 Samuel 17: 48-49**
- 3.) What weapon was used to defeat Goliath? **1 Samuel 17: 50**
- 4.) Saul put his own \_\_\_\_\_ on David before he fought Goliath. **1 Samuel 17: 38-40**
- 5.) How many books of Samuel are there in the Bible?

#### Down

- 2.) Who is Israel's first King? **1 Samuel 10: 23-25**
- 3.) Last judge of Israel \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel. **1 Samuel 10: 23-25**
- 6.) God didn't choose David because of his size but because of his \_\_\_\_\_. **1 Samuel 16: 7**
- 7.) In which book of the Bible does David become king after Saul dies?
- 8.) A famous Philistine champion \_\_\_\_\_. **1 Samuel 17: 4**