LESSON 17

DAVID IS MADE KING



Aim: **To show the children how David never forgot that it was God who made him king.**

Scripture Reading: **1 Samuel 31:1-7; 2 Samuel 5:1-12, 22-25; 6:12-19; 7:18-24**

Memory Verse: **Psalm 1:4**
Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff that
the wind blows away.

Presenting the Lesson

Starting point

Discuss with the children what happens when a new person is appointed at work. Possible answers: Various people send their congratulations or there may be a tea party or a meal given in the person's honour.

Main Points of the Lesson

1. The Philistines attacked Israel again, and Saul and his sons were killed. Then the people came together and made David king. Everyone was happy when David became king (1 Sam 31:1-7). **Show Picture 17. Point out all the different kinds of people who welcomed David as king: the priest, the soldiers, adults as well as old people and children (2 Sam 5:1-5).**
2. In the picture David is dressed as a king as well as a soldier, because he ruled his people and he led them in battle. He made Jerusalem his capital. It was a city that was difficult to conquer, but David led his soldiers in through a water tunnel. God gave David victory over the Philistines, too (2 Sam 5:1-9, 20-25).
3. David ruled well. He improved the country and looked after his people. He knew God had made him king (5:11-12).
4. David brought back the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem **(refer to Lesson 8).** That was a great day of celebration with gifts of food for everyone. Sadly, David's wife, Michal, did not approve of the king celebrating with all the ordinary people (6:12-23). David offered songs and prayers of thanksgiving to God. He never forgot that it was God who made the shepherd boy a king (17:18-24).

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Our Response to the Story

Make up a story about someone who was promoted at work, but then became so proud of his/her achievements that he/she stopped doing any useful work. This is a temptation to us all. When we are praised and promoted we can think we have become too important to do any work.

Even after he had become king David remained a humble servant of God. He is an example to us today.

Instil the Memory Verse



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