In the Beginning...Jesus

Lesson 25
God Establishes His Kingdom through David

Themes:

- God gave to Israel a king after its own heart—Saul.
- God rejected Saul and chose for Israel a king after His own heart—David.
- God blessed David and promised to him an everlasting throne on which his offspring would reign forever.

Scripture:

Portions of 1 & 2 Samuel

Memory Verse:

John 1:6-7 (and review verses 1-5)

Today's Clue:

DAVID'S EVERLASTING THRONE

Home and Heart:

Ask your child about the illustrations of the two bananas, and the crown and the heart. Why might God have first given the people of Israel a king after their own hearts (Saul) before giving Israel a king after God's own heart (David)? Illustration: Suppose a child wanted to eat nothing but candy all day. A parent might give his child candy, and nothing but candy, for a whole day. What do you think that would be like? Would you be healthy if all you ate was candy? Why not? How would this example teach a child the consequences of "getting what you wish for"? What should Israel have learned from seeking to have a king "like all the other nations"?

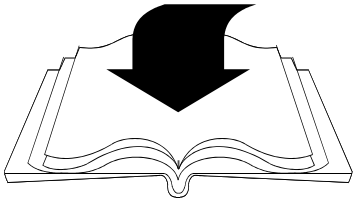
David is described as a man "after God's own heart." What does this mean? How does someone show he is after God's own heart? [Love the things God loves; want to do things God's way.] Read 1 Samuel 17. What in this story shows that the things important to God were important to David? (Key verses: 26, 45-47. God's name and fame are under attack.)

Read Psalm 18:1-6. What circumstances did David face that led him to write this psalm? What words does David use to describe God? Why does David use these kind of words? Who does David credit for his salvation? Do you see God as your rock, refuge, stronghold, and salvation? Do you call upon Him? Can you recall a situation when God was like a rock and refuge for you? Do you need God to save you? From what?

Read about the special covenant God made with David in 2 Samuel 7:9-16. Has this promise come true yet? Do you see a throne in Israel today? Is there a king in Israel today? Can you think of any New Testament events or verses that would give you the answer?

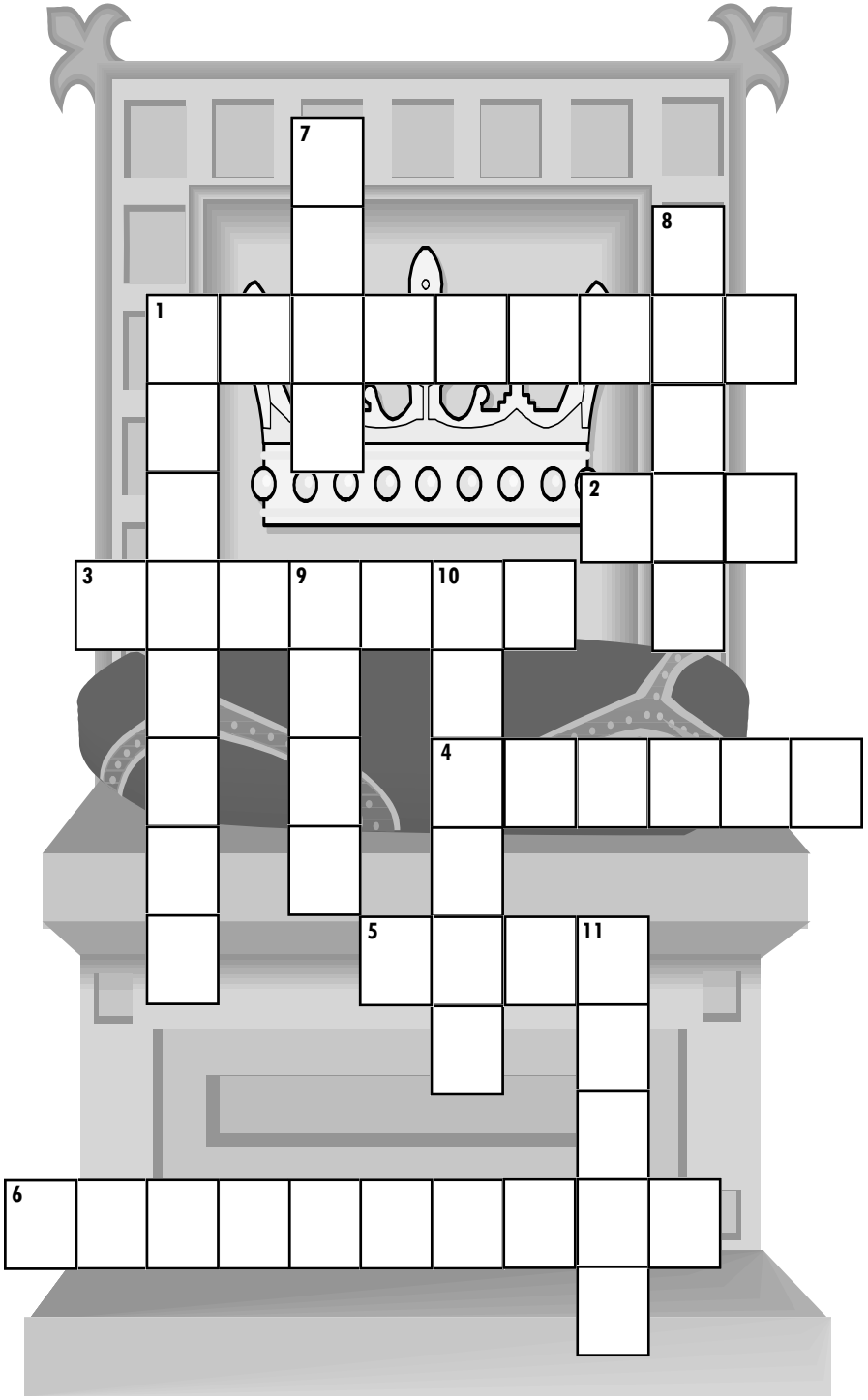


DISCOVER MORE



1 & 2 SAMUEL

Complete the crossword puzzle. All answers can be found within the texts given. (ESV)



Across

1. David made this the capital city of Israel. (**2 Samuel 5**)
2. David celebrated when this was brought into the city. (**2 Samuel 6**)
3. David was seen doing this in the street. (**2 Samuel 6**)
4. God said that he would give this to David's offspring forever. (**2 Samuel 7**)
5. This king wanted to kill David. (**1 Samuel 19**)
6. Goliath was one of these. (**1 Samuel 17**)

Down

1. One of Saul's sons. (**1 Samuel 14**)
7. A kind of musical instrument. (**1 Samuel 16**)
8. God looks at this. (**1 Samuel 16**)
9. David hid in one of these. (**1 Samuel 22**)
10. A prophet of God. (**2 Samuel 7**)
11. As a shepherd, David protected sheep from these. (**1 Samuel 17**)