

Lesson 131: David Becomes King

[2 Samuel 5:1-5](#); [Psalm 37](#)

Youtube Link: https://youtu.be/Mafj6_c1oio

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/HAYzloNEzns>

Worship Theme: God is reliable.

Memory Verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."
(Proverbs 3:5-6)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. King of Kings <https://youtu.be/CPBqHYVwm3M>
2. If You Are Happy and You Know It <https://youtu.be/SsldqdQB-9U>
3. When I Am Afraid <https://youtu.be/WCZlwlstAzc>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: Reliable or Unreliable

Materials needed: 2 same water bottles (one with holes), 2 same raincoats (one with rips), 2 same pens (one doesn't work), anything else where one is reliable and the other is not reliable



1. Divide the children into 2 groups.
2. Place 2 water bottles at the back of the room.
3. One volunteer from each team will run to the back of the room and grab one of the water bottles and run back to the teacher.
4. The teacher will check the water bottle, and the team that brought the bottle without holes gets the point.
5. Repeat the game with raincoats, pens, and any other items you where one works and other doesn't.
6. Teacher can repeat the game again with the same materials.

7. After the game, explain to the children that all the items looked the same, but one was reliable and the other was not reliable. As Christians, we can always count on God to be reliable because God is powerful and never changes.

Introduction:

Have you ever ridden on a car? When you ride on a car, your life is in the hands of the driver. Do you trust the driver? Who do you trust in your life? Can you rely on your parents? Can you rely on your friends? Can you rely on friends who always tells lies? Can you rely on people you don't know? Today, we will learn that we can always rely on God because God is always good, wise, and loving who always keeps his promise.

Bible Story:

When David was young, he was a shepherd. The Bible says that David protected his sheep and took care of them. David relied on God to help him take care of his sheep. God gave him wisdom and strength. The Bible also tells us that David grew up to be a warrior. He fought in the army. He was a brave soldier. He fought the giant Goliath with only a sling and stones. Other times he fought with a bow and arrow.

David was successful as a warrior because he relied on God. David knew he could trust God to help him be a brave warrior. Even when King Saul tried to kill him because he was jealous, David relied on God to protect him.

One day, King Saul died in a battle. All of King Saul's children also died in a battle. So David became the king of Israel. David had to lead the people with wisdom. He had to make good laws for the people. David needed to make good decisions about what was best for his country.

David relied on God to help him be a good king. He knew that there was no one whom he can trust except for God. King David knew that God was reliable.

When we say that God is reliable, we mean that God is strong, that God is trustworthy, that God will always help us, and that God is always good. God is always wise and always loving, and he will always take care of us.

We can count on God to help us even when we're scared. Sometimes God helps us by giving us courage. Sometimes God helps us by sending a person to help. Sometimes God helps us know how to do something.

We can trust God to guide us—to show us the right way— because God is reliable. Let us be like King David and trust in God who is reliable!

Questions to discuss:

1. Who helped David to be a good shepherd? (God)
2. Who helped David to be a mighty warrior? (God)
3. Who helped David to be a good king? (God)
4. Who did David rely on in his life? (God)
5. Who can you rely on to help you in every area of your life? (God)

Game: "King's Order"



1. Have the children stand up and listen to the teacher.
2. If the teacher says, "the King says..." then they have to follow the direction.
3. If the teacher does not say "the King says..." then they do not follow the direction.
4. For example, if the teacher says, "the King says clap your hands," then children should clap their hands.
5. After the game, explain to the children that the king has the power to order his people to do whatever he wants. We should be happy that our King, God, is someone whom we can rely on to order us to do things that are good for us.

Memory Verse:

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Craft: God is Reliable Umbrella

Materials Needed: Paper plates, scissors, crayons, glue, paper



1. Give each child paper plate that is already cut in half.
2. Ask the children to decorate the plate and write "God is Reliable" in the center. (For some young children, teacher can write for them.)
3. Ask the students to cut out the handle for the umbrella and glue it to the paper plate.
4. (Optional) If the children want, they can make raindrops by cutting a thin line of paper and gluing circles to attach to the umbrella.
5. Explain to the children that God is always reliable to help us and protect us even when there is rain in our lives.

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Through Jesus, God showed us how to rely on him with every step of our lives. Because of Jesus' courage, we can believe that trusting God will always be worth it! What is God using to teach you right now about relying on God? Ask God for wisdom to see and strength to move forward with faith. You can depend on God because he'll always have everything you need.