Zion Children's Bulletin

July 4, 2021 (Year B) * Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Ages 7+)

Hearing God's Word:

Today in church we will be hearing the story of David hearing about Saul's death and becoming king as prophesized by Samuel. Other scriptures we will be thinking about at church this week include Psalm 48, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, and Mark 6:1-13.

David Becomes King

2 Samuel 5:1-5; 9-10 International Children's Bible®, Copyright 2015 by Tommy Nelson Inc

¹ Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. They said to him, "Look, we are your own family. ² In the past Saul was king over us. But you were the one leading us in battle for Israel. The Lord said to you, 'You will be like a shepherd for my



people, the Israelites. You will become their ruler." ³ All the elders of Israel came to King David at Hebron. Then he made an agreement with them in Hebron in front of the Lord. Then they poured oil on David to make him king over Israel. ⁴ David was 30 years old when he became king. He ruled 40 years. ⁵ He was king over Judah in Hebron for 7 years and 6 months. And he was king over all Israel and Judah in Jerusalem for 33 years. ⁹ So David lived in the city with its strong walls. He called it the City of David. David built more buildings around it. He began where the land was filled in on the east side of the city. He also built more buildings inside the city. ¹⁰ He became stronger and stronger, because the Lord of heaven's armies was with him.

Worship @ 10 am Sunday Mornings in-person at



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or virtually at https://zionreformed.church/sermons



Children's Church @ 10:15am Sunday Mornings

Participate in Children's Church in-person or virtually by Zoom. To participate virtually, join us at https://zoom.us/join or by calling 301.715.8592, and when prompted, enter Meeting ID: 865 7471 1577 and Passcode: YouthSS. For more information: Contact Kim Ridenour at miskim@myactv.net or the Church Office at 301.739.7244, or visit https://zionreformed.church/children.

Family Discussion:

<u>A Question for Adults to ask Children</u>: Why do you think the people chose David to be King? How do you think David felt when he was chosen?

The Bible describes David as a man 'after God's own heart', David had shown he was a good leader and somebody who really cared for others. Many years before when Saul was King, Samuel had come to visit David and his family, he had anointed David with oil. David knew that a time would come when he would be King, that it was part of God's plan, but it must have been positive to hear that he had been chosen by God's people too.

> <u>A Question for Children to ask Adults:</u> Can you think of a time when you had to lead others? What do you think makes a good leader??

A Prayer to Say Together:



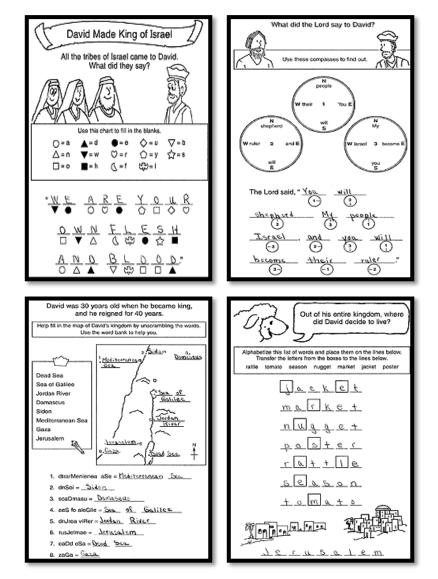
Dear God,

Thank you for the story of David becoming King. Thank you that this had been your plan for David for a long time.

Help us to trust in your timing and plans for our own lives. Help us to be good leaders like David, seeking to love and care for others like a shepherd cares for their sheep. We pray for all those who are leaders in our country and world that they would be wise and caring like David.

Amen.

Answer Key:



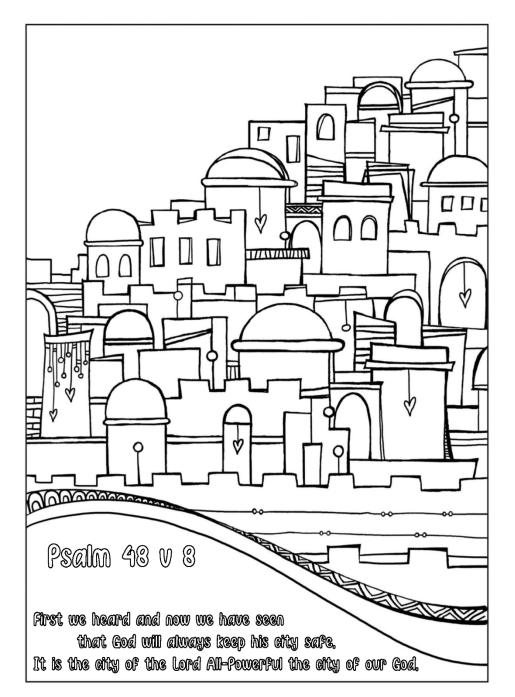


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Family Activities:

Here are some activities you can do together as a family and discussion ideas to explore God's word together.

Family Activity 1:



God told David he would lead his people like a shepherd who looks after his sheep. Why not think about how sheep know the sound of their shepherd's voice by playing a game of

follow the leader with your eyes closed! How good are you at giving instructions?

Play a game of Follow the leader taking it in turns to be the leader and have everybody else copy you. Think about what makes a good leader – can you make sure everybody can keep up and take part?

Family Activity 2:

David build a palace inside the city of Jerusalem and many strong buildings for people to live in. Why not use building blocks, lego or other construction toys to design your



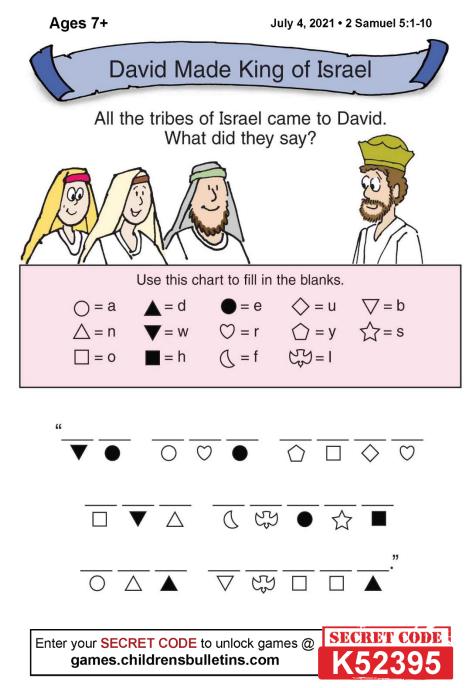
own palace together. You might also like to create a fort using furniture, blankets and other household items.

Family Activity 3:

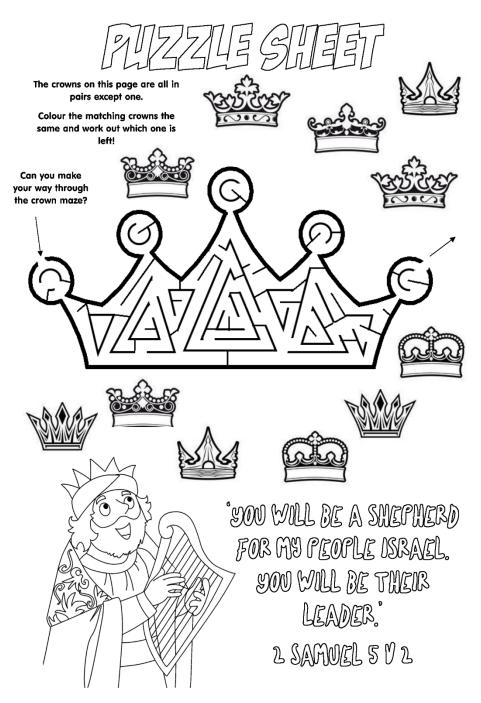


Just like David we have been chosen to be royal – we are children of the King of Kings!

Use any craft materials you have around the house to design and make your own crowns to wear.



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Applying the Scriptures



Jerusalem is a real place that can still be visited today. Why not go on a virtual tour together using Google Street View and see what the City of David looks like today. Learn more about the sites at seetheholyland.net

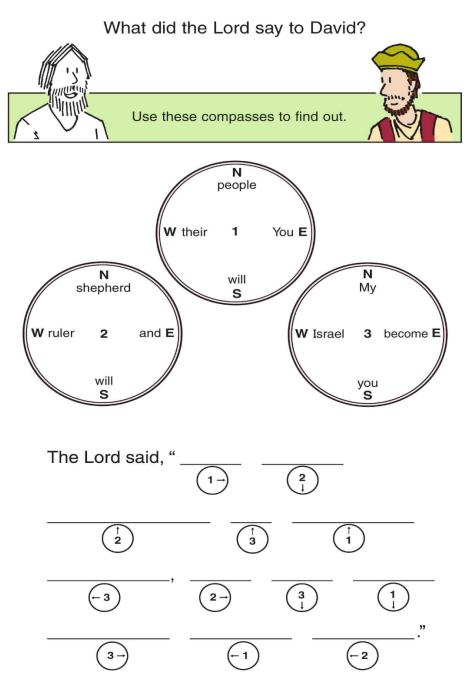
and look up a "then and now" map of the Holy Land to understand where the city names in the Bible can be found today.

While you explore the streets take time to pray for the people and places you see.

- Pray for protection and safety for those living in Israel and the middle East.
- Pray for an end to ongoing conflicts, for peace and reconciliation.
- Pray for those in leadership that they would be good and loving shepherds to the people in their care.

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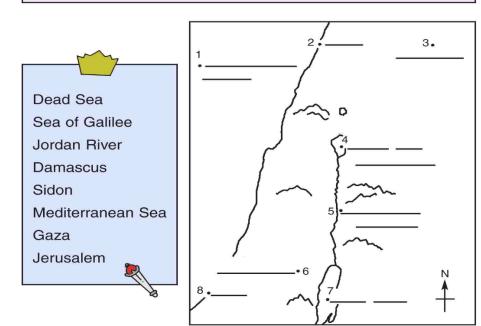




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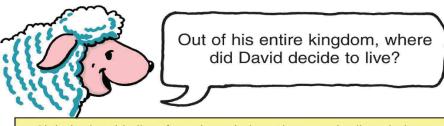
David was 30 years old when he became king, and he reigned for 40 years.

Help fill in the map of David's kingdom by unscrambling the words. Use the word bank to help you.



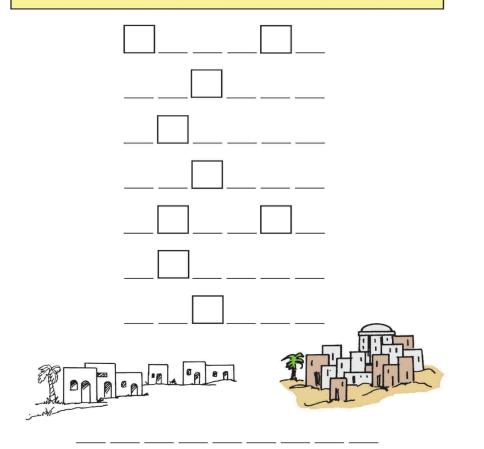
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