

Chapter 12: God's Chosen King

David loved the Lord. God made him king of Israel.

Chapter Summary

Long after their return to the Promised Land, God's people became the Kingdom of Israel. Because of his love and faithfulness, David was chosen by God to become king after Saul. As a young shepherd boy, David trusted that God would protect and save him in a battle against the Philistine giant named Goliath. When David was king, God made a covenant with David: from David's family, God would form a kingdom that would last forever. Jesus would be the King of the Kingdom of God. When King David sinned against God, he asked for God's mercy and God granted him forgiveness. David wrote many psalms to God that are in the Bible.

More for Parents

King David was a charismatic and lively person. He was a king who was not consumed with his own greatness but genuinely wanted to glorify God. As parents, we are the heads of our families, so in a sense we do exercise a kingly role over our children. What a beautiful example we have in David as someone who could lead the people he was in charge of with courage, joy, liveliness, and, most importantly, prayerfulness. David even had the humility to readily say he was sorry when he failed. Let's let David show us how to lead our families joyfully to God!

Virtue in the Family

Are you joyful when you attend Mass? Are your children? Many people have issues with going to Mass because it does not make them feel anything, except maybe bored. The joy that comes from living and loving with charity is more than a feeling; it has to do with how we orient our souls. When everything we do is informed by our love of God above all things (charity), we receive lasting joy. We choose to go to Mass out of love for God. This is something that all parents should model for their children.

Growing in Joy

- Prayer activity (Parents, make sure when you pray as a family that you do so joyfully!)
 - Gather together and reflect on these points:
 - What has God given you that brings you the most joy?
 - What robs you of your joy?
 - Ask God to show you how you can love Him more perfectly with the virtue of charity.
 - Conclude by praying Psalm 100 together or simply have one family member recite it.
- Parents: when attending Mass, challenge each other to model a joyful demeanor before, during, and after Mass, no matter the difficulties or distractions.
- On Sundays, challenge each family member to remember the Responsorial Psalm from Mass and say it throughout the day and week.

Vocabulary Words for Your Children to Review

- **mercy**
- **psalms**

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