

Family Faith

Chapter 12

King David

God protected David and made him a king.

Chapter Summary

After God's Chosen People made it to the Promised Land, they were surrounded by nations who had a king as a ruler. They, too, wanted a king, so God made Saul a king. King Saul was the first king of the Kingdom of Israel, and the Chosen People were called Israelites. During Saul's reign, a young shepherd boy who loved and trusted God won a battle against a Philistine giant, Goliath. David shows us that if we trust in God, God will always provide. After Saul died, David became king. God promised David that the Savior would come through David's family and his kingdom would last forever. Through Jesus, the Kingdom of God will last forever.

More for Parents

King David teaches us a comforting truth: God can work with imperfect people! David sometimes made mistakes—*big* ones. But he truly loved God and wanted to be a good leader for God's people. He admitted his mistakes and asked God for forgiveness. As parents, we make mistakes too as we are trying to lead our family—our own little domestic kingdom. David teaches us that God is not thwarted by people who make mistakes. Do we love God? Do we try to pray and lead our children to know and love God? Then we should not let our mistakes discourage us. We can follow David's example: admit our faults, ask for forgiveness, and receive God's mercy. In our families, we can do what David did for his people: teach our children to pray, teach them about God's mercy, and bring the love and joy of God into everything we do.

For more family faith formation resources, go to the parent portal.

Our Family Prays Together

Dear God, You guided Your Chosen People. You taught them to love You better. Help us always love You! Amen.

Let's Talk about It as a Family

- **David trusted God, and God protected him from _____.** (Goliath.)
- **God made David a _____.** (King.)
- **David loved God and was sorry when he _____.** (Sinned.)
- **God told David that his kingdom would last _____.** (Forever.)
- **God made a promise to David that one of his descendants would be the _____.** (Savior.)
- David wrote psalms to God. **A psalm is a _____.** (Song.)

Let's Live Our Faith

A king should set a good example. Encourage your children to try to set a good example for others in your family by doing what has been asked right away and with joy. (Parents, this is for you too! Your children see what you do and will learn from your example.)

Family Faith Activities

King David tried to love God with his whole heart. We should also love God with our whole hearts and share that love with others.

Choose one or more of the following to do as a family:

- Read Psalm 23 together.
- At bedtime prayers, pray Psalm 51:10: "Create in me a clean heart, O God." Memorize this verse.
- Read and discuss the *Small Wonders* story as a family by going to the parent portal.