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The Word of the Lord: The Old Testament for Young Children

Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a. Note again how David was very sad when Saul and Jonathan died, even though it meant he would be king.
- b. David was thirty years old when he became king. You might tell them that Joseph was thirty years old when he became the ruler in Egypt, and that the Lord, while on earth, started teaching when he was thirty years old.
- c. It is important to tell them that David was never beaten in a battle. He represents the spiritual person, who has to fight evil, but always wins. Solomon, on the other hand, never needed to fight. His father David had won all the battles. He represents the people of the highest heaven, who are very gentle.



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The Lord Makes David the Next King

After the death of King Saul, a man came to David and told him that Saul and his son Jonathan were dead in a battle with the Philistines. David said to him, “How do you know that Saul and Jonathan are dead?” And the man answered and said, “I found them lying on the ground and I took the crown that was on Saul’s head and the armband that was on his arm, and I have brought them to you.” Then David was very sad and he cried for Saul, and for Jonathan whom he loved, and for the children of Israel.

Then David asked the Lord, “Shall I go to one of the cities of Judah?” And the Lord said to him, “Yes, go to Hebron.” So David took his family and the men that were with him and he went to Hebron. Then the men of the tribe of Judah came and they anointed David as their king. Then came all the other tribes of Israel and asked David to be their King. And they anointed him as king over all of Israel.

David was 30 years old when he became king and he ruled for 40 years. And David walked with God, and he became a great king, for the Lord God was with him. David fought many battles for Israel and won them because the Lord was with Israel and protected them from harm.

II Samuel 1

