

Questions / Answers

1. Why was David amazed that the Israelites were afraid to fight Goliath?
He had faith that God would help them fight Goliath.
2. How did David kill Goliath?
With a sling and stone. Then he cut off his head.
3. Why was Saul jealous of David?
God had rejected Saul and he knew that David would be the next king.
4. Who was David's great friend? What did David promise him?
Jonathan, Saul's son. He would be kind to Jonathan's family when he was king.
5. Where did David live when he was fleeing from Saul?
David lived in the hills, woods and caves.
6. What did David do when Saul came into the cave where he was hiding?
David cut off a piece of Saul's robe to show he could have killed him.
7. What did David do when he found Saul asleep?
David took his spear and water jug to show he could have killed him.
8. Why didn't David kill Saul when he had the chance?
Because Saul was God's anointed king.
9. What happened on Mount Gilboa?
Saul and his 3 sons were killed.
10. What promise did David keep to Jonathan?
David was kind to Jonathan's family.

Memory verses

1 Samuel 17:45 1 Samuel 26:23—24 2 Samuel 1: 23 & 26—27

Discussion

God was preparing David to be King of Israel. Talk about the things that David did in this lesson. How did David react when Goliath challenged Israel? What sort of leader was he? How did he react when he was tempted to kill Saul? How did he react when he heard Saul was dead? How did these things prepare him to be a good king?

Writing

Write about how David killed the giant Goliath.

CBM Senior Lessons

Lesson 21 David—a man of God



READING 1 Samuel 17:40—51; 24:2—12; 26:7—17; 31:1—6

LESSON

Saul was the first King of Israel. He became proud and disobeyed God. God rejected Saul as king. God chose David to be King after Saul.

David's brothers were in Saul's army. They were fighting against their enemies, the Philistines. One day David went to take food for his brothers. The Israelites were camped on one side of a valley and the Philistines were camped on the other side. A great giant called Goliath challenged the Israelites. Goliath told the Israelites to choose a man to fight him. But all the Israelites were afraid.

Goliath was defying God's people. David was amazed that no-one was brave enough to fight Goliath. He knew that God would help His people to fight their enemies.

David said that he would fight Goliath. Saul said that David was too young and he was not a trained soldier. But David told Saul that God would help him. God had helped David to kill a lion and a bear that attacked his sheep. God would help him to kill the giant, Goliath, who was defying God's army. So Saul agreed.

David went to fight against Goliath with his shepherd's staff and his sling. He chose five smooth pebbles from the stream in the valley. Goliath was very angry that David, a young boy, was coming to fight him. He expected a strong man in armour to come and fight against him. "Am I a dog that you come to fight me with sticks and stones?" he shouted. David replied, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel." As Goliath ran towards him, David slung a stone from his sling. The stone hit Goliath on the forehead and Goliath fell on his face. David cut off his head. All the Philistines ran away and the Israelites pursued them.

Saul became jealous of David. Saul knew that David would be the next king. Saul saw how God helped David in battle. Saul was jealous and very depressed. David came to play his harp for Saul to cheer him up. One day Saul threw his javelin at David while he was playing his harp. But David escaped and ran away.

Saul tried to kill David many times because he was jealous of him. Saul sent people to kill David in his house. But David's wife let him down by a rope from a window and he escaped.

Jonathan was Saul's son. He was a great friend of David. Jonathan knew that David would be the next king instead of him, but Jonathan was not jealous. He knew it was God's will. Jonathan helped David. Jonathan and David made a great promise together. They promised to stay good friends. Jonathan promised to help David to be safe. David promised to care for Jonathan and his family when he became king.

David was afraid to go home. Jonathan said that he would find out if Saul was still angry with David. Saul still wanted to kill David. So Jonathan helped David to escape.

David had to flee for his life. He was an outlaw for the next few years. He hid in the hills and woods and lived in caves. Saul sent his spies to find David and tried to kill him.

David gathered a group of men who stayed with him while he was an outlaw. David was a great leader and taught his men to love and obey God. They were always watching for Saul and his men. They hid in the rocks and caves up in the hills. Saul kept searching for David to kill him.



Saul's spies found out that David was hiding in the Wilderness of Engedi. Saul and his army went to find David and kill him. David and his men were living in a very deep cave. When they saw Saul and his army coming, they hid in the darkness at the back of the cave.

Saul went into the cave to rest. David's men told David to kill Saul while he had the chance. But David would not kill Saul, because Saul was God's anointed king.

David trusted God. He knew that God would make him king when it was the right time. David knew God would keep His promise that he would be the next king.

David just cut a little piece off Saul's robe to show that he had the chance to kill him. When Saul had gone out of the cave David called to him. David showed Saul the piece of cloth he had cut off his robe. David told Saul that he had the chance to kill him, but he spared his life.

When Saul saw that David had spared his life, he promised that he would not try to kill David. Saul and his army went away. For a short time David and his men were safe.

But soon Saul was jealous and angry again. Saul and his army went to find David. One night David crept into Saul's camp. Saul and his men were all fast asleep. David's man told David to kill Saul. But David would not kill him, because Saul was God's anointed king. This time David took Saul's spear and water jug to show that he had the chance to kill Saul. Once again, when Saul knew that David had spared his life, he promised not to try to kill David any more.



The Philistines came to fight against Israel again. The battle was fought on Mount Gilboa. Saul and the Israelites had turned away from God, so God was not helping the Israelites. The Philistines won the battle. The Israelites fled and many were killed. Saul and his three sons, including Jonathan, were killed in the battle. When David heard that Saul and Jonathan were killed he wept for them. David kept his promise to Jonathan and was kind to Jonathan's family.

David became the next king. He loved God and helped the people to worship and obey God. David had great power, but he always remembered to love and obey God. He was a great king.

David was a man of God. He loved and trusted God. When David fought against the giant, Goliath, he had faith that God would help him. When David was fleeing from Saul he would not kill God's anointed. He had faith that God would make him king when it was the right time. He kept his promise to Jonathan. He had great faith in God.