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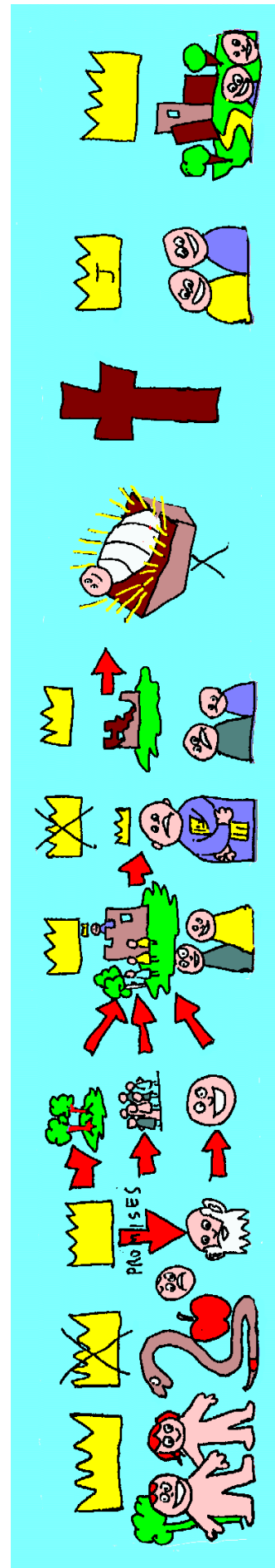
Welcome to The King, The Snake and The Promise – working through key Bible stories in 10 easy sessions

For most of us, the fact that the Bible has a storyline that spans from Genesis to Revelation wasn't something we picked up in Sunday School! In fact, the average Christian will be hard pressed to remember if Abraham comes before David, or Noah and his famous Ark came before or after Samson and Solomon. The bits and pieces of bible stories are all there - but how do they fit together? This is what our sessions aim to cover!

Each session has a passage of the Bible you can read together with your child and then some ideas of activities and thoughts you can chat about.

The banner which goes alongside this set of teaching is KEY as it enables the children to tell the story pictorially and gives them a reminder of the previous stories. You can either do this on material (and cut the pieces out of felt) or you could print the pictures and cut them out and stick them onto a long piece of wallpaper, or in a book, or get your child to draw them – it's up to you!

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LESSON 4

David - King of God's People

Aim

The aim of this lesson is to show the gradual fulfilling of God's promises to Abraham by focusing on the story of King David and the "golden era" of Israel's history. It's almost "Eden revisited", with God's people living in God's special land, under His rule.

Revision

Look back over the banner, starting from week 1. Recall with your child the main events it describes. Particularly remind about God's promises to Abraham.

EXPLAIN that today we're going to look at what happened next. We're going to find out about a great King, and his name was King David.

Introductory Activity

ASK: What would it be like to be a King? What rules would you make?

ASK: What would it be like to be a shepherd boy, to help the shepherd and stay on the hills looking after the sheep?

Can you draw a picture of a King and a picture of a shepherd - pick out the differences (clothing etc).

Storytime

Once long ago there was a shepherd boy called David. He wasn't very old. And he wasn't very important. In fact, David was just the LITTLE BROTHER in his family. And all his big brothers were pretty mean to him. They treated him like he wasn't very important. And that made him feel bad.

David lived a long time after Abraham. Abraham was his great great great great great great great Grandfather. Or something like that. Remember God's promises to Abraham? God said he was going to have a great big family. And David was part of that family.

God said Abraham's family was going to live in a special land. And everything God said had happened. David LIVED IN THE SPECIAL LAND. It was called the land of Israel. There was only one thing the people of Israel needed. They needed a king to guide them and look after them. A good King, who could teach them how to follow and obey God. And then God would BLESS THEM, and they'd all be happy and safe (which was the other thing God promised to Abraham.)

Well, one day, a very strange thing happened. An old man came along to David's father's farm. The old man's name was Samuel. And he said a very strange thing to David's father. He said "God has sent me to make one of your sons the KING OF ISRAEL."

The trouble was, they didn't know which one. So all the sons came out. And old Samuel looked at them. The biggest son came out. And then the next one. And the next one. But still, Samuel didn't see the one that God had chosen to be King. Trouble was, little David was still out in the field looking after the sheep. And nobody even remembered. Because nobody thought David was important enough to be a king. Especially not the King of Israel.

Finally, Samuel asked them if there were any more brothers. And they remembered David was out with the sheep. They called him in. And Samuel poured some oil on his head to show that he was the one who God had chosen to be the King of all Israel.

David had lots of adventures before he became the King. You may have heard about the time he killed a giant called Goliath. And the only weapon David had was a little slingshot with five little stones. God looked after David. Because David was going to become KING.

Well, finally, when David got older, the great day arrived for him to be crowned as King. And the people were very excited. There was music, there was lots of good food, and everyone was happy. Because now they had a King who could teach them to obey God.

King David built a beautiful palace with lots of polished cedar wood. It was the best palace anywhere. And God helped David defeat all Israel's enemies. And the crops grew in the fields, and the grass was green, and the people were very happy. Because God was looking after them, and BLESSING THEM, just like he said to Abraham.

GOD HAD KEPT HIS PROMISES. Abraham's family had grown into a whole nation, and they had a beautiful place of their own, and God was looking after them. And King David was making sure they followed God's rules. It was just like the happy times Adam and Eve had in the garden all over again. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and were put out of the garden. I hope the people of Israel don't make the same mistake!

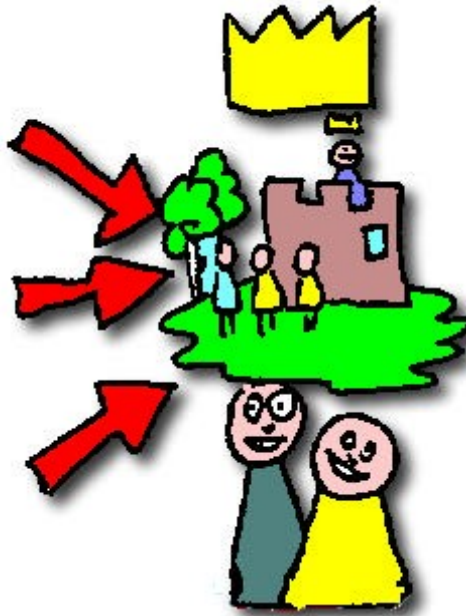
ASK "Do you think anyone would be silly enough to make the same mistake all over again?"

ASK "Can anyone remember what it was that Adam and Eve did wrong?" [Don't focus on the fruit! Draw out the essence of their distrust and disobedience of God]

ASK "What happened to Adam and Eve when they disobeyed God?"

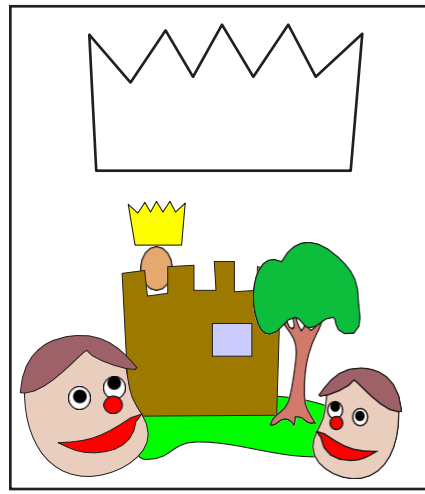
ASK "What do you think God would do to the people in Israel if they disobey him?"
Next week we'll find out what happens!

Banner



God's crown overshadows David in his palace. The land is full of trees and happy people as a reminder of the Garden of Eden. Everyone is enjoying God's blessing in God's land.



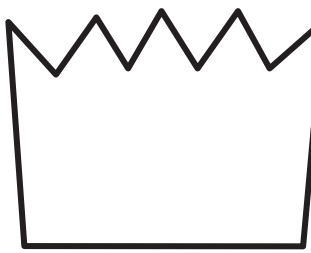


King David Assembly

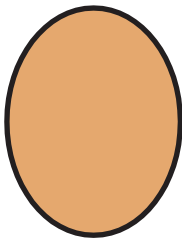
Also Required (from previous sessions)

- *Large crown
- *Happy Faces
- *Tree

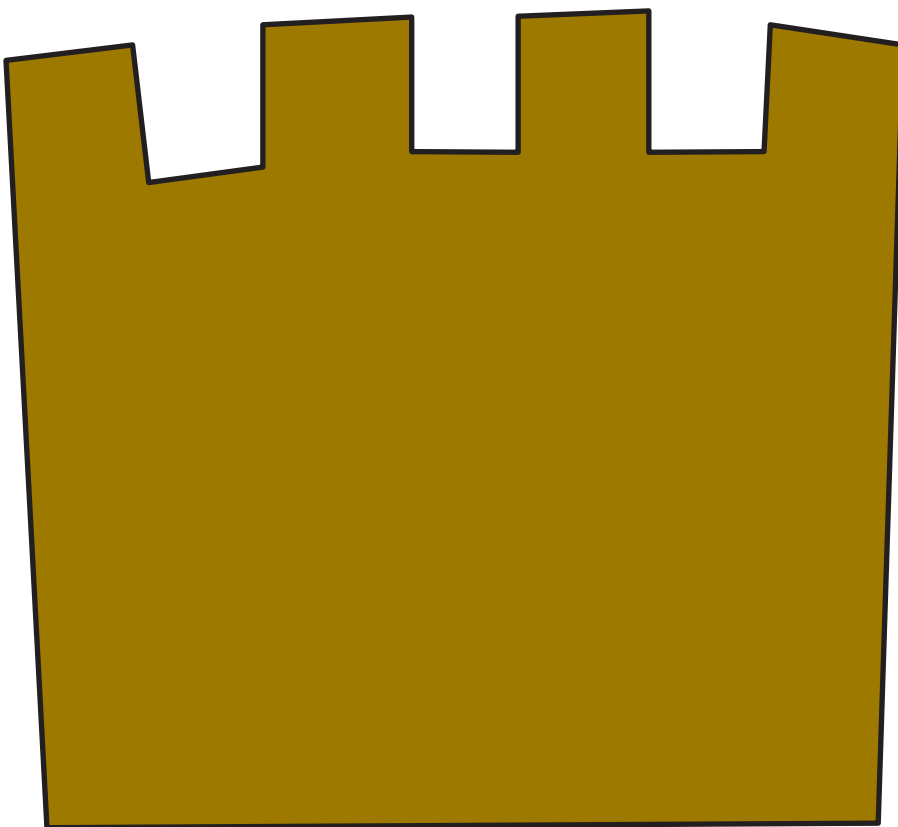
Land



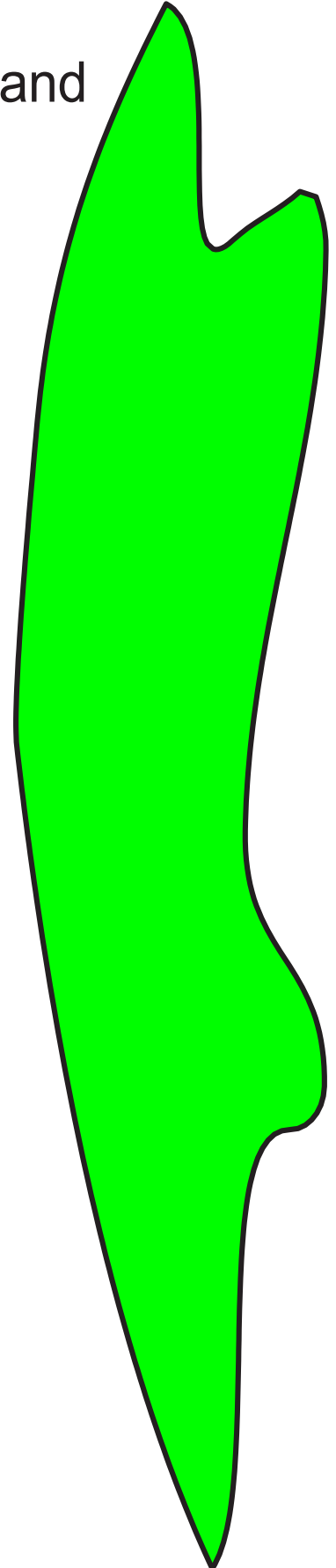
Small crown
(King David)



Window



Castle



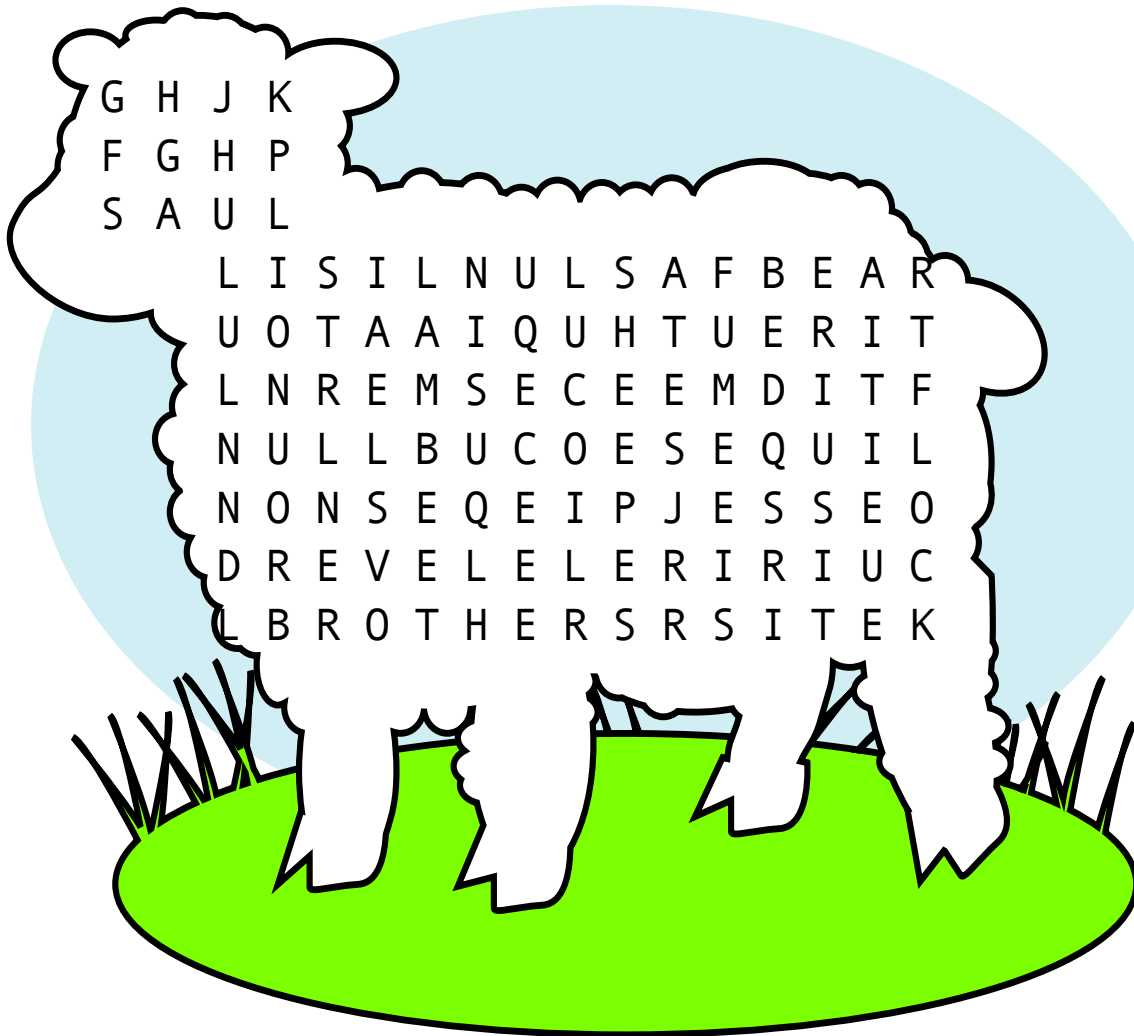


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Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.



BEAR
BROTHERS
FLOCK

JESSE
LAMB
LION

SAMUEL
SAUL
SHEEP

Sheep bubble wrap craft

You will need:

- Bubble wrap
- White paint & paintbrush
- Glue
- Sheep face outline (below)
- Black card
- Scissors

To do:

- Cut out the bubble wrap in a flower/sheep-y shape
- Paint white with a paintbrush or sponge
- Once dry, cut out and stick on the face
- Cut out two legs from black card and stick them the bottom of the sheep

NOTES: If you don't have any bubble wrap you could do the same craft with white fingerprints or cotton wool balls on a coloured card sheep shape

