

PASTURE TO PALACE

LESSON 2

Overview:

We want to provide the story of David in (5) parts with HUGE CLIFF HANGERS to end each of the 4 parts with the 5th part having a big finale.

For this series to be received well by the children while also leaving them hungry for more it's important that we teach with the story at the beginning and the Cliffhanger at the end. Feel free to adjust the rest based on your teaching style.

- Story
- Highlight scripture
- Object Lesson
- Life Application
- Cliffhanger

Teachers Note:

All the necessary teaching material will be provided below the quick overview.

Additionally, the object lesson will be provided but feel free to adjust it based on your age group.

Preface:

- The account of David's life has much for us to pull from and apply to our lives. You see many themes, from the value of honoring the Lord to the price of sin.
- We are going to focus on the perseverance that David showed during the process of him going from being a shepherd boy to being a mighty man of valor to eventually being king of Israel.
- Perseverance, simply put, is the ability to **Keep Going!**
- He persevered through: Goliath, Saul hunting him (Multiple times), Betrayal, Falling into sin with Bathsheba and killing her husband, and Being exiled and betrayed by Absalom.
- The key was he didn't let any of those single events hold him back from what God had called him to do. His life was not pretty. It was not all put together. But through it all, God still used him to lead Israel.
- We aim to plant into the heart of each person listening, this simple truth. **It is impossible to fulfill what God has for you without perseverance.**
- Hebrews 10:36 tells us: For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise.
- Endurance and perseverance are needed to obtain the promises of God.
- Many people, children and adults alike, give up too early and miss what God has for them.
- We all need to **Keep Going** and attain what God has for each of our lives.

Quick Overview

1. Keep going through the process.

Scripture reference: 1 Sam 16:12 - 1 Sam 17:49a

Cliff Hanger: 1 Sam 17:49a David slings the stone at the giant then...

2. Keep going through adversity.

Scripture reference: 1 Sam 18:8-10 24:5-20

Cliff Hanger: 1 Sam 26:8 David has his 2nd opportunity to kill Saul

3. Keep going even when you feel mad.

Scripture reference: 1 Sam 30:6 David encouraged himself in The Lord.

Cliff Hanger: David sends Uriah to the battlefield

4. Keep going when you make mistakes.

Scripture reference: 2 Sam 12:7 Nathan calls out David's sin and David repents.

Cliff Hanger: 2 Sam 15:12-13 Absalom betrays David his father.

5. Keep going even when things look bad.

Scripture reference: 2 Sam 18:9

2 Sam 7:8 Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel.

Conclusion: The key to get to the palace from the pasture is to keep going and never give up.

Lesson 2

Keep going through adversity.

Scripture reference: 1 Sam 18:8-10 24:5-20



Story:

We left off last time with David hurling a stone directly at Goliath... The stone flies right into Goliath's forehead, knocks him down, and then David kills him.

Saul recruits David into his army and does not allow him to go home. David fights with Saul and his army and has excellent success.

All of Israel celebrates the fantastic victories that the Lord accomplished through David. They start dancing and singing, "Saul has taken out thousands of enemies, and David has taken out tens of thousands." (1 Sam 18:7). Saul instantly becomes very angry and jealous of David.

He starts thinking that David is out to get him and views David with suspicion. Then this evil spirit comes upon Saul, and David goes to play harp for him, but this time Saul turns and grabs a spear and throws it at David and says, "I will pin David to the wall!" David escapes from him, and Saul doesn't just do that once. He did it twice, but David escaped both times.

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Saul then tries to kill David by sending him into battle against the Philistines. David beats the Philistines and returns to Saul. He again plays the harp for Saul, and Saul throws a spear at David, trying to kill him.

David flees from Saul, Saul chases him all around, and eventually, Saul becomes tired and rests in a cave where David and his men are hiding. David's men tell him to take Saul's life and become king. But David instead cuts a piece of his robe off and sneaks away. Once Saul leaves, David steps out of the cave (1 Sam 24:8), Calls out to Saul, and shows him the piece of the robe he cut off.

Saul realizes that David could have killed him, but he didn't because he would not harm someone God placed as king. Saul then cries, says that David is more righteous than he is, and goes back home.

Some time passes, and again Saul sets out to kill David. Once again, God delivers Saul into David's hands. Saul unknowingly sets up camp near David, and there is a deep sleep from the Lord that falls on Saul and his men

Highlight Scriptures :

2 Tim 2:3 - ICB - Share in the troubles that we have. Accept them like a true soldier of Christ Jesus.



Life Application :

We often look at the story of David and Goliath and think, “Yay, David won.” But that is the beginning of a long and grueling story of his ascension to the throne.

David endured the process of being honored one minute by defeating Goliath, and then the next minute, Saul is hunting him down due to jealousy.

He honored that God anointed Saul to be king and would not hurt him. Even though Saul didn’t treat David with honor by seeking to kill him, David refused to change his convictions.

Just because we face opposition doesn’t mean we are not where God wants us to be.

We are not promised to be trial or challenge-free as Christians. Paul tells us in 2 Tim 3:12, Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

But the good news is that we do not have to be overcome by circumstances. We can, by the power of God, rise above all opposition.

Paul states in 1 Cor 10:11-13 that God gives us a way to escape, the word “temptation” is also translated as “testing or trials” in other places. He tells us that the things that we read in the old testament are for admonition. They are to help us keep going and not give up.

We know that the Greater One lives inside of us and that 1 John 4:4b the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. He will cause us to be overcomers by our reliance upon His word.

Object Lesson (Supplies Provided)



Call a child up to the front and have them stand on 1 foot while keeping a balloon up.

Have multiple children attempt the challenge if time permits.

This resembles them undergoing a challenge while an external factor makes it even more difficult. Will they keep going or quit?

Cliff Hanger :

David and a few of his men sneak into Saul's camp and one of David's men says to him "let me slay Saul right here and now" and then David.... Come back next time!