

PASTURE TO PALACE

LESSON 1

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 that 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.

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Story:

The setup for the account of David's life starts with Israel wanting a king. God tells them that they definitely don't want a king, but they insist, and so God gives them a king. His name is Saul at first he has the heart to obey and follow the Lord. Sadly, he falls into fearing people and doing things his own way.

Just before we meet David, Saul declares his final rebellion against God and disobeys what God asks. God tells Samuel to confront him about it, and Samuel does. Samuel tells Saul that God has rejected him from being king.

God then tells Samuel to go to the house of Jesse and anoint one of his sons as the new king. We see through the whole process that God looks at a person's heart and not just their outward appearance. God directs Samuel to anoint David as the new king of Israel.

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Jesse sent David to resupply his brothers who were entrenched in a war with the Philistines. While delivering the supplies, Goliath challenged Israel to send their best warrior onto the field and fight him. The army of Israel backs down and is taunted every day for 40 days by Goliath.

David hears Goliath defy the God of Israel and he asks why nobody has done anything. David's brothers mock him for being outraged since he was just a shepherd boy. David then accepts the challenge and says I will fight him. His brothers mock him and say he should return to the sheep. But he will not back down. He is brought before Saul and tells him he will take on Goliath.

Saul thinks he is too small or weak, but David recounts how he defended the sheep against a lion and a bear and killed both of them. Stating that this philistine will be the same.

He will take him out in the name of the Lord. Saul allows him to fight Goliath. David runs out to the battlefield to meet Goliath, confronts him, and says that the Lord will deliver Goliath into his hands.

Highlight Scripture :

1 Tim 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith...



Life Application :

David was anointed to be king at an early age but he didn't march into the presence of Saul and say "God chose me and not you now hand over that crown."

David showed honor and perseverance during the whole process. He was faithful with the sheep and faithful in serving Saul by playing the harp. If he had said, "I am better than this, I don't have to serve him, he should be serving me." He would have got himself into trouble. He recognized it was a process of transferring the kingship from Saul to himself.

He pushes through all the opposition from his brothers and even pushes back against Saul, saying that he can't fight him. As a Christian, you will face opposition in fulfilling what God wants for your life. We are called to "Fight the good fight of faith" part of that fight is persevering through trials. We are promised to receive what God has for us if we don't lose heart. Gal 6:9

Object Lesson (Supplies Provided)



You will have a present contained inside multiple wrapping paper layers. Use duct tape as the second layer to make it challenging to get to the present. They will learn how fighting can be just as much mental as physical.

Call a child up and have them start unwrapping the present. (You may have the kids work together if you feel this will work better for your age group)

It will be pretty difficult to open. The core point that we want to share is that there is a reward for enduring and overcoming difficult things that we face in life.

Cliff Hanger :

David starts running straight toward Goliath, then he puts his hand into his bag and pulls out a smooth stone, but Goliath is getting close to David and just as Goliath is about to swing his sword, David hurls the stone directly at Goliath. And then....
Come back next time!