

PASTURE TO PALACE

LESSON 4

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 alone.

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

Cliff Hanger: David sends Uriah to the battle field

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 4

Keep going when you make mistakes.

Scripture reference:

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



Story:

Before David and his men left, the Lord spoke to David and said: “go and overtake them and you will surely recover all.”

They overtake them, and just as God said, they recover all of their possessions and families.

Not long after, David hears that Saul and his sons have been defeated in battle and mourns their deaths.

Then David is anointed king of Judah, and not long afterward, he is anointed as king over Israel.

(2 Sam 11) David chooses to stay home when kings normally go out to war. One day while he is in his house, David sees Bathsheba, Uriah's wife. She is a very beautiful woman, and he decides that he is going to take her for himself. He sends men to get her and bring her to him. Then he talks to the general of his army and has him put Uriah on the front of the battle line.

David commands that when Uriah is placed on the front of the battle line. That the other men are to withdraw and leave him alone to die.

Not only did David take something that wasn't his, but he also followed that up by having the “owner” killed.

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We recognize that it will be difficult for kids to relate to adultery. But generally, kids understand that stealing is wrong or in even more simplistic terms “taking something that doesn't belong to you”.

We will highlight that when David did this and broke one of God’s commandments Exodus 20:15 You shall not steal. Then he tried to cover up that he broke one of God’s commandments by breaking another commandment Exodus 20:13 You shall not murder.

God speaks to the prophet Nathan and tells him to go tell David that what he did was wrong and that he will be judged for it. Nathan comes before David and shares a story 12:1-4.

He tells him about a man who is very rich and has a bunch of sheep and cattle and another man who is poor and had nothing except one little lamb that he raised. The lamb was like a part of the family, and he loved it very much. The rich man has someone visit him from out of town, and he decides to take the lamb from the poor man and use it to feed his guest.

David is very angry at hearing this, he commands that this man should be put to death and repay 4 times over for the sin that he committed.

Nathan looks at King David and says “You are that man!” God had given David the entire kingdom of Israel but yet David coveted something that wasn’t his and took Uriah’s wife.

David shows that his heart is truly after God because he chooses to repent and not harden his heart. We see he chooses a different path than Saul chose because when Saul was confronted with his sin he tried to justify himself.

Highlight Scriptures :

Hebrews 12:1-2 ...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us...

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Life Application :



We see that David chooses to have a soft heart towards God instead of hardening his heart against God. When Saul chose to harden his heart and it led to his being removed as king. David chose to humble himself and repent, which led to the Lord not removing him as king. We learn from this that when we make mistakes, it is important how we respond. In order to keep going, we need to repent and then move on. Choosing to be prideful and trying to justify our actions leads to us being moved off track.

Hebrews 12:1-2 We are told to lay aside every weight and the sin that can take us off course or put us in bondage. We see in verse 2 that we are to put our eyes on Jesus and keep walking in that direction. He is the one who started our faith, and he will finish it.

If you think about a person running a race, it is way harder to run with a 50-pound weight vest than without one. Weights and sin will make it much more challenging to fulfill what God has called you to do.

If we make a mistake, our first place to look should be to the Lord not to try and hide it. When we repent, God is faithful to forgive us and help us keep moving forward.

1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Repenting and asking for forgiveness is the only way to **Keep Going!**

Object Lesson (Supplies Provided)



Have someone run around the room and time how long it takes for 3 laps. Then, have them do the same thing but carrying heavy books.

We need to get rid of the weight and sin in order to run with endurance the race ahead of us.

Cliff Hanger :

David still has to pay the natural consequences of his sin, God tells David that “the sword will never depart from his house, his house will not be at peace” and soon after David’s OWN SON STEALS the KINGDOM from David.