

## DAVID RECEIVES THE KINGDOM

**Scripture:**  
I Samuel 24 and  
II Samuel 1:1-2:11, 5:1-11

**Materials Needed:**  
Red-light/Green-light cards (or  
Stop/Go card)  
Dry erase marker to draw stick  
figures

**Memory Verse: I Peter 5:6**

*Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.*

**Objectives:** As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know—Although David had been anointed king as the next king, he had to wait 15 years, not taking the kingdom by force, but waiting until Saul was dead, and Judah and all Israel acknowledged his kingship.

To Realize—Because God's promises are sure, one must not take matters into their own hands but wait for God's timing.

To Respond by—humbly waiting for God's timing.

### Setting up the Story:

Play "Red-Light/Green-Light." Have either a red/green piece of paper or a picture of a Red stoplight/Green light, or signs that say "STOP" and "GO." Tape the "Red light" on the front of your shirt and the "Green light" on the back of your shirt. Line the students up against one wall. When you are facing the students, they cannot advance. When you turn around, they can advance on the "Green Light." But if you turn back to Red and catch them moving, that person has to go back to the beginning wall. The first person to make it all the way to you without you seeing them move then becomes the new "Red-light/Green-light" at the front. After a couple of rounds, say, "You are going to help me use the Red-light/Green-light in today's lesson. Several weeks ago we started learning about David and King Saul. We saw how GOD rejected Saul from being king, but he chose David to be his king. Whenever we see something in the lesson that HELPS David toward becoming king, we are going to hold up the GREEN light. Whenever we see something in the lesson that STOPS David toward becoming king, we are going to hold up the RED light. Ready? Let's start with a reeeeaally easy one!"

Scripture  
Review  
from  
previous  
lessons.

### Telling the story:

- I. David Anointed King (review)
  - A. When he was a youth, Samuel had anointed him

### As you tell the story:

You remember that Samuel was sent to Bethlehem by God to anoint his next king. And he looked through all of Jesse's sons but...none of them were the right man. Until...Jesse said that his youngest son, David, was out in the field. What was

I Samuel  
24

- B. He became public and very famous by killing Goliath
  
- C. Persecuted by Saul
  
- II. David Doesn't Take the Kingdom by Force
  - A. Saul's 3000 soldiers unknowingly trap David at Engedi
  - B. Saul relieves himself in the cave where David is.
  
  - C. David Spares His Life
    1. His men say: "This is from God to kill him!"
    2. David cuts off the edge of Saul's robe.
    3. His conscience bothers him.
    4. He calls out to Saul: "I spared your life!"
  
  - D. Saul knows David will be the next king.

he doing? "Taking care of the sheep." And when he comes in from the field, Samuel anoints him! Is that going to help David become king? YES! (Hold up the green light sign.) And then he fights Goliath, and everyone sees what a great and brave warrior he is! Is that a Green light to becoming king or a Red light? "Go David!" Then we had a lesson about Saul. Did the news about David's success make Saul happy? No! What did he try to do? ("Tried to kill David!") Is he trying to help David or stop him? Hold up the Red-light sign.

One time, Saul heard that David and his 600 warriors were in En-gedi. He took 3,000 of his soldiers to go find David to kill him! (Red or Green? RED!) How was David ever going to become king while Saul was trying to KEEP HIM from becoming king.

Story tell the details with stick figures until David has the opportunity to kill Saul. There is Saul...sleeping. And David's men are saying, "This is from God! You can kill him and become king!" Is that a Red light or a Green light? Would that help David become king? BUT DAVID REFUSES TO KILL SAUL! Why?

**Look in I Samuel 24:6** (Read verse)  
summarize events of story.  
Does Saul know that David will be the next king? (Read 24:20)

II Sam. 1

### III. David Receives the Kingdom

#### A. After Saul is Killed in Battle

1. With the Philistines
  
2. Jonathan is also killed.
  
3. Slave thinks he is bringing good news.
  
4. David mourns.

II Sam.  
2:1-11

#### B. Judah Anoints Him King

1. David asks God:  
"Shall I go up to cities of Judah?"
  
2. Answer: "Go up to Hebron."
3. Men of Judah come and anoint him!
4. Abner, Saul's commander, FIGHTS against David being king.
  - a. Puts Ishbosheth on the throne
  - b. David in Hebron 7-1/2 years!

But Saul kept pursuing David, until David left the area. (Hold up Red-light) Do you know how long David had to WAIT until he became king? About 15 YEARS after Samuel anointed him! Who was he waiting for? He was waiting for GOD to give him the promise of being king.

One day Saul and three of his sons, including Jonathan, went into the battle against the Philistines and they were killed and a slave messenger runs with the news to David, "Saul was killed in battle!"

Is this happy news for David that NOW he can finally be the king like God promised? (hold up Green light but turn it to Red light and summarize David's grief.)

Finally, in II Samuel 2:1, after everyone had been sad that Saul and his sons had been killed in battle, David asks...WHO what he should do? (He asks THE LORD.) David had been waiting on GOD to give the GREEN LIGHT, the Go!, and what does God say in verse 1? Go to Hebron in Judah.

And finally! The men of one tribe, Judah, come and anoint him king! (II Samuel 2:4) GREEN LIGHT!

Uh oh!

In verse 8 there is ANOTHER RED LIGHT! Saul's commander is going to fight David, so that the other 11 tribes don't follow him, but make Saul's other son king instead!

II Sam. 3:17-19	C. All Israel Anoints Him King 1. Abner finally decides to persuade all Israel to follow David as king.	How long does David have to WAIT for the REST of the Israelites to make him king? 7-1/2 YEARS! (hold up red light!)
5:1-5	2. Abner and Ishbosheth are killed. (only mention, but don't go into the details.)	Could David have gone and fought and forced them to make him their king? Why didn't he?
5:6-11	3. Men of Israel anoint David! 4. David makes Jerusalem his capital city. a. Captures it b. Hiram sends materials to build his house. 5. David realizes that GOD has established him as king over Israel!	What was he waiting on? GOD TO GIVE HIM THE KINGDOM. And then....FINALLY... Look in II Sam. 5:3. ALL of Israel comes to David to anoint him as their king, too! (Hold up green light!)  Summarize details. David is now king of the whole country, and he has a beautiful house in the beautiful capital city of Jerusalem. And you know what David realized? (Read II Samuel 5:12) WHO is the One that kept His promise to make him King? GOD!

### Concluding the Story:

(Hold up the Red-light) Even with ALL the WAITING that David had to do, when Saul was still king and trying to kill him, was it worth waiting for what God promised? Yes! God is the one who gave David the Kingdom, and no one could take it away from him! (Hold up the Green Light) How did David know that God was going to do that? Because in the very beginning, GOD Promised David, through Samuel, that that's what He would do. And even though it took a long time, God made David King.

### Sing song: We Must Not Forget God's Word

*We must not forget God's Word,  
That is where His voice is heard,  
If we listen and obey,  
We can please God every day.  
If we STOP 'til God says, "GO!"  
Then His right way we will know,  
And He'll lead us safely through,  
If we wait and listen, too!*

## **DAVID RECEIVES THE KINGDOM HELPS FOR THE TEACHER**

### **Personal Application Questions:**

1. There are a few ways to apply the truth of this lesson. The first application is that Jesus, the Son of David, has been promised the enduring Throne of David, whose kingdom has no end. He is now waiting for His kingdom to be established on earth as it is in heaven. Because of His promise that He will return, we must hang on through difficulties until He is given His kingdom, awaiting His imminent return. In what ways do you find yourself longing for Jesus to return and make injustice right? What prayers do you make to God that are in line with “Thy Kingdom come”?
2. Have you been hanging onto a promise of God in a specific situation and you have been tempted to take matters into your own hands to force an issue or try to make something happen? In what ways does this truth from David’s humbling help you endure the trials you are going through?
3. Are you in a situation where others don’t recognize the gifting or position God has given you? What would David say to you from his experiences with Saul?

### **Application Questions to Think Through for your Students:**

1. “It’s not fair!” is a common refrain amongst children. This story deals with waiting until God brings justice and “fairness” rather than forcing something to happen. What situations do your students face that feel unfair?
2. Waiting. Patience. Endurance. These qualities are marks of maturity and the working of the Holy Spirit that are developed over a lifetime! What limits have parents set that make your students have to wait? “When you are older, you can stay up later.” “You aren’t old enough for ‘that’ privilege.” How can David’s response to waiting and enduring help your students?

**Memory Verse:** *Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. I Peter 5:6*

Divide the class into two teams, lined up against the back wall on all fours.

Team 1 crawls two steps forward and says: “Humble yourselves” (being low)

Team 2 then crawls two steps forward (to catch up) “therefore”

Team 1 (another two steps) “under God’s” Team 2 (catches up) “mighty hand”

Team 1 (stand up and take a step forward) “that He” (same) Team 2 “may lift”

Team 1 “you up” Team 2 “in due time.”

By this time both teams should be at the opposite wall and all say together:

I Peter 5:6 Explain that humbling can make us feel small and unimportant in front of other people, but God is the One who will lift us up at the right time.

### **Post-Lesson Craft:**

Make a “Stop” and “Go” sign that your students can color, cut out, and paste on either side of a popsicle stick. On the “stop” side, have the words printed, “Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand” and on the “Go” side, have the words printed, “that He may lift you up in due time. I Peter 5:6”

