

Student Handbook

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Welcome to Sonseekers ...

Dear Parents

Welcome to Sonseekers, a Sunday School Program designed to give children a sound background in Biblical events, people and places. We trust that you, and your child, are blessed by participation in this program.

The curriculum has been produced by over 100 people who have voluntarily given of their time and talents to write, draw and create activities, as well as to edit, review and proof-read. We deeply appreciate the commitment and love shown by all who have contributed to this project. The benefit and blessing to children, as they learn about God's life and love, is a testimony to their faithfulness.

However, the real key to children knowing God as their Father lies with their families. As parents train their children in God's way, they begin to experience the reality of the Father's love for themselves.

The Sonseekers program is designed to support and encourage family life and order. The Student Handbook is a feature of the program, offering follow up activities and daily devotions, which you may wish to use in your own family devotions.

May God bless and guide you as you share the Lord's life with your child.

If you wish to know more about the Sonseekers program, please contact the publishers on the numbers listed.

Yours in Christ

The Sonseekers Team

A note to parents about the Sonseekers materials . . .

Timeline

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	Creation
4000BC	Adam and Eve
4000BC	
2500DC	The Fall
2500BC	Noah
	The Flood
2000 D.C	Tower of Babel
2000BC	Abraham
1900BC	Isaac
1800BC	Esau and Jacob
1750BC	Joseph
1360BC	Moses
1280BC	Exodus from Egypt
	and Journeys
12 (0D C	Joshua
1240BC	Entry into and
	Conquest of Land
1220BC	Judges
1100BC	Gideon
1070BC	Samson
1063BC	Samuel
1020BC	Saul as King
980BC	David as King
940BC	Solomon as King
900BC	Kingdom Divided
839BC	Elijah Emerges; Mt Carmel
01.15.0	Jehoshaphat
814BC	Elisha's Ministry
749BC	Jonah
662BC	Hezekiah; Isaiah
576BC	Josiah
540BC	Daniel taken to Babylon
527BC	Exile into Babylon
457BC	Restoration from Babylon
4BC	Birth of Jesus
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	Call of Disciples
28AD	Feeding of 5000
	Parables
29AD	Miracles; Transfiguration
<i>30AD</i>	Raising of Lazarus
	Parables
	Palm Sunday
	Jesus' Crucifixion and
	Resurrection
	Day of Pentecost
22.15	Peter's Ministry
33AD	Conversion of Paul
45AD	Paul's Missionary Journeys
60AD	Paul as Prisoner to Rome

What are the Sonseekers materials?

The Sonseekers Sunday School materials are a four year course of 128 Bible lessons. The lessons are written with the twin aims of teaching the students an accurate chronology of Biblical events and also drawing from each lesson pastoral points relevant to the age and stage of each child. They are written at four levels to cover from Prep to Year 6 age groups. The 128 lessons are organised into 8 units, each of sixteen lessons. The table below indicates the suitable age group for each level:

Sonseekers	Student	School
Level	Age	Level
Level One	5 - 6	Prep, Year 1
Level Two	7 - 10	Year 2, Year 3, Year 4
Level Three	11 - 12 +	Year 5, Year 6

What's in my Sonseekers Level Two Student Handbook?

Each Level Two Student Handbook contains sixteen homework activities and sixteen "My Own Page" sections, relevant for the age of your child.

Each homework activity page comprises:

- the title of the lesson;
- the Bible reference for each lesson;
- an activity related to some aspect of the lesson;
- the memory verse to be learnt from the lesson.

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... note to parents ...

How do I help my child use the Student's Handbook?

The following suggestions are then made with regard to using the book.

After each lesson

- ♦ Make sure that your child learns the memory verse from the lesson.
- ♦ Have the child read the Bible passage for the lesson again or read it to him/her. The reference is provided in the header on the homework activity page. All Scripture references are taken from the New King James Version (1983 edition).
- Discuss the story with the child and ask them what they learnt from the story.
- ♦ Link the activity that the teacher used to the story so that the significance of the activity is clear to the students.
- Set regular times each week for the child to complete the homework activity and daily devotions.
- Give your child as much help and encouragement as they need to complete these tasks. This is an opportunity to fellowship in the word of God with your child!
- Ensure that your child brings the handbook to class so that the teacher can check the homework and mark the following week's memory verse.
- Encourage your child to read ahead for the next lesson.

May God bless you and guide you as parents as you help your children in this way!

Saul chosen

I Samuel 9 - 10:16



"He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world." (Ephesians 1:4).	
	"A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps." (Proverbs 16:9).



Knowing God's guidance

Daily Devotions
Monday 1 Samuel 9:15-17. How did Samuel know to choose Saul?
Tuesday Proverbs 3:5-6. How much do we need to trust the Lord so He can direct our path?
Wednesday Psalm 48:14. For how long has God promised to be your guide?
Thursday John 8:28-29. Who taught Jesus what He should say and do?
Friday Romans 8:12-14. Who is it that leads the sons of God?

Saul and the Amalekites

I Samuel 15



"To obey is better than sacrifice." (1 Samuel 15:22).		"To obey is better than sacrifice." (1 Samuel 15:22).
ı		"Fear God and keep His commandments." (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

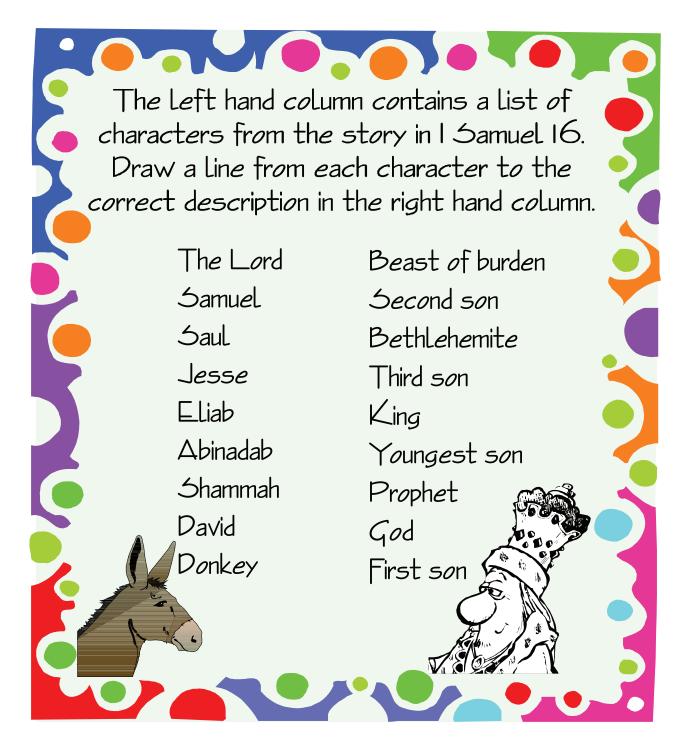


Obedience

Daily Devotions
Monday 1 Samuel 15:8-9. Did Saul destroy all the enemy and, if not, whom did he spare?
Tuesday 1 Samuel 15:22. What was more important to God than making a sacrifice?
Wednesday Jeremiah 26:13. Do you think God may have changed His mind towards Saul if he'd been truly sorry?
Thursday Jeremiah 42:6. What happens when we obey God's voice?
Friday Hebrews 5:6-9. Are children the only people who have to be obedient? Who else does God ask to obey?

David chosen

I Samuel 16



"He knows the secrets of the heart." (Psalm 44:21).
"If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honour." (John 12:26).



God sees our heart

Daily Devotions
Monday 1 Samuel 16:6-7. Instead of looking at our appearance, what does the Lord look at?
Tuesday Psalm 51:10-11. If we do something wrong, who can cleanse our heart?
Wednesday Galatians 5:22-23. List the fruit of the Spirit. These show what should be in our heart.
Thursday Acts 13:16-22. Why did God choose David?
Friday Mark 12:29-30. What is the most important thing our heart can do?

David and Goliath

I Samuel 17

Goliath probably never knew what hit him, once David started to spin his sling round and round. This puzzle goes round and round and the words

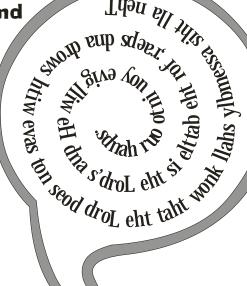
are spelt backwards.

Start at the outside and

see if you can work out the last thing

David said to Goliath









"In God I have put my trust." (Psalm 56:4).
"Let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." (Romans 13:12).



Armour for the battle

Daily Devotions
Monday 1 Samuel 17:4-7. Name some of the things Goliath had to protect himself.
Tuesday 1 Samuel 17:38-40. What did David have to protect himself?
Wednesday 1 Samuel 17:46-47. Who really won the battle for David?
Thursday Ephesians 6:11-13. Why do we need to put on the whole armour of God?
Friday Ephesians 6:14-17. Name a piece of God's armour.

David and Jonathan

I Samuel 19 & 20

By completing the answers to the questions below, you will find out the name of David's great friend.

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1.	David's father.	
	(I Samuel 20:27)	<u> </u>
2.	What the lad had to find.	
	(I Samuel 20:21)	
3.	Saul told all these people to	
	kill David. (I Samuel 19:1)	
4.	The king.	
	(I Samuel 19:1)	
5 .	David's city.	
	(I Samuel 20:6)	LJ
6.	David's wife.	
	(I Samuel 19:11)	
7.	Who the king wanted to kill.	
	(I Samuel 19:1)	
8.	Who sat by Saul's side.	
	(I Samuel 20:25)	
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"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you." (Luke 6:27).
"If anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed." (1 Peter 4:16).



True friends

Daily Devotions
Monday 1 Samuel 20:41-42. Who was the other member of David and Jonathan's friendship?
Tuesday John 15:13-15. The Lord wants us to be His servants. What else does He want us to be?
Wednesday Ruth 1:15-18. Naomi's daughter-in-law loved her greatly. What was her name?
Thursday Daniel 3:13-18. Who was the friend of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego, the men who refused to bow down to idols?
Friday 2 Kings 2:9-12. Elijah and Elisha were both God's prophets. What did Elisha see because he stayed with his friend Elijah?

David had to keep finding new hiding places to be safe from Saul. When David and Saul finally met up with each other, what did David say to Saul? To find out, circle the letters hidden amongst the numbers. Write your answer in the space below.

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Answer:

"The Lord will guide you continually." (Isaiah 58:11).
"Keep your heart with all diligence." (Proverbs 4:23).

Running away

Daily Devotions
Monday 1 Samuel 23:2-4. To whom did David turn for advice when he was fleeing from Saul?
Tuesday Jonah 1:1-3. Who was Jonah running away from?
Wednesday Genesis 27:41-44. Who told Jacob to run away from his brother?
Thursday Exodus 2:11-15. Why did Moses have to run away from his homeland?
Friday 1 Kings 19:1-5. Who was Elijah running away from?

David crowned

II Samuel 5:1-12

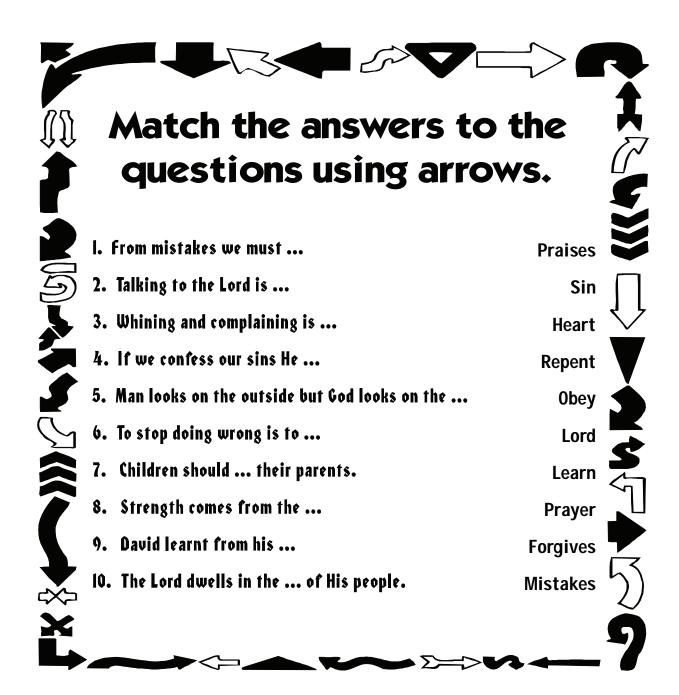
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		Davis.
		Down 1. Who did the Israelites defeat?
		Across — 1. Which city did David enter?
3.		2. What nation did David rule?3. Who is always with us?
		4. Who trusted God? 5. David put hisin God.
4.		6. God tells us to obey our
	5.	
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"Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him." (Psalm 37:5).
"But as for me, I would seek God." (Job 5:8).



God made David king

Daily Devotions
Monday 1 Chronicles 10:1-5. Name the three sons of Saul who were killed by the Philistines
Tuesday
1 Chronicles 10:13-14. Why did God allow Saul to be killed?
Wednesday 1 Chronicles 11:4-9. Which people inhabited Jerusalem before David took control?
Thursday 1 Chronicles 11:10-14. What crop was growing in the field where David's mighty men killed the Philistines?
Friday 1 Chronicles 11:15-18. How many men went through the Philistine camp to get water for David?



"Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths." (Psalm 25:4).
"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!" (Psalm 107:1).



Stories of King David

Daily Devotions
Monday 1 Chronicles 17:1-5. Name the prophet who told David what the Lord wanted him to do.
Tuesday 1 Chronicles 16:1-3. What food did King David give every Israelite after the blessing of the ark in the tabernacle?
Wednesday 2 Samuel 9:1-7. David wanted to help his friend Jonathan's son. What was his name?
Thursday 2 Samuel 12:15-19. How long was David's son sick before he died?
Friday 2 Samuel 12:26-31. What task did David give to the people of Rabbah after he captured their city?

Absalom

II Samuel 13 - 18

Absalom is caught in the tree. Colour his hair and draw some leaves on the branches.



"Before you were born I sanctified you." (Jeremiah 1:5).
"Even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do." (Colossians 3:13).

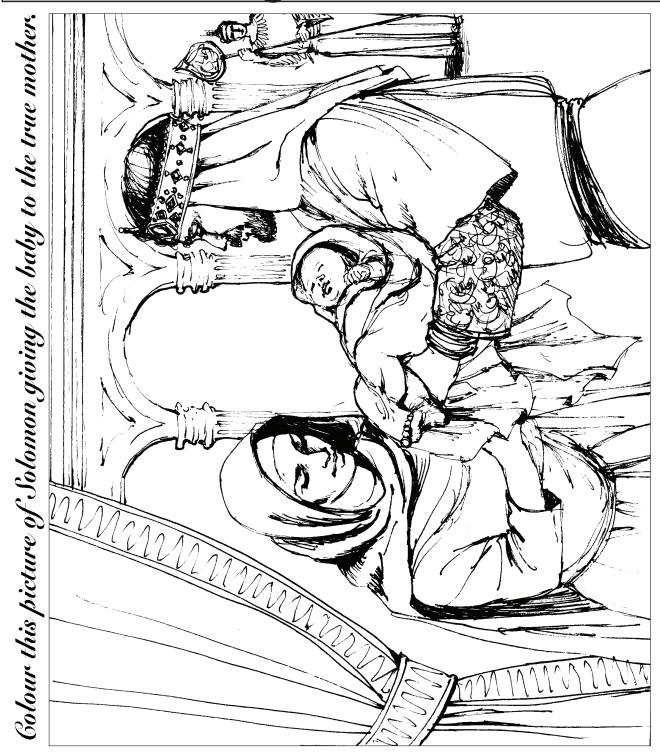


David the king

Daily Devotions
Monday 2 Samuel 3:2-5. Name the six sons of David who were born in Hebron.
Tuesday 2 Samuel 5:1-5. How old was David when he began to reign over Israel?
Wednesday 2 Samuel 6:12-17. Who was it that despised David's joy when he brought the ark back to Israel?
Thursday 2 Samuel 22:1-4. What were some of the words David used to describe the Lord who had delivered him from his enemies?
Friday 1 Kings 1:28-31. Which of David's wives was the mother of Solomon?

Solomon becomes king

I Kings 3 & 4



"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God." (James 1:5).
"Serve the Lord with gladness." (Psalm 100:2).

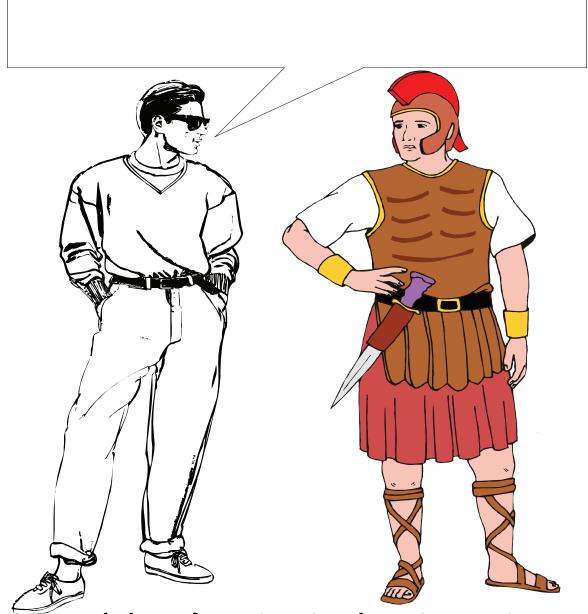


More about Solomon

Daily Devotions	
Monday 2 Samuel 12:24-25. David called his youngest son Solomon, but what name was given to him by Nathan the prophet?	
Tuesday 1 Chronicles 22:6-10. The Lord did not want David to build the temple. (v8). Which of David's sons did he say would build it? (v9 & 10).	
Wednesday 1 Kings 2:1-3. When King David was very old what was some of the advice he gave to his son Solomon?	
Thursday 1 Kings 3:3-5. Where was Solomon when the Lord spoke to him in a dream?	
Friday 1 Kings 3:7-9. What did Solomon ask the Lord to put in his heart to make him a good king?	

Solomon's temple

I Kings 5 & 6



Label one figure 'past' and one 'present'.
Write out Hebrews 13:8 in the space provided above.

"For you are the temple of the living God." (2 Corinthians 6:16).
"You also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit." (Ephesians 2:22).



Building Solomon's temple

Daily Devotions
Monday 1 Kings 5:1-3. Why couldn't King David build a house for the Lord?
Tuesday 1 Chronicles 22:17-19. What important things were to be brought into the new temple?
Wednesday 1 Kings 5:12-13. How many labourers did King Solomon send from Israel to work on the temple?
Thursday 1 Kings 6:37-38. How many years did it take Solomon and his labourers to build the house of the Lord?
Friday I Kings 7:13-14. Name the craftsman who did the bronze work in the temple

Israel divided, Rehoboam and Jeroboam I Kings 12 - 14



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1. I became king. I went to Shechem, all Israel was there. I was not a good king. I talked to the elders, I talked to my friends. I was foolish, I took mu friends' advice. I was king of Judah and Benjamin. I was King Solomon's son. (1 Kings 12).

2. I became ƙing too. I first thought someone else would be the only king, but he was not kind to the people, so many of the people made me ƙina. When I became ƙina, God's people had two kings, God's people were split. The other ƙing and I always fought. I was not a good ƙing either. I was scared my people would join the other king, so I set up shrines in Bethel and Dan. (1 Kings 12).





3. I was sent by God to King Jeroboam to tell him of God's Judgement for his wickedness. The king tried to arrest me but his hand withered. I prayed to God and he was healed. I was later killed by a lion. (1 Kings 13),

4. I dressed up. My husband sent me to the prophet Ahijah, and I was disauised. When I arrived at the prophet's place, he could not see properly because he was very old, yet he knew exactly who I was. God had spoken to him. The prophet told me my little boy would die. He did. (1 Kings 14)



	"Obey My voice, and I will be your God." (Jeremiah 7:23).
	"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them." (John 10:27).

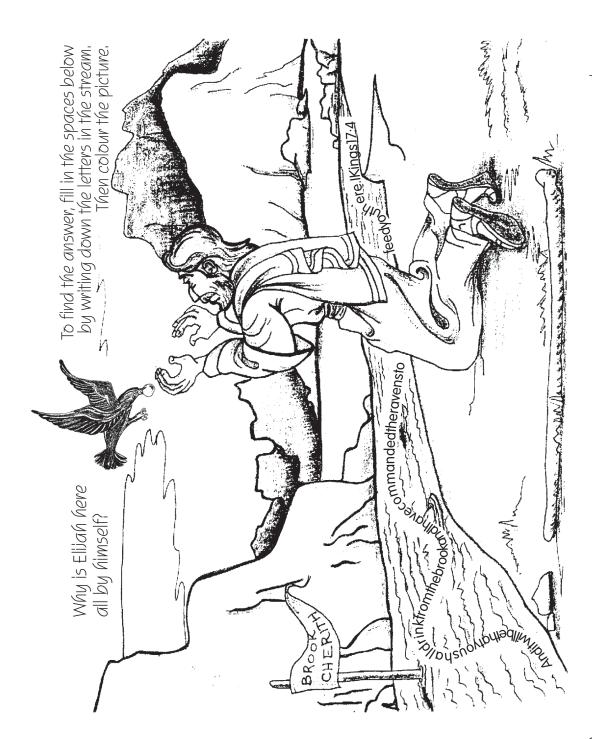


Israel after King Solomon

Daily Devotions
Monday 1 Kings 11:6, 9. How did the Lord God feel when Solomon's heart was turned to other gods?
Tuesday 1 Kings 11:41-43. Put in the missing words.
Solomon reigned over Israel for years. His son took his place when he died.
Wednesday 1 Kings 14:25-26. Which treasures made by Solomon were stolen by Shishak, King of Egypt?
Thursday 1 Kings 15:9-12. Which new king of Judah did right in the eyes of the Lord?
Friday 2 Chronicles 17:1-5. King Asa was followed by his son King Jehoshaphat and the Lord was with him. Why? (v3).

Elijah and the widow

I Kings 17



"Trust in the Lord, and do good." (Psalm 37:3).
"Let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity." (2 Corinthians 9:7).



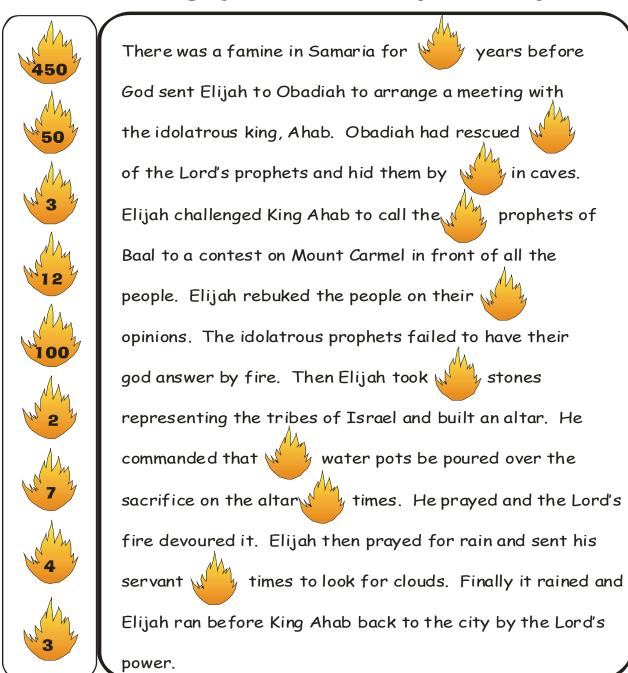
The Lord cares for the righteous

Elijah on

Mount Carmel

I Kings 18

There were many numbers in this week's story. Fill in the correct numbers from the list at the side into the missing spaces in the story summary.



"He is a shield to all who trust in Him." (Psalm 18:30).
"But the Lord is the true God; He is the living God." (Jeremiah 10:10).

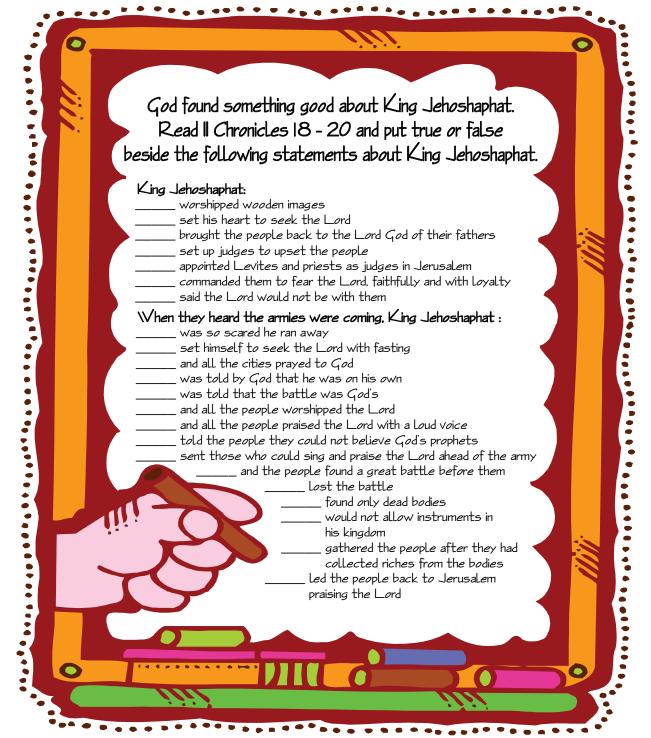


Prophets and kings

Daily Devotions
Monday 1 Kings 22:5-6. The prophets were God's messengers to the kings. How many prophets gathered to advise Jehoshaphat and Ahab?
Tuesday 1 Kings 22:7-8. Why did King Ahab hate Micaiah the prophet of the Lord?
Wednesday 1 Kings 22:26-28. What happened to the prophet Micaiah because he spoke the truth to King Ahab?
Thursday 1 Kings 22:34-35. What type of weapon killed Ahab the King of Israel?
Friday 1 Kings 22:51-53. Who became King after Ahab's death? Did he follow the Lord?

Good King Jehoshaphat

II Chronicles 18 - 20



"The Lord will deliver me from every evil work." (2 Timothy 4:18).
"He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6).



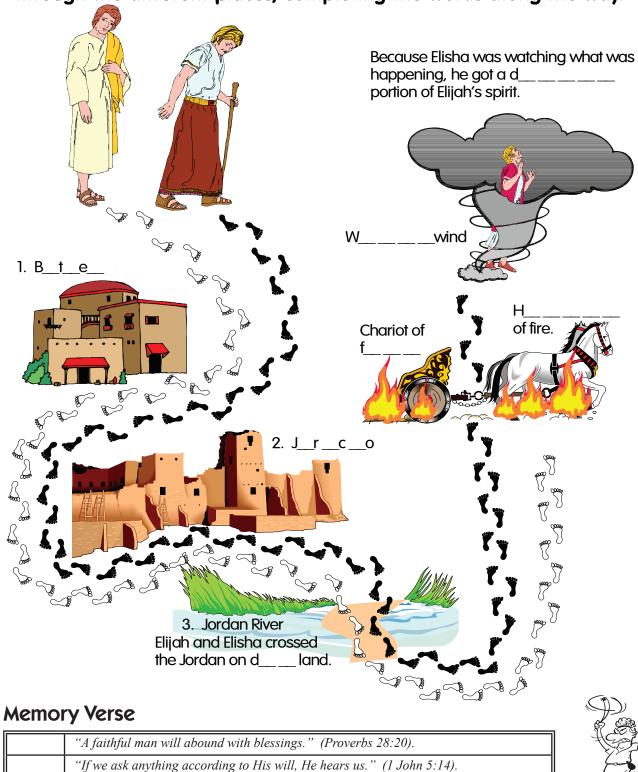
Good King Jehoshaphat

Daily Devotions
Monday 2 Chronicles 20:2-4. What was the first thing Jehoshaphat did when he knew the enemy was coming?
Tuesday 2 Chronicles 20:15-17. What was the message that came to Jehoshaphat from the Lord?
Wednesday 2 Chronicles 17:3-5. Why do you think Jehoshaphat was blessed by the Lord?
Thursday 2 Chronicles 20:31. Calculate the age of Jehoshaphat when his reign ended.
Friday 2 Chronicles 20:35-37. Later King Jehoshaphat joined with King Ahaziah. What sort of man was he? Do you think this helped Jehoshaphat?

Elisha and the double portion

II Kings 2

Read II Kings 2:1-11, then follow Elijah and Elisha's footsteps together through the different places, completing the words along the way.



Miracles and Elijah

Daily Devotions
Monday 1 Kings 17:14-16. What did the Lord promise would happen to the widow's oil and flour after she fed Elijah.
Tuesday 1 Kings 17:17-24. What did Elijah do that showed the widow that he was a man of God?
Wednesday 1 Kings 18:42-45. What wonderful thing happened as Elijah prayed on Mt Carmel?
Thursday 1 Kings 18:38-39. What did the people say when they saw the fire from heaven burn the wet wood, and the stones and sacrifice?
Friday 2 Kings 1:9-12. What happened to prove that Elijah was a man of God?

Sonseekers Curriculum

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- 73. Jeremiah
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- 77. The writing on the wall
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- 80. Restoration

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- 83. Jesus in the temple
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- 86. The call of the disciples
- 87. Water turned to wine
- 88. The temple cleansed, Nicodemus
- 89. The woman at the well
- 90. Healing of the paralysed man
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- 104. The good Samaritan
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- 111. The ten virgins
- 112. The talents

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