King David & Solomon

A harp-playing shepherd boy trusted God's timing and became king: the life of David is recorded in 1 & 2 Samuel and 1 Kings. David defeated the Philistines, united the Northern and Southern tribes and composed many of the Psalms we use in worship today. He lived around 1000 BCE and was succeeded by his son Solomon.

Mediterranean Sea

Gaza



Kiriath-jearim Jerusalem Bethlehem • JUDAH Socoh •

Baale-judah

ISRAEL

Dead Sea

Ramah

Nazareth

Hebron

1 Samuel 17:32-49

David visits his brothers at the

battlefield in Socoh. He fights and

defeats the Philistine giant, Goliath.

Ziklag •



2 Samuel 1:1,17-27

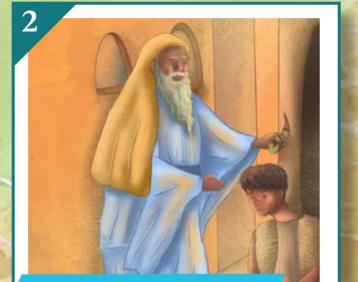
Forest of Ephraim

In Ziklag, David hears that King Saul and his son Jonathan are dead. David mourns and writes a poem.



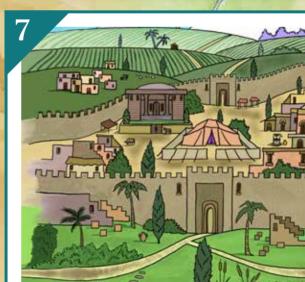
1 Samuel 8:4-11,16-20

The people of Israel gather at Ramah to ask Samuel to choose a king.



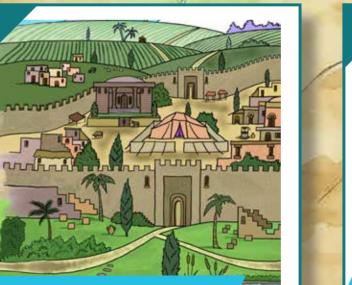
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Although Saul is king, Samuel visits Jesse and his sons in Bethlehem and anoints David as king.



2 Samuel 7:1-14a

God makes covenant promises to David and his descendants.



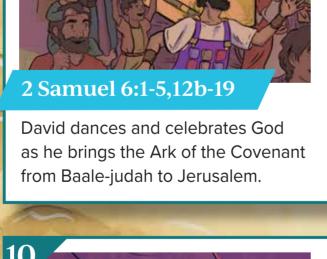
2 Samuel 11:1-15

David sins against God and Bathsheba. Then he arranges to have Uriah, Bathsheba's husband, killed.



2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10

At Hebron, the elders of Israel anoint David king over all Israel. He was already king of Judah.





2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

The prophet Nathan confronts David about his sin.

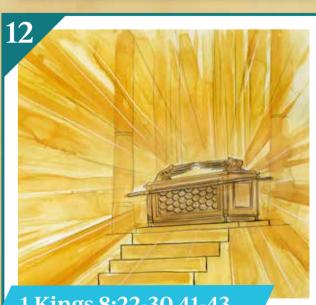


2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33

David's son, Absalom, tries to take over the kingdom, so David flees. Absalom is killed in the Forest of Ephraim and David weeps for his son.



Solomon, David's son, becomes king after David dies. He asks God for wisdom to lead well.



1 Kings 8:22-30,41-43

King Solomon builds and consecrates the Temple in Jerusalem and the glory of God fills the Temple.

