

Kidz Church - 29th March 2020

Hi to everyone!

Well, this is a different way of doing our Kidz Church activities, but hopefully you will enjoy doing the same sorts of fun things, but with an adult at home instead of at the centre with me!

This session is our last in our series about King David. We've heard quite a bit so far about how David was not born to be a king, but was chosen by God. How he was promised by God that one of his family would be King Forever! We commented on the fact that Jesus was a descendant of David, fulfilling that promise. We also looked at how David was a good king who showed kindness to Mephibosheth (go on, have a go at saying his name!), whose grandfather Saul had been king. But Saul was killed in a horrific battle, just before David was appointed king.

You can catch up on the full story by reading 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel together. (Parents may like to read this through first and give a potted version especially to younger children).

This week we will look at what happened when things went wrong for David. Adults should start by reading 2 Samuel 11:1 – 12-15 so that you know what the activities are aiming towards and the story they are based on.

So as always we will start this week with a **short opening activity**.

Ask your child or children to lie down comfortably and close their eyes.

Ask them to imagine walking up to a big, splendid palace. Audibly set the scene for them if you think it will help.

Say: 'imagine going inside. What are the rooms like? Walk until you reach the throne room. The door opens and you see a king sitting on his throne. You walk towards him nervously but when he sees you he runs to you and hugs you, saying "I love you, my child" '.

Ask your child/children to open their eyes. Sit together and discuss how God is a great and powerful king but he still loves us.

Sing a song together about God's love, such as Wide, wide as the ocean;

[Click on this link to play the song](#)

The next activity is our **Into The Bible** section. Here we look in a little more depth at the message in this weeks story.

To do this activity you will need to print or draw the faces pictures. Labelled as page 125 on the PDF attachments. Cut the sheet so that each face is displayed individually.

Look at the faces one at a time. Discuss with your child/children the emotion shown by each face. Have fun together practising the different facial expressions. When you've all had a go at making all of the faces, choose a face for each other and challenge each other to make that face.

Tell your child/children that as they listen to the following story you will all be thinking about a time when David felt all of these feelings.

This story is from 2 Samuel 11 and 12. As you mention the different emotions, display the relevant 'feeling face' to your child/children and encourage them to copy it.

Story: *One day God spoke to a prophet called Nathan and told him to go and see King David with a very difficult message. King David had done something wrong, which had made God sad and because the message was a difficult one, Nathan decided to tell David a story. This is Nathan's story:*

*'There was once a rich man who had lots of sheep and a poor man who had nothing except one little lamb. He looked after the lamb carefully. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a child to him and they were **happy** together.*

'Now a traveller came to visit the rich man, and the rich man wanted to give him a meal. Roast lamb would be just right! But the rich man did not take one of his own sheep to cook for the meal. Instead he stole the lamb that belonged to the poor man and got it ready for the travellers meal.'

*When King David heard this he was very **angry** with the rich man and told Nathan that the rich man should be punished for what he had done.*

*But then Nathan said to David: 'You are that rich man because you took something that didn't belong to you. You saw a beautiful woman and wanted her as your wife and so you had her husband killed so you could marry her!' When David heard this he realised that God knew what he had done, and that he had behaved just like the rich man. He was really **sorry** and begged God to forgive him.*

*Nathan said that God would forgive him but, even so, the new baby that he and the beautiful woman had would die. This made King David very **sad** but he knew that he had done wrong. David was **happy** that God still loved him.*

This can be a hard story for younger children to understand, particularly as David was punished for what he had done despite God's forgiveness. Be sure to emphasise God's continued love and forgiveness rather than the death of David's baby.

Ask your child/children if they think God loved David any less when he did wrong. Remind them that God will keep on loving us too. Chat about how, when we love someone (family or friend), we should keep loving them, even when they do wrong, hurt us or let us down.

Our final section links in nicely with the theme in the main service for this month, and the Psalmathon this weekend. Our **Living the Life** section is about creating psalm pictures.

Below I have taken 4 verses from psalm 51. In this psalm David, who often wrote prayers and songs to tell God how he felt, is saying sorry to God.

Either write each verse at the top of an A4 sheet of paper or just read each in turn. Encourage your child/children to draw a picture to illustrate the words. Your child/children will probably enjoy seeing what you draw for each verse as well. When you have illustrated all the verses, talk together about what they mean to you. Maybe you would like to read the complete psalm 51 together.

Psalm 51:

V:2 Wash away all my evil and make me clean from my sin.

V:7 Remove my sin and I will be clean. Wash me and I will be whiter than snow.

V:15 Help me to speak, Lord, and I will praise you.

V:17 My sacrifice is a humble spirit, O God, you will not reject a humble and repentent heart.

Well, there we are. Kidz Church at home. I hope you've all enjoyed doing the activities with your family. There are two extra sheets available for you to do during the week. One is a game about being sorry and being forgiven. The other is for you to write a prayer to say thank you to God for loving us when we do wrong things.

Next week we will be starting to look at the Easter story. Have Fun! Karen xx