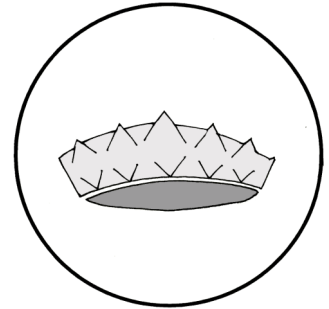


**Lesson #2-7*****David Becomes King***

2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5; Psalm 150

**Key Verse:**

The LORD said to [David]: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.”

2 Samuel 5:2

**The Point:**

A good leader serves God and the people.

**Unit Theme (October 20—November 3)**

God's Way of Leading

***David Becomes King***

*Build the story.*

*You will need:*

- † Bibles
- † Interlocking building blocks
- † Small containers

*Preparation:*

1. Prepare small containers of various interlocking building block pieces for every small group. If your congregation is seated in rows or pews, prepare one container per every three to four people.
2. If interlocking building blocks are not available or practical for your group, consider other possible ways a small group can create a scene as described below. Supplies should be such that everyone is able to participate, regardless of age. Preference should be given to items that encourage hands-on participation.

# *David Becomes King*

*Build the story.*

*Instructions:*

1. **Ruth's story was an intriguing narrative that taught us about loving your neighbor. David's story is another fascinating one that will teach us about loving God. David was a shepherd, a warrior, and is now a king.**
2. **As you listen to the story, start quietly creating the scene, including people, with your group from the blocks. We are not looking for great works of art and feel free to be abstract, something that does not look like what you are trying to show. You will have time to talk about your scene after we listen, so just work quietly while I am reading.**
3. Read 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5.
4. **The Psalms are a collection of songs, many of which were written by David. Psalm 150 may be talking about this very scene we just heard, so let's listen to that, too, and keep creating with your blocks.**
5. Read Psalm 150.
6. **Now that you have heard today's story, and the accompanying psalm, take ten minutes with your group to finish building what you need for your plastic block reenactment of the story. We will hear the reading again, and then you can act out the whole story.**
7. After ten minutes, re-read aloud 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5 and Psalm 150.
8. Discuss together:
  - **What important features did you make sure you included in your scene?**
  - **Why do you think that a king and warrior was so adamant about worshiping God?**
  - **How is David's worship like our worship?**
  - **How would you like our worship to be more like David's?**
9. **David was a man whom no one knew about, but who rose to be king. His father, Jesse, did not even think about him when the prophet Samuel came to him to anoint one of his sons as king. David was called "a man after God's own heart" because he loved greatly and worshiped whole-heartedly. But David also had many flaws and did some bad things, but he always repented, turned back to God. This is why he is a role model for us. We, too, can love greatly, worship whole-heartedly, and turn back to God when we have done something wrong.**