David

True–False

Look at the underlined word to determine if the statement is true or false. If the statement is true, write true in the blank. If the statement is false, write false in the blank.

1. The instrument that David often played was the harp.
   true

2. David’s good friend was Eli. (Jonathan)
   false

3. David defeated Goliath.
   true

4. God used Abigail to keep David from harming Saul. (Nabal)
   false

5. David had two opportunities to kill Saul.
   true

Discuss: Explain why the false answers are incorrect statements.

Short Answer

Read each question carefully, and write your answer in the blank.

1. Did David defeat Goliath in his own strength? No How was David able to defeat Goliath?
   Answers vary. He trusted in God. He prayed.

2. Sometimes we have giants of sin in our lives. Name a few sins that could become giants.
   Answers vary. selfishness, bad language, bad temper, fear, worry, wrong thoughts, wrong attitude

3. The Lord will help us to overcome those giants of sin. What weapon could you use to help you defeat the giants of sin?
   Answers vary. Bible verses or the Bible, prayer
4. In 2 Samuel 23:1, the people called David the “sweet psalmist of Israel.”

   Why?

   Answers vary. He sang praises to God. He wrote many of the Psalms. He played his harp while keeping his father’s sheep.

5. Write out a verse in Psalms that reminds you to praise God.

   Answers vary. Psalm 100:1, 4, “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.”

   Psalm 147:1, “Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.”

6. When David’s oldest brother, Eliab, stood before Samuel, what did God tell Samuel that He (God) was looking at?

   “man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.”

7. David’s choice of Jonathan as a friend was a good choice. What qualities should you look for when choosing friends?

   Answers vary. Someone who is honest, kind, loves the Lord, etc.

8. What does God tell us in Proverbs 18:24 about friendship?

   To have friends you need to be friendly.

9. A new child that is your age comes to your school or church. What could you do to be a friend to him or her?

   Answers vary. Talk to him, sit with him, invite him to go with you to your Sunday school class, introduce him to other children, etc.
Discussion/Application

Use these questions to prompt discussion about life applications from lessons.

1. Why was Jonathan a good friend for David?
   He loved and obeyed God. He encouraged David. He protected David. He was not jealous of David.

2. Do you think that you could be a good friend? How could you be a good friend now?
   Answers vary. Be kind to others. Encourage others to pray or read their Bibles.

3. Are you a good friend to your brother or sister? Is there something you could change to be a better brother or sister?
   Answers vary. Share, not argue, be kind.

4. Read 1 Samuel 16:7. Think about yourself. Is there something about your outward appearance you would like to change? Maybe you would like to be a little taller so you could be a better basketball player. Maybe you would like straight hair and not curly, or you would like curls instead of straight hair. The next time you think, “I wish I could change (fill in the blank),” stop and instead think, “Thank you, God, for making me (fill in the blank).” Remember that God looks on your character not how you look.

5. Is there someone you know that could use some encouragement because he doesn’t look, act, or dress like others do? What could you say or do that would encourage him? Answers vary. Choose him first for your team, take time to sit and talk with him, tell him something you like about him, etc.

What was your favorite part from the life of David, and what did you learn from it?
Answers vary.
Optional—Have students draw their favorite scene in the space below.
1. Look up the following verses that were written by David. As you read, see if you find any of the following: Does he describe God? Does he praise God? Does he mention a promise from God? Does he pray for something? Put a star by your favorite verse.

Psalm 34:1  Psalm 37:4  Psalm 37:23–24  Psalm 55:17

2. David was a shepherd and took care of his father’s sheep. In what Psalm does David call God a Shepherd? **Psalm 23** If you have trusted in Jesus, you and David have the same Shepherd. Read this Psalm thinking about all the ways God shows His love to you.

My Favorite Verse Copy your favorite verse from above.

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