

Little Hands, Big Hearts

Worship for the Family

Week 36: David Builds An Altar



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Getting Started

Encourage everyone to get their minds focused and prepared for studying the Bible. Consider singing a song or two. I have uploaded a teen songbook that we use at camp. Perhaps you will spot some songs that are familiar and you can sing together as a family. Click [here](#) to download the songbook.

Review

Last week David returned to his place as king. Why had David fled from Jerusalem? Who was he scared of? Among the men that David sent to regain control of the kingdom was one leader who took matters into his own hands. What was the name of this leader and what did he do? When David returned to Jerusalem and interesting scene unfolded. How did the people of Israel feel after the events of the last few months? What did David do to calm them? What did the people who sided with Absalom do?

Devotional Thought

READ 2 Samuel 24:18-25

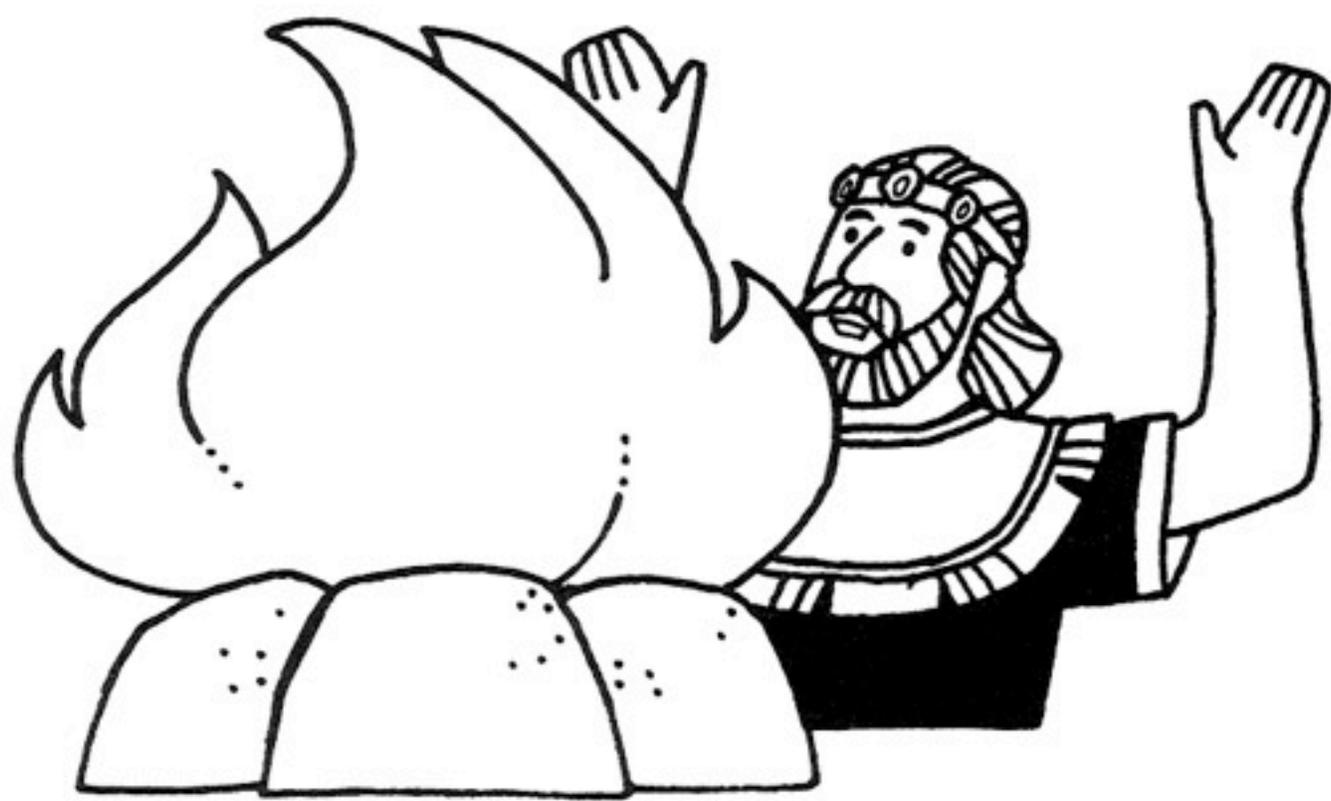
The account of David in 2 Samuel is often paralleled in 1 Chronicles. (Today's text can also be found in 1 Chronicles 21:18-26.) We skipped over a few events, but to set the context for today you might want to read all of 2 Samuel 24. The beginning of 2 Samuel 24 says, "Again the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he incited David against them, saying, "Go, number Israel and Judah." There are no innocent parties in what is about to happen. God was angered by Israel over sins that are not detailed in the text and David is also a part of the problem.

David has a census conducted of all the men fit for military service. God is greatly angered by this act of self-reliance and pride and a pestilence is sent on the people that kills 70,000 men. God spares Jerusalem from complete destruction.

To commemorate God's mercy, David builds an altar at Araunah. The owner of the area offers up all his property to David as a sacrifice to God, but David insists on paying a fair value for these items. There is a lesson for us there. Does God want what is easy or left over? Or does God expect the best of what we have?

Conclusion

There are lots of other points to be made about this passage, but my one page limit prohibits us from going too far. Ask your kids lots of questions about this interesting text.



David Builds an Altar to God

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1 Chronicles 21:18-26