

Teaching Plan - David, A Friend of God

Aim -To show God notices us and has a plan for our lives if we stay close to him.



Welcome - sing We are Here Together



Game

Play a game that involves hitting a target - (David hit the target with Goliath!!)

And/or

What's in the bag? Put objects relating to David's life in bag and let people guess what they are eg toy sheep, stone, crown, catapult, toy harp etc.



Bible reading: 1st Samuel 16: 11-13 and 17: 48-9
2nd Samuel 5: 3-4



Drama (Acted out or hold up pictures/PowerPoint)

Meet David here he is out in the field looking after the sheep - he was a teenager then and the youngest in his family. Nobody thought he was that important, but God had a big plan for his life

God asked a man called Samuel to go and find David - when he did, he poured some oil over his head -anointing him - doing that meant that God had a special job for him.

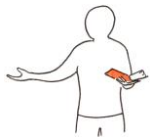
The king at that time was King Saul - often he was in a bad mood, but David played the harp for him and that made him feel better.

David was very brave when he was in the army, and one day he had to

fight Goliath - he was a giant and had his armour on and a huge big spear in his hand. David was quite wee but he was not frightened of Goliath because he knew God was with him. David had a catapult and fired a stone at Goliath and it killed him - hit him smack on the forehead.

David was a hero in the army and then he became King David - almost everyone was pleased with him.

David tried to do everything God's way but sometimes he made mistakes, but he always remembered to say sorry. David was God's friend.



Talk

David's life story is amazing - he started off the youngest in his family and as a shepherd - out in the field looking after sheep. Then later he was King David. The shepherd looks after sheep and the king looks after people so David must have been the kind of person who was caring and liked to look after animals and people. We know he was a brave man as he killed the giant Goliath - everyone else was scared of Goliath, but David stepped out to fight him because David was sure that God was with him and would keep him safe. David was also kind to King Saul and helped to keep him calm by playing music to him.

But at the start of David's life no one noticed him - he was just a boy looking after the sheep. But God noticed him and had a plan and purpose for David's life. Only God knew what that plan was - all David had to do was follow God's plan and he did - most of the time. He also did some bad things but said sorry to God and God did not hold things against David - he forgave him.

Sometimes we feel that nobody notices us or thinks we're much good at anything - but God sees us - he made each one of us special and gave us different talents and he wants us to use them.

Ask people what they are good at.

How can they use their talents to help others?

David made some big mistakes in his life, but he knew how to say sorry and put things right. He became the most famous King that Israel ever had!

David's family was quite big and - hundreds of years later - Jesus was born into David's family.

David was great at writing songs and poems and we can read some of them in the Bible in the book of Psalms. Probably the most famous one is the 23rd Psalm - let's read it and then say it with actions as a prayer.



Prayer Time - Using 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd (*point to self*);

I have all that I need. (*Stretch arms out wide.*)

He lets me rest in green meadows (*put palms together at one side of face*).

He leads me beside peaceful streams. (*Make wave like motions with hands.*)

He renews my strength. (*Make muscles.*)

He guides me along right paths (*walk*), **bringing honour to his name.** (*Point up.*)

Even when I walk through hard times (*cup hands over eyes*), **I will not be afraid** (*head up*),

For you are close beside me. (*Point left and right.*)

Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. (*Cross fists in front of you.*)

You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. (*Pretend to eat.*)

You honour me by anointing my head with oil. (*Touch hands to head.*)

My cup overflows with blessings. (*Cup hands in front of you.*)
**Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days
of my life** (*turn in a circle*),
And I will live in the house of the Lord forever. (*Stretch arms up
high.*)
Amen.



Possible Craft -

Decorating a heart (the Bible said David was a man after God's own heart)



Possible Songs

We are here together (Prospects)
The Lord's my Shepherd (all or part of it)
The Father himself loves you (Prospects)
I will sing and dance for you (Prospects)
Our God is a great big God
When the Spirit of the Lord comes into my heart, I will dance like
David danced.
Praise him on the trumpet
Only a boy named David
Our God is so big so strong and so mighty