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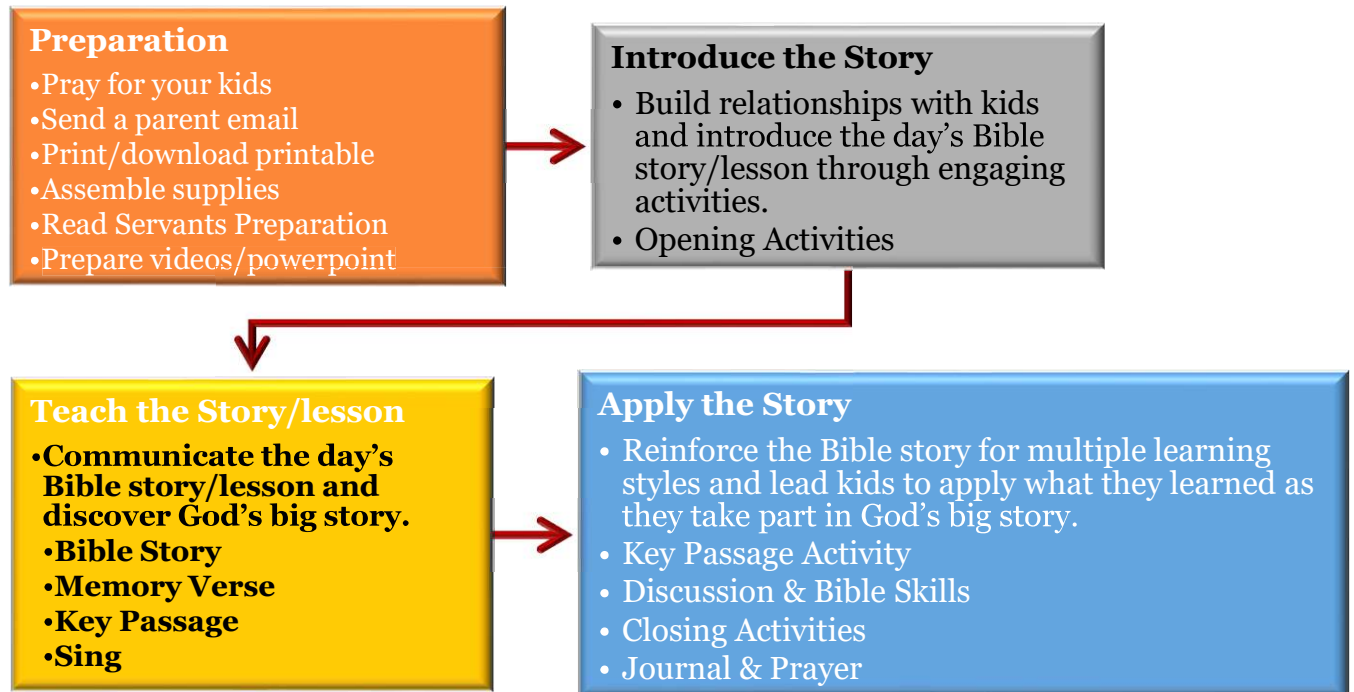
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## PRE-LESSON PLAN:



SERVANT FOR CONSIDERATION: ([Click Here](#))

Pre-class reading and assignment (add)

Class session

**Opening hook** – (add), i.e., a question(s) opening activity.

**Short intro** (add): review application of last session, and homework.

**Chapters** in the plan, the story- by chapter,

**Learning Goals** – Application

Activities (add): (in beginning or end)- linguistic questions, verse memorization activity, true/false questions, emotional questions, fact questions,

Memory Verse (add) - ways of memorization.

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Homework – or after class maybe

<http://www.joyfulmeditations.org/resources/kids/bible-activity-sheets#1%20kings>

## UNIT #2: THE REIGN OF SOLOMON CHS 1-11 UNITED KINGDOM

Week 3: Chapter 1,2 Solomon's succession to David's throne

Week 4: Chapter 3,4 The Foundation of Solomon's Reign, 2:13—4:34

Week 5: Chapter 5-8 Solomon's greatest contribution the Temple

Week 6: Chapter 9-11 The fruits of Solomon's reign Solomon's death

### WEEK #3: CHAPTER 1-2 SOLOMON'S SUCCESSION TO DAVID'S THRONE

#### Servant Preparation

**Opening hook** –ask students:

Q: Do you need a reminder of commitment?

#### SOLOMON'S KINGDOM ESTABLISHED

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In these two chapters, we see Solomon the son of David, born from Bathsheba, whom David had no right to marry; and who was not the firstborn who has the right to succeed his father on the throne. Yet he was chosen to be the king by his father according to a divine call; having been told: *“Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies all around. His name shall be Solomon, for I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days. He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I will be his Father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever”* (1 Chronicles 22: 9, 10).

It so seemed that ‘Adonijah’ was expected to sit on the throne, being the fourth son of David (1 Kings 2: 15, 22), after the death of the three older sons: Amnon, Absalom, (2 Samuel 3: 2-5), and Caleb.

When David grew very old, ‘Adonijah’ planned to replace him, but the prophet Nathan intervened, spoiled his plan, and gave the kingdom to Solomon. Solomon was noble in dealing with his brother, Yet, with the later persistence on his plan, Solomon had to kill him.

- From this lesson the students will learn that God is the one in control, God keeps His promises – do you need a reminder 1Kings1:17-21?
- The formula to prosper and be strong (1Kings 2:3)



## Chapter 1: Adonijah! David Crowns Solomon As King

### Chapter outline:

1. David's declining health 1:1-4
2. Adonijah's attempt to seize the throne 1:5-53
3. David's charge to Solomon

#### 1. David's declining health 1:1-4

As 1st Kings begins, David has gotten very old. They got him a young woman to marry "Abishag."

#### 2. Adonijah's attempt to seize the throne 1:5-14

Adonijah, one of David's sons, gets an idea: With his dad so old and decrepit, this would be the perfect time to seize the throne from the rightful heir, Solomon.

So Adonijah starts to gather supporters, including Abiathar the high priest, and Joab the commander of the military.

However, not everyone jumps on board, including Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Shimei (a frenemy of David's), and David's mightiest warriors, including Benaiah.

Undeterred, Adonijah heads to the stone of Zoholeth and invites his brothers (minus Solomon, of course), his father's servants, and all the men of Judah to come watch him crown himself king.

Nathan visits Bathsheba to let her know about Adonijah's scheme before things get out of hand.

They know that if Adonijah succeeds in becoming king, he will probably see both Bath-Sheba and Solomon as threats and kill them.

Bath-Sheba and Nathan go to David's chamber to tell him that Adonijah's trying to steal the crown. "Reminder of Commitment"

### *BUT GOD IS IN CONTROL*

Two parties:

Supporters for Adonijah	Supporters for Solomon
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Abiathar -High Priest</li><li>• Joab- Commander of Military</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• King David - Father</li><li>• Beth-Sheba - Mother</li><li>• Zadok – Priest</li><li>• Nathan – Prophet</li><li>• Shemei - Frenemy</li><li>• Benaiah – Mighty warrior</li></ul>

#### 3. David's charge to Solomon 1:15-53

David hears them out and tells Bath-Sheba that Solomon will be king, just like he promised her. He commands Nathan, Benaiah, and Zadok to make it happen.

They put Solomon on David's mule, have him ride to Gihon, anoint him with oil, blow a trumpet, and he's king. And there is much rejoicing.

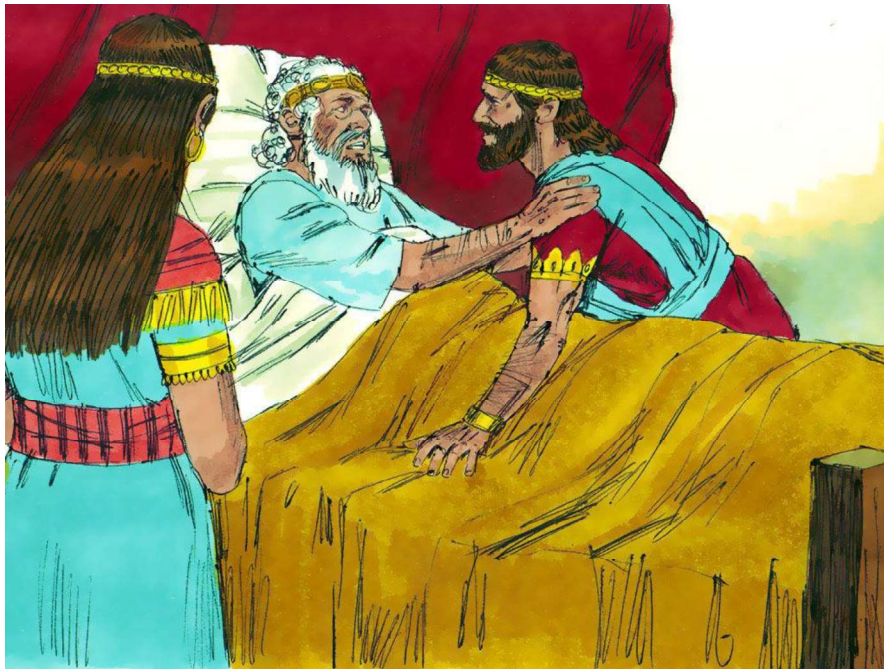
Meanwhile, Adonijah's just finishing what's supposed to be his coronation feast when he and his guests hear Solomon and the gang celebrating good times.

Adonijah's supporters quickly realize they've picked the wrong horse in this race, and they get outta there before there's trouble. (chief priest and military commander)

David's move has totally turned the tables, and now it's Adonijah that's in danger of being killed as an obvious threat to Solomon.

Desperate, Adonijah rushes to an altar in the tabernacle and grabs ahold of its horns. This is totally like reaching home base in tag, and nobody can kill you as long as you're there. Adonijah refuses to let go of the horns until Solomon promises not to kill him. Solomon's like, "Look man, if you stay in line, I'll leave you alone. But if not, you're dead." That's good enough for Adonijah. He bows before Solomon's throne, then goes home.

**Learning Goal:** Sometimes the Lord uses other people to remind us of his word to us. David acknowledged that God had kept him safe and that he had promised Solomon would be king. David honored this promise. Let's be reminded of how important it is to keep our commitments.



## Chapter 2: David Dies of Natural Causes; Solomon's Enemies Die of Benaiah

### Chapter outline:

1. David's Instructions for Solomon.1-9
2. David died. Solomon reigns as king in Israel.
3. Solomon executed Adonijah, Joab and Shimei

### 1. David's Instructions for Solomon. They got him a young woman.2:1-9

Before he dies, David's final advice to Solomon is as follows:

- How to "Be strong. Show that you're a man so you keep the Lord's commandments/judgments/testimonies/laws.
- If you do, you'll always prosper, and our sons will always sit on the throne of Israel.
- Remember when **Joab murdered Abner** and **Amasa**? He's gotta die. Take care of that. While you're at it, deal with Shimei, too. I promised I personally wouldn't kill him, even though he cursed me, so you do the honors.
- Oh—and make sure to watch after my friend Barzillai and his family. He helped me out when I needed him."

### 2. David dies and is buried, ending a glorious 40-year reign. 2:10-12

Solomon has hardly begun his own tenure as king when Adonijah visits Bath-Sheba with a shady proposal: He wants to marry the newly widowed Abishag, and he wants Bath-Sheba to convince Solomon that it's a good idea. She agrees to try, for some reason. Solomon doesn't go for it. He said: No— You know what? That's it.

### 3. Solomon executed Adonijah, Joab and Shimei.2:13-46

Adonijah is going to die today.

- An over-reaction? Maybe not! See, when a king dies, all his possessions (including his wives) belong to his heir. So, for Adonijah to try to marry Abishag was kind of like **trying to become king all over again**.
- At least, that's the way Solomon sees it, and he goes on all of his enemies.
- He sends his right-hand man Benaiah to kill Adonijah, because that's what Benaiah does best. Adios, Adonijah.
- Solomon also seems to suspect that Abiathar and Joab were involved in Adonijah's little machinations, so he decides to take care of them, too.
- First, he banishes Abiathar to his home in Anathoth and strips him of his role as a priest.
- Joab hears about Adonijah and Abiathar, and he starts to sweat. He runs to the tabernacle to grab the horns of the altar for protection. Hey, it worked for Adonijah that one time, right?
- But Solomon sends Benaiah to the tabernacle. He's like, "Are you going to come quietly, or?" And Joab's like, "I ain't goin' nowheres! I'll stay here 'til I die!"
- Benaiah reports this to Solomon, who says, "That's the best idea Joab's ever had: Kill the murdering person."
- So Benaiah kills Joab inside the tabernacle.
- With that, Benaiah becomes the senior commander of Solomon's military.
- Continuing to fulfill David's last wishes, Solomon puts Shimei on house arrest in Jerusalem as punishment for **doing his father wrong** years previously.
- If he crosses the brook Kidron, Solomon tells him, he's dead. Shimei swears he won't. Three years later, two of Shimei's servants run away across the brook Kidron, and he crosses it to go after them. Solomon hears about it, and Benaiah killed Shimei.