

GREAT short LESSONS

2nd Samuel in Word and Pictures!



Join us as we walk through
all 24 chapters in the book of 2nd Samuel!

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A month of notes from Chaplain Aaron:

Thank you to my beloved family for your love for the Lord and for each other. It is so wonderful to know that you read God's Word, the Bible and share your understanding with each other. I hope that you will find this short explanation on each chapter to be a delight to your heart and an inspiration to your mind. May God bless you kindly.

Chapter 1 – *The Prayer of a Sorrowful Woman*

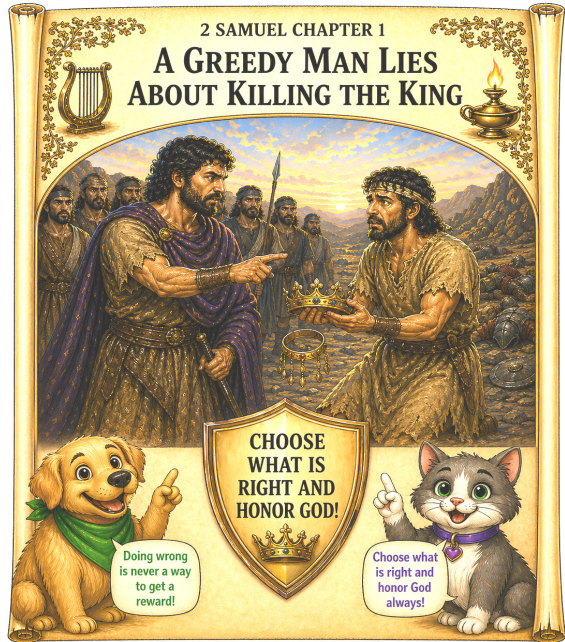
Chapter Lesson:

After a great battle with the Philistines, King Saul and many of his sons and soldiers were killed. A man came to David bringing Saul's crown and bracelet, hoping to receive a reward. He claimed that he had taken Saul's life to help him, even though Saul had already been dying. David

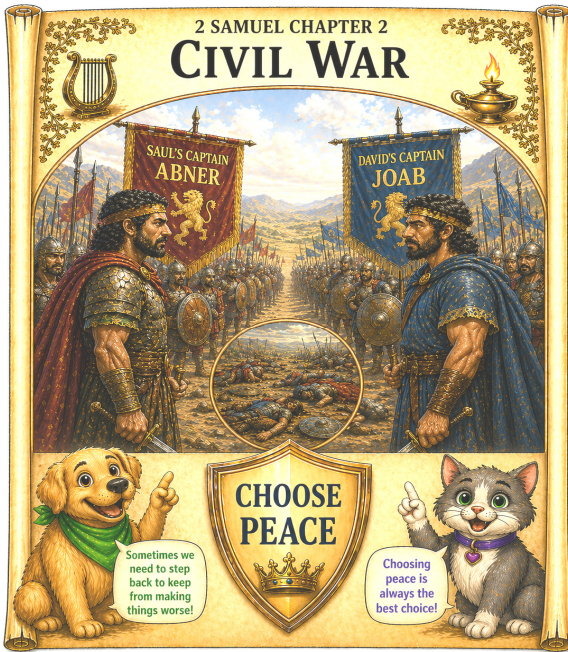
understood that what the man said was wrong and very serious. David responded with anger because no one had the right to harm the Lord's anointed king. In verse 16, David said, "Thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee," showing that the man was judged by his own words.

This Applies to ME:

We should never think that doing something wrong will earn us a reward. When others do wrong and try to make it sound good, we must stand for what is right. Honoring God means telling the truth and refusing to take part in wrongdoing.



Chapter 2 – Unnecessary Civil War



Chapter Lesson:

After King Saul died, David became king over Judah, but not everyone followed him. Saul's captain, Abner, made Saul's son Ishbosheth king over Israel. This caused two sides, with two captains, to gather their soldiers for battle. The armies met, and a small fight quickly turned into a much bigger and deadly

war. Many soldiers died, even though the fight did not need to happen. The battle showed how dangerous it is when people refuse peace and choose pride instead.

This Applies to ME:

Sometimes people do not agree, even when they should try to get along. When arguments grow, it is wise to step back and get help instead of making things worse. Choosing peace is stronger than winning a fight, because peace honors God.

Chapter 3 – *David Looks for Peace*

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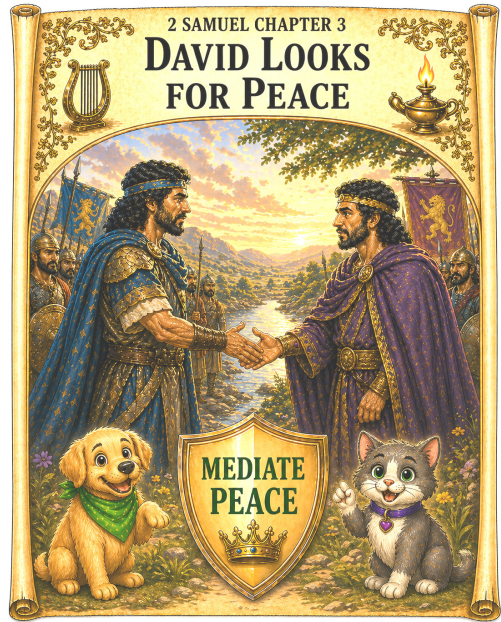
There was a long struggle between the house of Saul and the house of David, and the fighting seemed like it might never end.

Abner, who had been Saul's captain, began to see that continuing the battle would only bring more loss. So he reached out to David with a desire for peace, saying, "Make thy league with me, and, behold, my hand shall

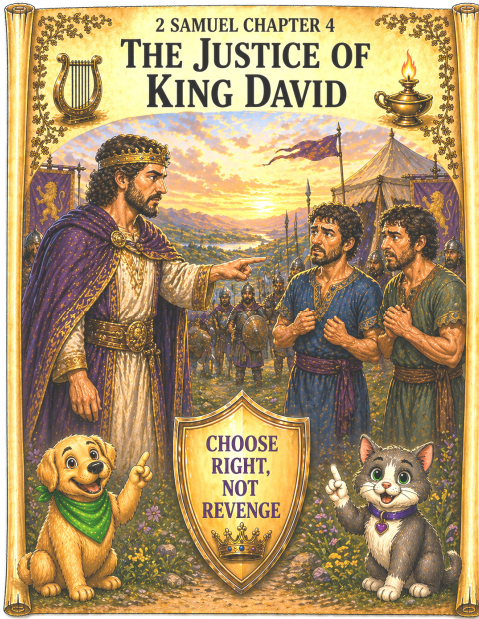
be with thee" (v.12). David welcomed the idea, because his heart was set on bringing the people together instead of tearing them apart. When Abner came to meet David, they spoke as men who wanted unity, not war. David treated Abner with kindness and sent him away in peace, hoping that the fighting among the people would soon come to an end.

This Applies to ME:

When we are leaders among our friends, we should look for ways to bring peace instead of letting problems grow. It is wise to talk things through and work together, even when it feels easier to argue. Today we choose to wear the badge of peacemakers, because honoring God means helping others live in peace.



Chapter 4 – *The Justice of King David*



Chapter Lesson:

Two men thought they were doing something good when they hurt a man from King Saul's family, but they were very wrong. They ran to David and told him what they had done, hoping he would reward them. Instead of being pleased, David was very angry because they had taken a life that did not belong to them. David reminded them that God is the one who brings justice, not people acting on their

own. In verse 8, David said that the Lord had already avenged King Saul. David showed everyone that doing wrong—even when you think it helps—is never right in God's eyes..

This Applies to ME:

Sometimes we feel like getting even when someone hurts us, but that is not our job. God sees everything, and He is the one who makes things right in His time. When we choose not to take revenge, we honor God and show that we trust Him.

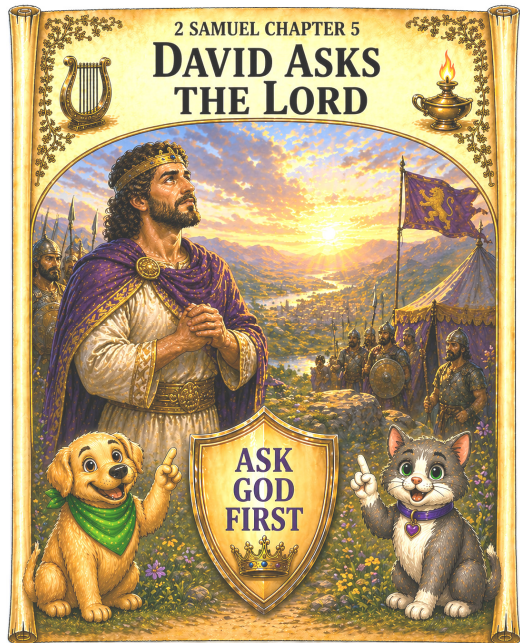
Chapter 5 – *David Asks the Lord*

Chapter Lesson:

David became king over a large part of Israel, and the people were excited to follow him. Even though he was king, David did not rush ahead on his own. When enemies came, David asked the Lord what he should do. One time, God told him to go and fight, and another time God told him to wait. David listened carefully and did exactly what God told him to do. Because David followed God's directions, God helped him win and lead the people the right way.

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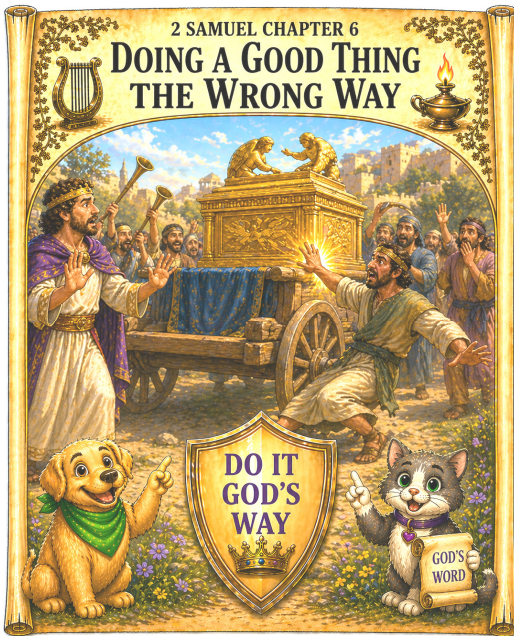
Even when we are in charge of something, we should still ask God what is right. God knows the best way, even when we are not sure what to do. When we listen and obey, God helps us do what is right.



Chapter 6 – *Doing a Good Thing the Wrong Way*

Chapter Lesson:

David was very excited to bring the ark of the Lord back to Jerusalem. He gathered many people and made a big celebration to honor God. But instead of following God’s instructions, they carried the ark on a cart. When the cart shook, a man named Uzza reached out to steady the ark. God had already said only the priests were to carry it in a special way, so Uzza should not have touched it. David learned that even good plans must be done God’s way.



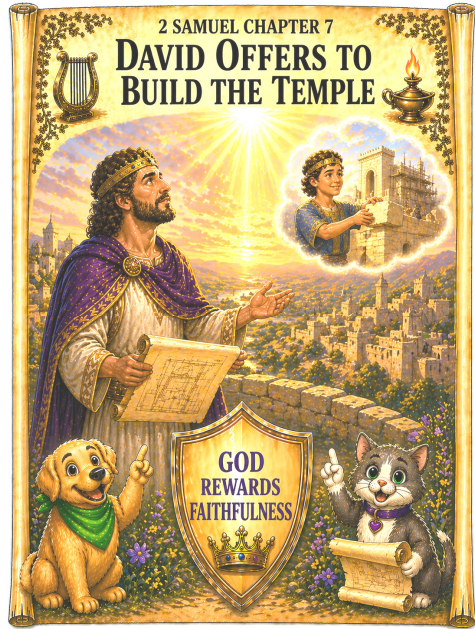
This Applies to ME:

Sometimes we want to do something good for God, but we must do it the right way. God’s Word shows us how to live and what to do. When we follow the Bible, we honor God and stay on the right path.

Chapter 7 – *David Offers to Build the Temple*

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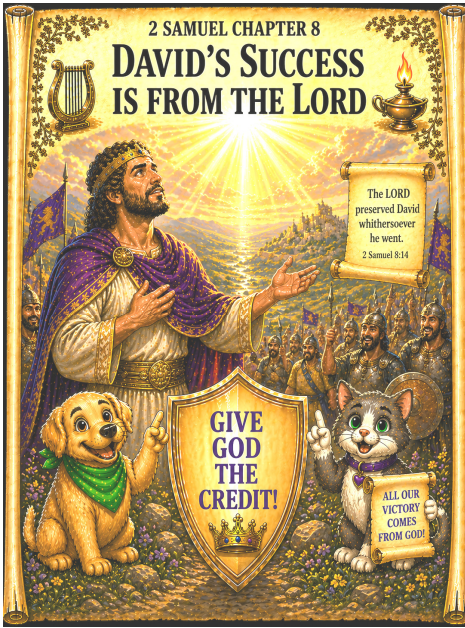
David loved the Lord and wanted to build a beautiful temple for Him. He asked God if he could build a special house where people could worship. God was pleased with David's heart, but He had a different plan. God told David that his son Solomon would build the temple instead. David would still help by making plans and preparing everything. In verse 16, God promised David that his kingdom would last forever, showing that God had a special plan for him.



This Applies to ME:

When we choose to do things God's way, it makes Him happy. Sometimes God's answer is different from what we expect, but His plan is always best. God rewards faithfulness when we follow Him and trust His direction.

Chapter 8 – *David's Success Is from the Lord*



Chapter Lesson:

David became king over a large part of Israel, and he led his people into many battles to take back their land. Each time David went out, the Lord helped him win and kept him safe. The Bible says, “The Lord preserved David whithersoever he went” (verse 14). David defeated many enemies, but he did not brag or take the credit for himself. Instead, David gave thanks to God and remembered that all his success came from the Lord.

Because David honored God, the kingdom grew stronger and more peaceful.

This Applies to ME:

When good things happen in our lives, we should remember that God is the one who helps us succeed. Just like David, we should thank the Lord for His protection and guidance. All the good we do is possible because God is helping us every step of the way.

Chapter 9 – Kindness to Mephibosheth

Chapter Lesson:

David was now king, and he remembered his good friend Jonathan. He asked if anyone from Jonathan’s family was still alive so he could show kindness to them. They found a man named Mephibosheth, who had been hurt as a child and could not walk. David brought him to the palace and said, “I will surely show thee kindness for Jonathan thy father’s sake” (verse 7). David gave him land and invited him to eat at the king’s table every day like family. Mephibosheth was cared for and loved because David kept his promise.

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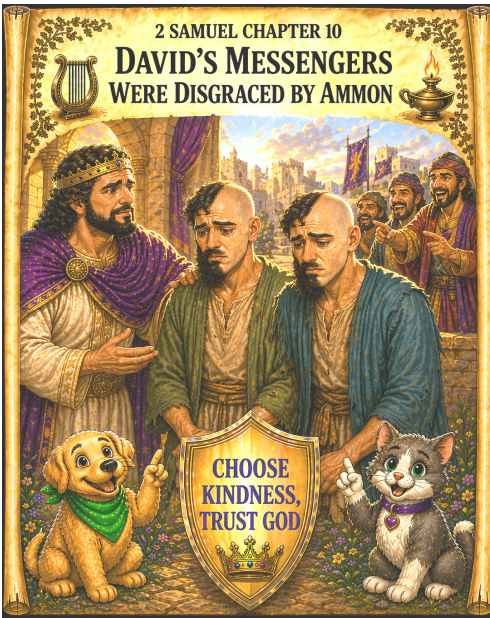
When we see someone in need, we should be ready to help them with kindness. Sharing what we have honors God and shows His love to others. God is pleased when we care for those who cannot help themselves.



Chapter 10 – *Kindness Rejected*

Chapter Lesson:

David heard that a king had died, so he sent messengers to show kindness and comfort to the family. He wanted to do the right thing and be a good friend. But the leaders of that land did not trust David's kindness and treated his messengers very badly.



They shaved off half of their beards and made fun of them, which was very embarrassing. David cared for his servants and told them to rest until they felt better again. In the end, the people who were mean faced trouble, and David's side was protected.

This Applies to ME:

Sometimes when we try to be kind, others may respond in a hurtful way. We should still choose to

do what is right and not become mean back to them. God sees everything and will take care of us when others treat us unfairly.

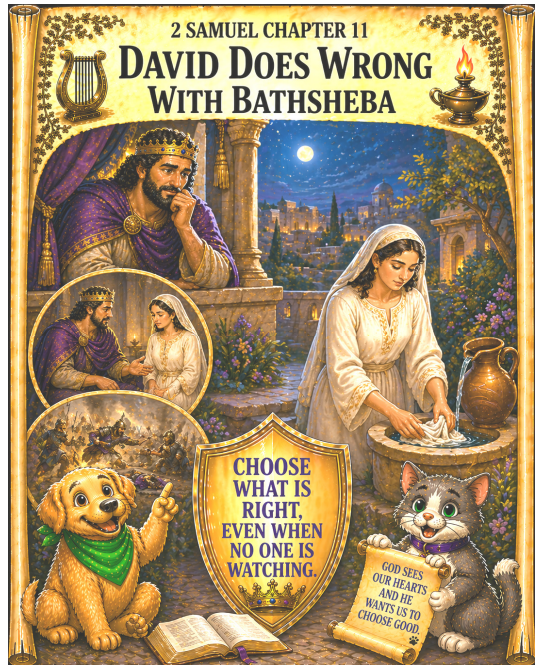
Chapter 11 – *David Does Wrong with Bathsheba*

Chapter Lesson:

David stayed home when he should have been out leading, and one evening he saw a woman bathing (verse 2). Instead of turning away, he kept looking and wanted something that did not belong to him. David sent for Bathsheba and made a very wrong choice by being with her. Afterward, he tried to hide his sin instead of admitting it. He even made another bad choice that caused her husband to die in battle. Even though David was a great king, everyone could see that he had done wrong, and God saw it too..

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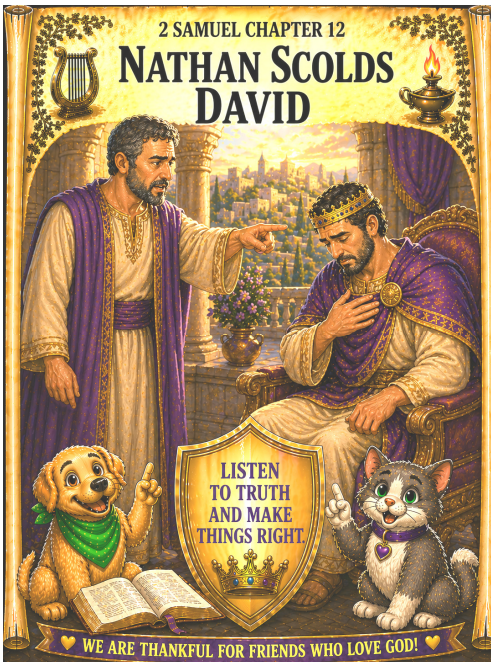
When we know something will lead us to do wrong, we should stay far away from it. If we feel tempted, we can ask the Lord to help us choose something good instead. God wants our hearts to be clean, and He will forgive us when we turn back to Him.



Chapter 12 – Nathan Tells the Truth

Chapter Lesson:

Nathan was a preacher and a true friend to King David. He came to David and told him a story to help him understand the wrong he had done. Then Nathan pointed to David and said, “You are the man!” who had sinned against God. David listened and did not argue, but humbly said, “I have sinned against the Lord” (verse 13). Nathan told David that God had forgiven him, even though there would still be consequences. This showed that even great kings must listen when God’s truth is spoken.



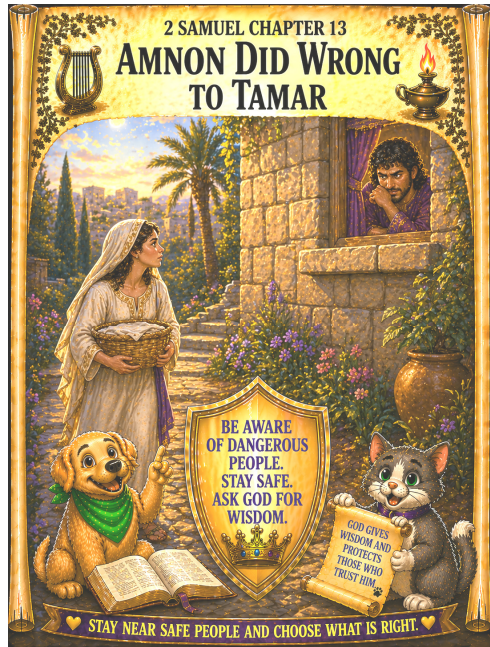
This Applies to ME:

Good friends tell us the truth, even when it is hard to hear. When we do wrong, we should admit it and ask God to forgive us right away. We are thankful for friends who love God and help us do what is right.

Chapter 13 – Amnon Hurts Tamar

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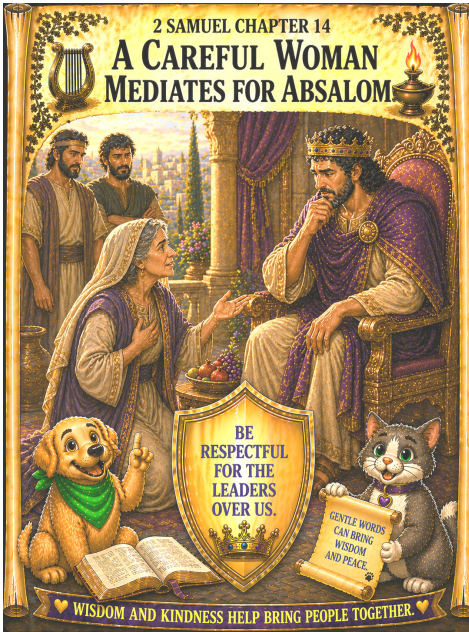
David's family had many brothers and sisters, and not everyone made good choices. Amnon wanted to do something wrong, and he made a plan to get Tamar alone. (verse 6) He asked her to bring him food, pretending he needed help. When Tamar came, Amnon hurt her in a very wrong way. Tamar was innocent, and what happened to her was not her fault. This story reminds us that God sees everything and cares deeply when people are hurt.



This Applies to ME:

If something feels unsafe or wrong, we should not go alone and should stay near safe, trusted people. We can ask God for wisdom and courage to make good choices. Good friends and safe adults help protect us and guide us in what is right.

Chapter 14 – A Wise Woman Brings Peace



Chapter Lesson:

Absalom took revenge on Amnon because Tamar was his sister. Then he ran away from the city. King David loved his son but did not know how to bring peace to the situation. A very wise woman came to David and told him a story to help him think. (verse 4) Her story showed David that it was time to bring his son back home. David understood the lesson and chose to bring Absalom back to Jerusalem. This

showed how wisdom and gentle words can help bring peace between people.

This Applies to ME:

When we need to ask leaders to make a good decision, we should speak kindly and respectfully. Wise and gentle words can help solve problems and bring peace. God is pleased when we honor those in authority and seek what is right.

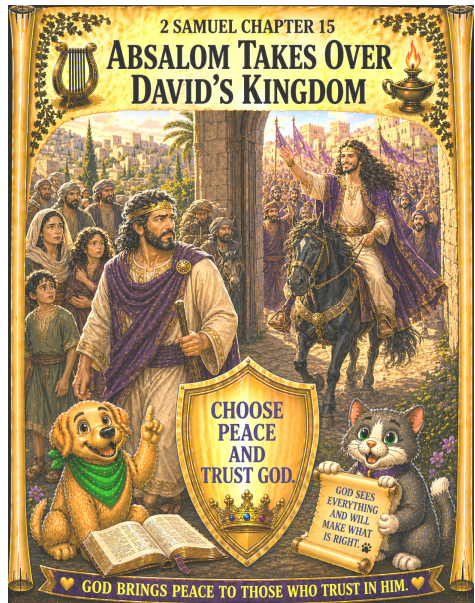
Chapter 15 – *Absalom Takes Over David's Kingdom*

Chapter Lesson:

Absalom was not happy in his heart, and he became bitter. He began to tell people that he should be king instead of his father, David. Many people listened to Absalom and followed him. Soon, Absalom gathered a large group to take over the kingdom. King David understood what was happening and chose to leave the city peacefully. (verse 14) David trusted God instead of fighting, and he believed the Lord would make things right.

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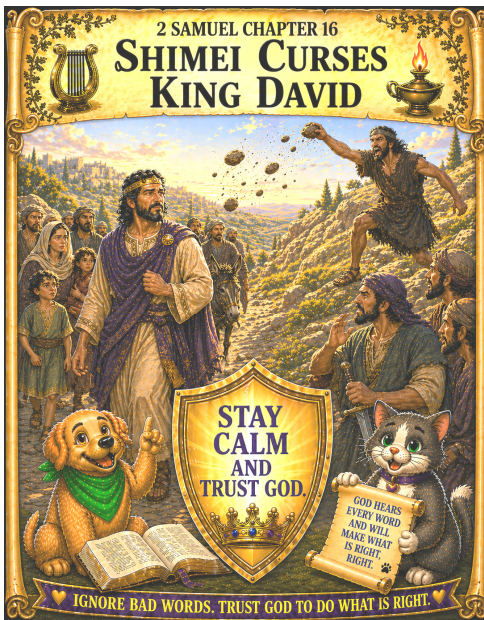
Sometimes people may try to take what is not theirs or act in unkind ways. Instead of fighting, we can choose peace and trust God to handle the situation. God sees everything and will always take care of what is right.



Chapter 16 – Shimei Curses King David

Chapter Lesson:

As King David and his family were leaving the city, a man named Shimei came out to meet them. Shimei shouted mean words and threw dirt and stones at David and his people. Some of David's men wanted to stop him right away. But David told them not to fight back or hurt the man. David trusted that God saw everything that was happening (verse 12). He believed the Lord would take care of him, even when others spoke badly.



This Applies to ME:

When people say mean or angry words, we do not have to fight back. Sometimes the best choice is to stay calm and keep going. God hears everything and will take care of what is right.

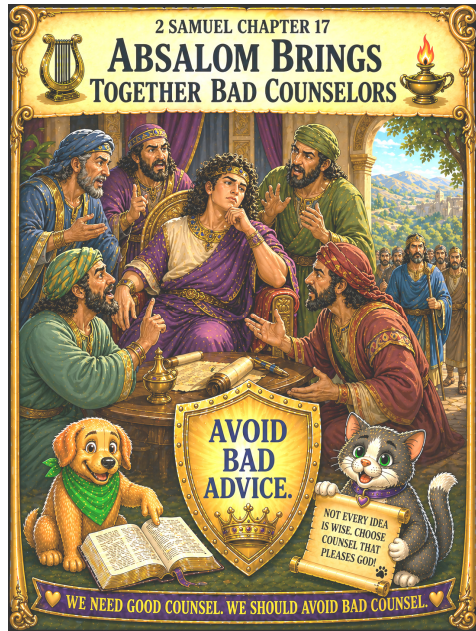
Chapter 17 – *Bad Advice Does Not Work*

Chapter Lesson:

Absalom wanted to defeat King David completely. He gathered many advisors to tell him what he should do next. Some of the advice sounded strong, but it was not wise. God made sure that the bad advice would not succeed (verse 14). Because of this, David and his army were protected. This showed that God is in control, even when people make wrong plans.

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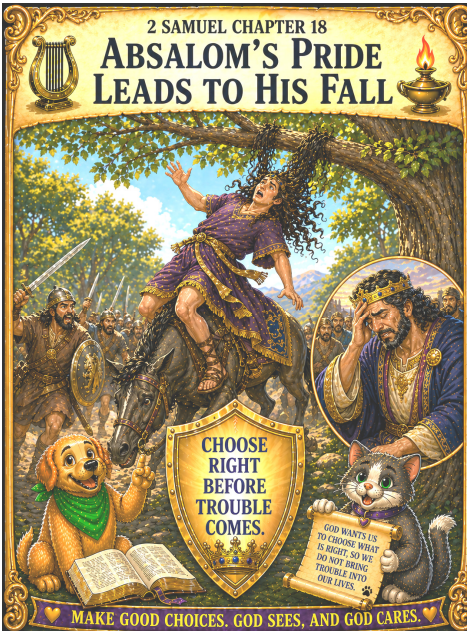
Not all advice is good, even if many people agree with it. We should listen to wise and godly counsel when making choices. God helps us see the difference between what is right and what is wrong.



Chapter 18 – Absalom’s Pride Leads to His Fall

Chapter Lesson:

Absalom went into battle against his father, King David. As he rode his mule through the forest, his long hair got caught in the branches of a tree (verse 9). He was left hanging there, unable to escape. David’s soldiers found him, and Absalom died because of his choices. Even though Absalom had done wrong, King David was very sad when he heard the news. David loved his son and wished he had chosen the right path.



This Applies to ME:

When people make wrong choices, there are sometimes serious consequences. Even when someone does wrong, we can still feel sad for them and care about them. God wants us to choose what is right so we do not bring trouble into our lives.

Chapter 19 – *David Returns with Forgiveness*

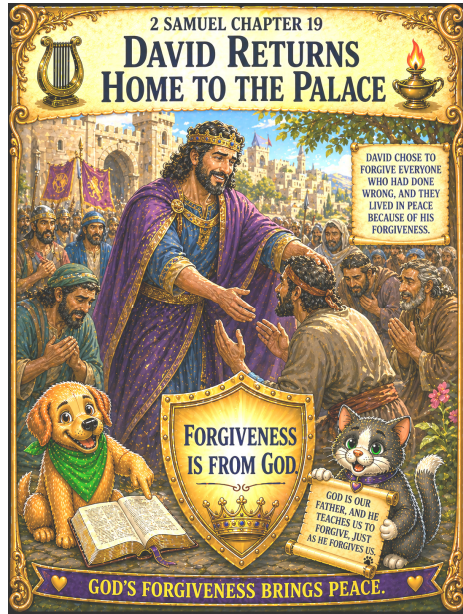
Chapter Lesson:

After the battle was over, King David was very sad for his son Absalom. The people reminded David that they had stood with him and needed his leadership. David rose up and returned to the city as king once again. Along the way, many people who had done wrong came to meet him. Instead of punishing them, David chose to forgive and welcome them in peace. (verse 22)

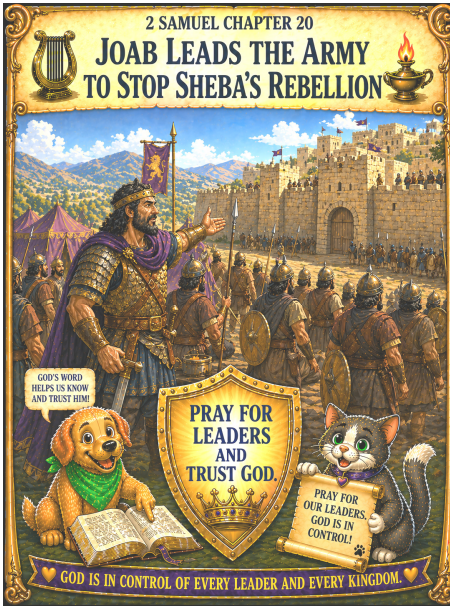
This showed that a true king leads with mercy as well as strength.

This Applies to ME:

When people do wrong to us, it can be hard to forgive. But God teaches us to show mercy and kindness. Forgiveness brings peace and helps people start again.



Chapter 20 – *Joab Stops a Rebellion*



Chapter Lesson:

A man named Sheba tried to lead the people away from King David. He wanted to take over the kingdom and cause trouble. (verse 1) Joab, the leader of David's army, went after Sheba to stop the rebellion. The army followed Sheba from city to city. In the end, the rebellion was stopped, and peace was restored. This showed that leaders sometimes must act to protect the people and keep order.

This Applies to ME:

Sometimes there are things like wars that are hard for us to understand. God allows leaders and armies to protect people and keep peace. We should pray for leaders and trust that God is in control.

Chapter 21 – *David Makes Things Right*

Chapter Lesson:

There was a time when the people of Israel were not doing well, and there was no food in the land. King David asked the Lord why this was happening. God showed David that something wrong had been done in the past to the Gibeonites. David went to the Gibeonites and asked how he could make things right (verse 3). He listened carefully and worked to bring peace between the people. After things were made right, God blessed the land again.

This Applies to ME:

When we know something is wrong, we should try to make it right. God is pleased when we choose peace and honesty with others. Making things right honors God and brings blessing.



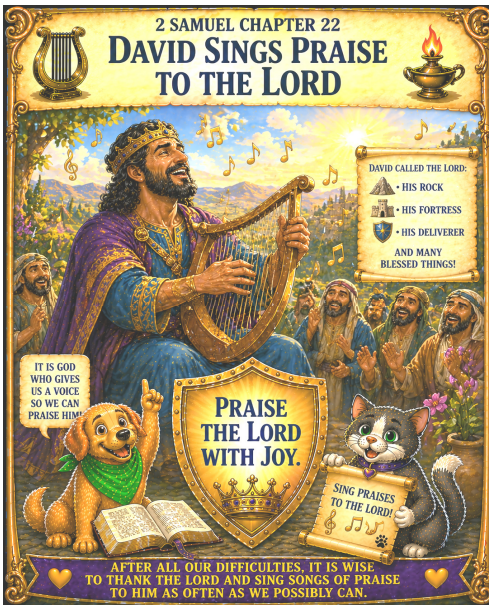
Chapter 22 – *David Praises the Lord*

Chapter Lesson:

After many battles and hard days, David sang a song to the Lord (verse 1). He thanked God for helping him and keeping him safe. David called the Lord his rock, his fortress, and his deliverer. He remembered how God was with him in every trouble. David lifted his voice and praised the Lord with joy. This showed that God is worthy of our thanks and our songs..

This Applies to ME:

After God helps us, we should thank Him and praise Him. We can sing, pray, and speak words of joy to the Lord. God gave us our voices so we can praise Him.



Chapter 23 – *David Honors His Mighty Men*

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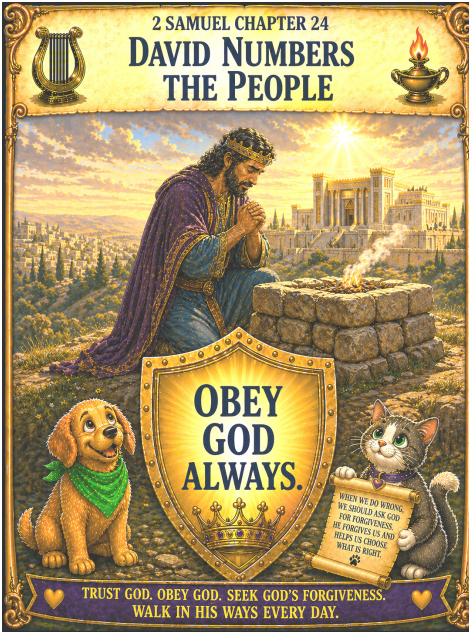
David remembered the men who stood with him through many battles. He spoke about their courage, strength, and loyalty. Some were very skillful, and some were very brave in difficult moments. These men helped David when times were hard. David made sure to honor them by name and give them thanks. This showed that success is not done alone, but with the help of others and the blessing of God.



This Applies to ME:

When we do well, we should remember those who helped us. It is kind to give compliments and say thank you. We also thank God, because every good thing comes from Him.

Chapter 24 – *David Numbers His Soldiers*



Chapter Lesson:

David decided to count his soldiers, even though he knew God had said not to. He began to trust in numbers instead of trusting in the Lord. After he did this, David felt very sorry in his heart (verse 10). He told God that he had sinned and asked for forgiveness. God told David to build an altar and make things right. David obeyed, and he chose to honor God again.

This Applies to ME:

When we know what God wants us to do, we should obey Him. If we do wrong, we should quickly ask God for forgiveness. God forgives us and helps us choose what is right again.

God bless you for studying the book of 2nd Samuel. There were so many adventures in each and every chapter. If you read the entire chapter, you will understand even more. May the Lord encourage you as you walk and work and pray each and every day.



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