Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to learn more about David and when he finally got the chance to be king. Did you know that God sent Samuel to tell David that he would be king when he was just 15 years old? At that time, David was just a shepherd boy who was always overlooked by his older brothers. But God had a plan for David's life, it just took a while for it to happen. David had to be patient and trust that God would do what he promised. Remember from our last lesson, David had to run away from King Saul who hated David. When King Saul died, David was finally made king. In total, David had to wait 22 years to be the king of all of Israel! Have you ever had to wait for something that you really wanted? If you have, you know how hard it is to be patient. But, maybe you've only had to wait a few days or a week...maybe a month. David had to wait a lot longer than that. So kids, here's the lesson. Sometimes God will make us wait. He may not answer every prayer just how we want or he might take longer to answer than we like. But, we can trust God's timing because he's God and he knows what he's doing. His timing is always perfect. Be patient!

Big Idea

Wait patiently because God knows what he's doing.

Key Question

How can we show patience?

Memory Verse

Psalm 27:14 "Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord."

Classroom Agenda

- 1. (5 min) Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.
- 2. (5 min) WARM UP: Share a time you had to be super patient, waiting for something exciting to happen. (Tip: It's hard to wait for a vacation or our birthday party! Sometimes, God makes us wait but it's for our good.)
- 3. (5 min) PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
- 4. (20 min) LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to class to finish this guide.
- 5. (2 min) RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).
- 6. (3 min) KQ: Answer the Key Question. (Answer: By praying and trusting God's timing. (When we really want something, we want it right away. But, what we want isn't necessarily what we need. We need to trust that God knows what's best for us. He made us so he knows exactly what we need and when. Our job is to pray to ask God to give us what he knows we need and to wait patiently for God to act.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** What does it look like to be patient? Why is it important to pray? **4-5th** How do you need to grow in your ability to be patient?
- 7. (5 min) EXPLORE: Read <u>2 Peter 3:8-9</u>. What does this passage say about God and his timing? Why does God choose to wait? (Answer: God isn't ever slow or late. He doesn't need to be in a hurry because he knows what he's doing and his timing is always perfect. God is patient with us because he wants to have a relationship with everyone and he wants every person to have a chance to put their trust in Jesus.)
- 8. (10 min) PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.
- 9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents and remind them to go online to pursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: HOW DOES THIS FIT INTO THE STORY?

Instructions:

- Before playing, cut the Story template (page 5) and place them in a bowl.
- Have kids take turns coming up and pulling a word or picture from the bowl. Each time, work as a class to say how that word or picture fits into the story.

Pictures: Crown (David became king) Map (David was king of Judah and then all of Israel), King Saul (king before David who died) Bible (our story comes from the OT in the Bible)

Words: David (main character, waited to become king), 15 yrs old (how old David was when Samuel told him he would be king), Patience (David waited many years to become king), God (he decides what we get, when we get it)

Supplies needed: Story template (pg. 5, pre cut, 1 set per class), Bowl

OPTION 2: DAVID BECOMES KING CROWN CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Crown template (page 6). Have them cut out the crown and strips and have them color their crowns.
- As they work, review the story. David knew he was going to be king since he was 15 years old but he had to wait many years for it to actually happen. But, David trusted in God's timing. We need to trust God's timing, too, and trust that God will give us what we need when we need it.
- Then, help the kids staple the strips to the sides of the crown, wrap the strips around their head and staple the strips together in back to hold in place.

Supplies needed: Crown template (pg.6, 1 set per kid), Crayons, , Scissors, Staplers

David had to wait a really, really long time to become king.

Key Points:

David was chosen to be	when he was young, but had to
wait.	
David could have	Saul, but he decided to wait.
• After 15 years, David finally got to be	
• Sometimes we have to wait a long time for	to come
through.	

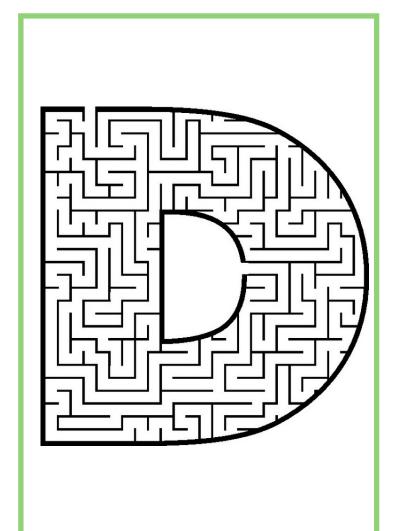
Memory Verse:

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Talk About It

- 1. What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?
- 2. Share a time you had to be super patient, waiting for something exciting to happen.
- 3. How old was David when Samuel told him he would be king? How old was David when he became king of all of Israel?
- 4. Why do you think God made David wait so long? What can patience teach us?
- 5. Read 2 Peter 3:8-9. What does this passage say about God and his timing? Why does God choose to wait?
- 6. How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?

Instructions: Solve the puzzle and color the picture.



Big Idea

Key Question

Memory Verse

Psalm 27:___ "Wait _____
for the _____. Be _____
and courageous. Yes, _____
patiently for the Lord."



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