

## Year 2

### Week 80

#### David's Kingship is Threatened - Absalom Dies

**Scriptures:** 2 Samuel 13:37 – 2 Samuel 19

**Key Verse:** 2 Samuel 22:48 “It is God who avenges me, who subdues the people under me, who delivers me from my enemies....”

#### **Key Points:**

1. David's son Absalom, killed his brother Amnon for an evil thing he had done to their sister. Absalom fled Jerusalem because of the killing. David missed him very much and sent for him to come back.

2. Absalom was very handsome; he had long, strong hair. He was proud and rebellious against his father. He conspired to be king and to overthrow his father David. He gathered support throughout the tribes of Israel and his forces were great in number.

3. David hears of Absalom's plan. He, his household, and army fled Jerusalem, across the Jordan to safety. Two of David's servants, Jonathan and Ahimaaz, stayed behind to keep track of Absalom's activities. They were found out, but a woman hid them in a well and placed grain over them. They were then able to report to David. God keeps Absalom from pursuing David until he is able to regroup his troupes.

4. David divides his army into 3 groups. He told them to deal gently with Absalom. There was a great battle, 20,000 men died.

5. Absalom, riding on a mule through thick woods, was caught by his hair in a tree and was left hanging in the branches. Joab, the leader of his army, discovers him and disobeying the king, kills him with his sword to retaliate for his rebellion of the king.

6. David's army had won the battle but David grieved for Absalom. He journeyed back to Jerusalem and reigned as king again. God's will was accomplished as he wanted David to be king, not Absalom.

**\*\*\*Teachers:**

There is a lot of detail in these chapters. Younger children may be unable to absorb it all. Teach as much of it as you can, hitting the most important details.

## Absalom's Rebellion

**To Remember:** Beauty and popularity do not make one valuable

**Lesson** 2 Samuel 14-18

- 2 Samuel 15:4 Absalom's lie
- Absalom had killed his brothers
- Joab helped Absalom get back into Jerusalem
- Absalom betrayed his father
- Took over kingship
- David fled, his servants helped
  - **Act Out:** Hushai gave bad advice to Absalom
- David escapes
- Absalom is caught and killed
- David grieved greatly

**Activity:** "Mom or Dad Says": played like Simon Says, only use Mom or Dad

**Sing:** Be careful little feet

**Craft:** cut out round paper heads, use crimped paper, yarn etc to make Absalom's long hair.

**Memory Work:**

2 Samuel 15:6b "So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel."

**True or False**

1. David had a loving family. F
2. Absalom "honored" his father. F
3. David loved his children. T
4. Joab always considered David's feelings first. F
5. The people loved David. T
6. Absalom was beautiful inside & out. F

**Review Questions** for gameboard



### linguistic questions

1. Define betray.
2. Define forgive.
3. Define reign.



### activity questions

1. Draw a throne.
2. Act out David fleeing.
3. Act out Absalom being caught.

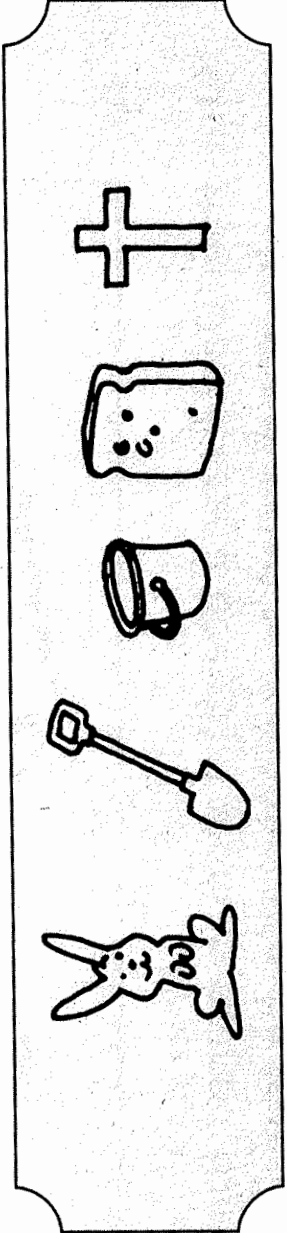
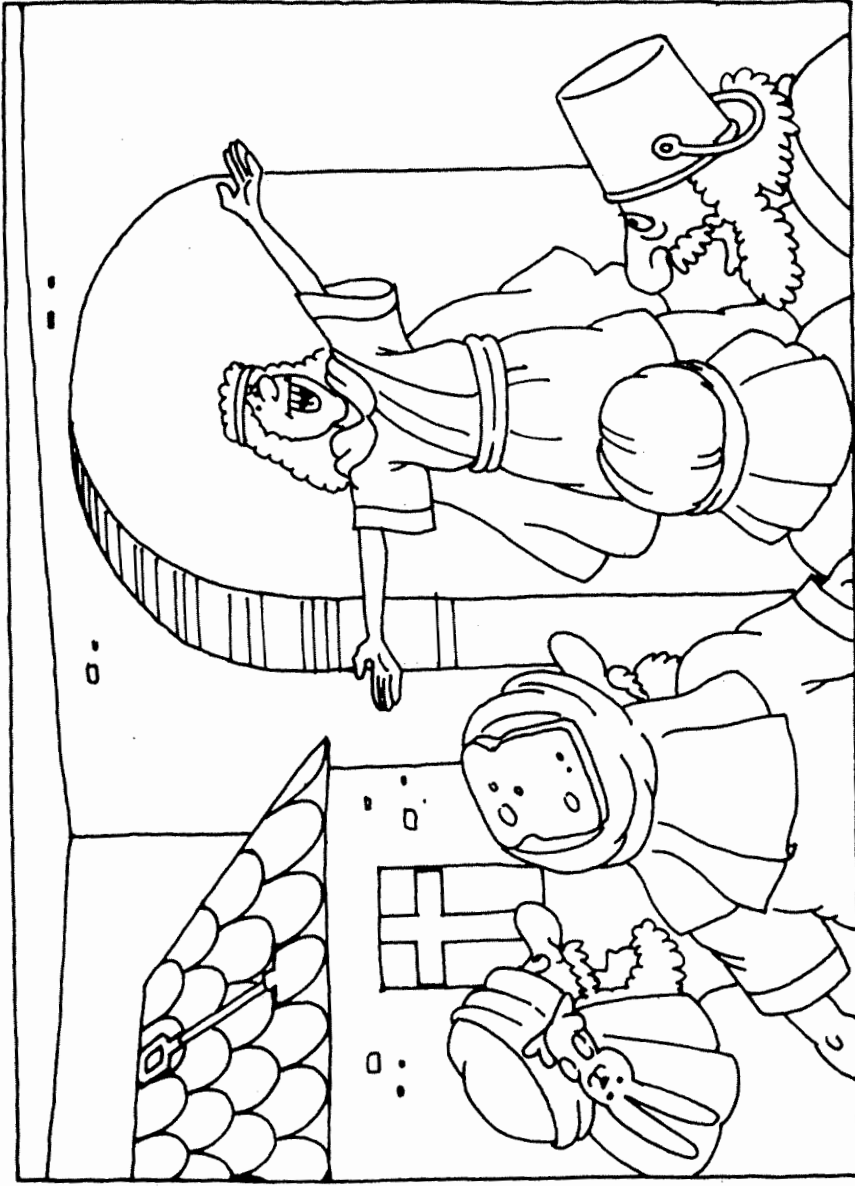
# ABSALOM'S EVIL PLANS

2 Samuel 15-18

Find the hidden items from the key box in the picture. Circle them.

David's son Absalom wanted to be king.

He began telling people that he would make a better king than his father. Soon many people wanted Absalom to be king instead of David.





### emotion questions

1. David's children caused him \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Absalom's death made David feel \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Is God peaceful or argumentative?



### application questions

1. If we want to be like God, we should act \_\_\_\_\_.
2. How do we honor our parents?
3. How do we make peace at home?



### fact questions

1. Who was Absalom?
2. Who helped, then killed, Absalom?
3. Describe Absalom physically?



### review questions

1. How was Absalom caught?
2. How did Absalom become popular?
3. How did David gain time to escape?

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# Absalom's Rebellion

2 Samuel 13:30 - 18:33



## Absalom Dies

And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth;



## Absalom

Who was the one who helped to persuade David to be reconciled with his son? (1) Absalom (2) Amnon (3) Jonadab (4) Joab

Answer: 4

How many years did Absalom spend to plan and execute his rebellion plan? (1) 2 years (2) 4 years (3) 6 years (4) 8 years

Answer: 2

Who was David's advisor?

(1) Zadok (2) Abiathar (3) Ahithophel (4) Hushai

Answer: 3

Where did Ahimaaz and Jonathan hide in order to escape from Absalom's men? (1) A deserted house (2) A cave (3) A tree (4) A well

Answer: 4

What did Ahithophel do when he knew his advice had not been followed? (1) Ran away in fear (2) Hanged himself (3) Protested against the king's decision (4) Hid himself silently

Answer: 2

Which of the following was not appointed a captain over David's troops?

(1) Shobi (2) Joab (3) Abishai (4) Ittai

Answer: 1

David's men said he was worth \_\_\_\_\_ of them.

(1) 100 (2) 1000 (3) 10000 (4) 100000

Answer: 3

What had caused Absalom to be caught in the tree?

(1) His weapon (2) His armor (3) His tunic (4) His hair

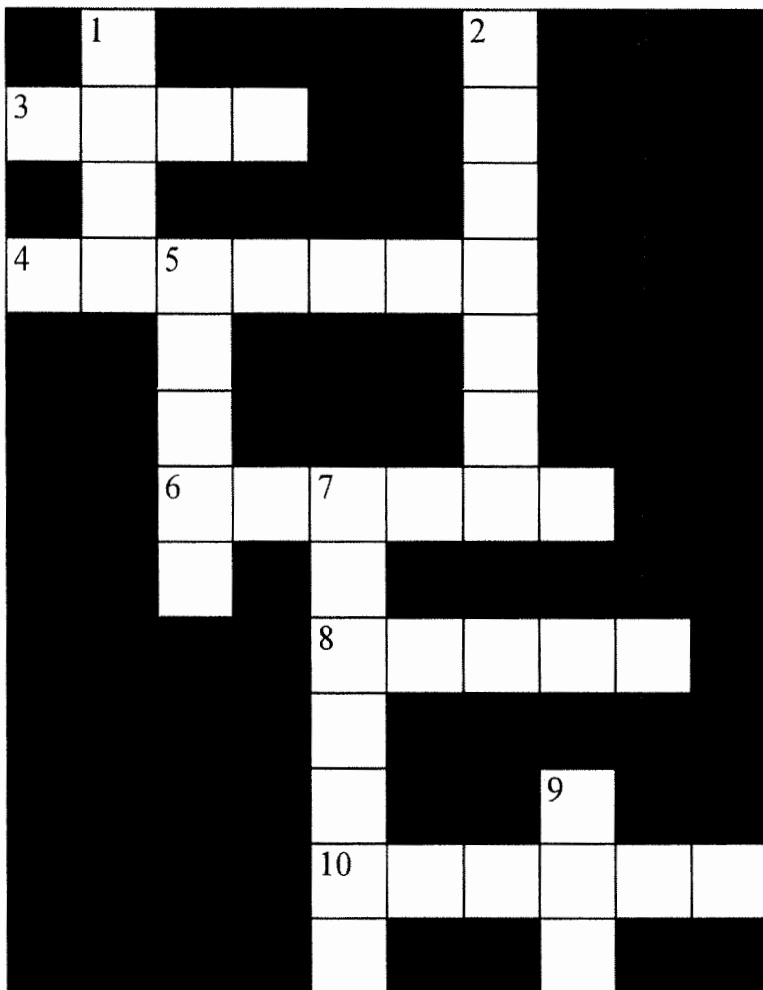
Answer: 4

What did David do, knowing that Absalom was dead?

(1) Rejoice over the death of his enemy (2) Celebrate his victory (3) Mourn and cry for him (4) Mourn for him silently

Answer: 3





**ACROSS**

- 3** For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country: and the \_\_\_\_\_ devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.
- 4** And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with

- \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6** Where the people of Israel were slain before the servants of David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of \_\_\_\_\_ thousand men.
- 8** And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the \_\_\_\_\_ of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the

midst of the oak.

- 10** So the people went out into the field against \_\_\_\_\_:

**DOWN**

- 1** And a certain man saw it, and told \_\_\_\_\_, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak.
- 2** And Joab blew the \_\_\_\_\_, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel: for Joab held back the people.
- 5** And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and \_\_\_\_\_ Absalom, and slew him.
- 7** . . .and the battle was in the wood of \_\_\_\_\_;
- 9** And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great \_\_\_\_\_, and his head caught hold of the \_\_\_\_\_, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth;

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**6 Letters**  
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 GENTLY  
 ISRAEL  
 STONES

THRUST

**7 Letters**  
 ABISHAI  
 ABSALOM  
 EPHRAIM  
 SEEMETH  
 TRUMPET

**8 Letters**  
 PURSUING



**God wants  
me to...**

**Absalom was...**