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Unit Summary

Unit 5 is about David and Saul!

In **Travels of the Ark** (1 Samuel 4-6), kids will hear about the ark of the covenant being captured.

In **David and Goliath** (1 Samuel 17), kids will hear about when God helped David defeat the giant Goliath.

In **David's Kingship** (2 Samuel 5-7), kids will hear how God kept His promise and made David king.

In **David and Mephibosheth** (2 Samuel 9), kids will hear about how David sought out and showed God's kindness to Mephibosheth.

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Encouragement for parents:

How should we face parenting battles?

Philistine and Israelite armies avoided the high cost of battle by pitting its strongest warriors against each other. In parenting battles, do you fight by powering up? King David shows us the best, most effective way to fight any battle. First, pause and ask God if this is a battle to fight or not. If it is, choose words and actions aligned with God's heart, mercy and forgiveness, ending the battle by giving God the glory instead of taking glory ourselves. Great parenting plan!

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Lesson 1:

Travels of the Ark (1 Samuel 4-6)
God is all-powerful; He alone is God.

Lesson 2:

David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)
God is trustworthy.

Lesson 3:

David's Kingship (2 Samuel 5-7)
God is faithful.

Lesson 4:

David and Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9)
God's plan involves His kindness.

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Memory Verses:

NIV

Psalm 9:9-10

*The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. **Those who know Your name trust in You, for You, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek You.***

Philippians 1:27

*Because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, **being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.***

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Discipleship Conversation Starters:

Travels of the Ark
(1 Samuel 4-6)

1. Pretend your family is moving and decides to put three items in a box that will help remember how much everyone loved living there. **What three items do you want in this box?**
2. **What three items would you put in a box to remember what you know or love about God?**
3. **How could remembering what is true about God help you when you are happy, sad or afraid?**

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Discipleship Conversation Starters:

David and Goliath
(1 Samuel 17)

1. **What's one thing you want to change about your day and why?**
2. Thinking back at what we said or how we acted can help us see differently and understand better. **Remember the fight between David and Goliath? How did David see and understand the fight differently than Goliath?**
3. David remembered how God protected him from wild animals while watching his sheep. **How does thinking back about God helps you change that one thing about your day?**

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Discipleship Conversation Starters:

David's Kingship
(2 Samuel 5-7)

1. **What can the oldest in your family do that the youngest cannot do yet? What does the youngest need to learn before doing what the oldest can do?**
2. **What's something you are really looking forward to do that you can't do today? Is it hard or easy to wait?**
3. David was told he would be King but it didn't happen for many years. **While waiting, David put God first. How can you do the same?**

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Discipleship Conversation Starters:

David and Mephibosheth
(2 Samuel 9)

1. **When was the last time you made someone smile? What happened?**
2. **Do you know anyone at school, work, or in your neighborhood who has trouble making friends? How could you help?**
3. David was kind to and made friends with Mephibosheth, who wasn't used to being treated that way because of his disability. **Do you think Mephibosheth was important to God? How can you be more like David in how you treat others?**

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