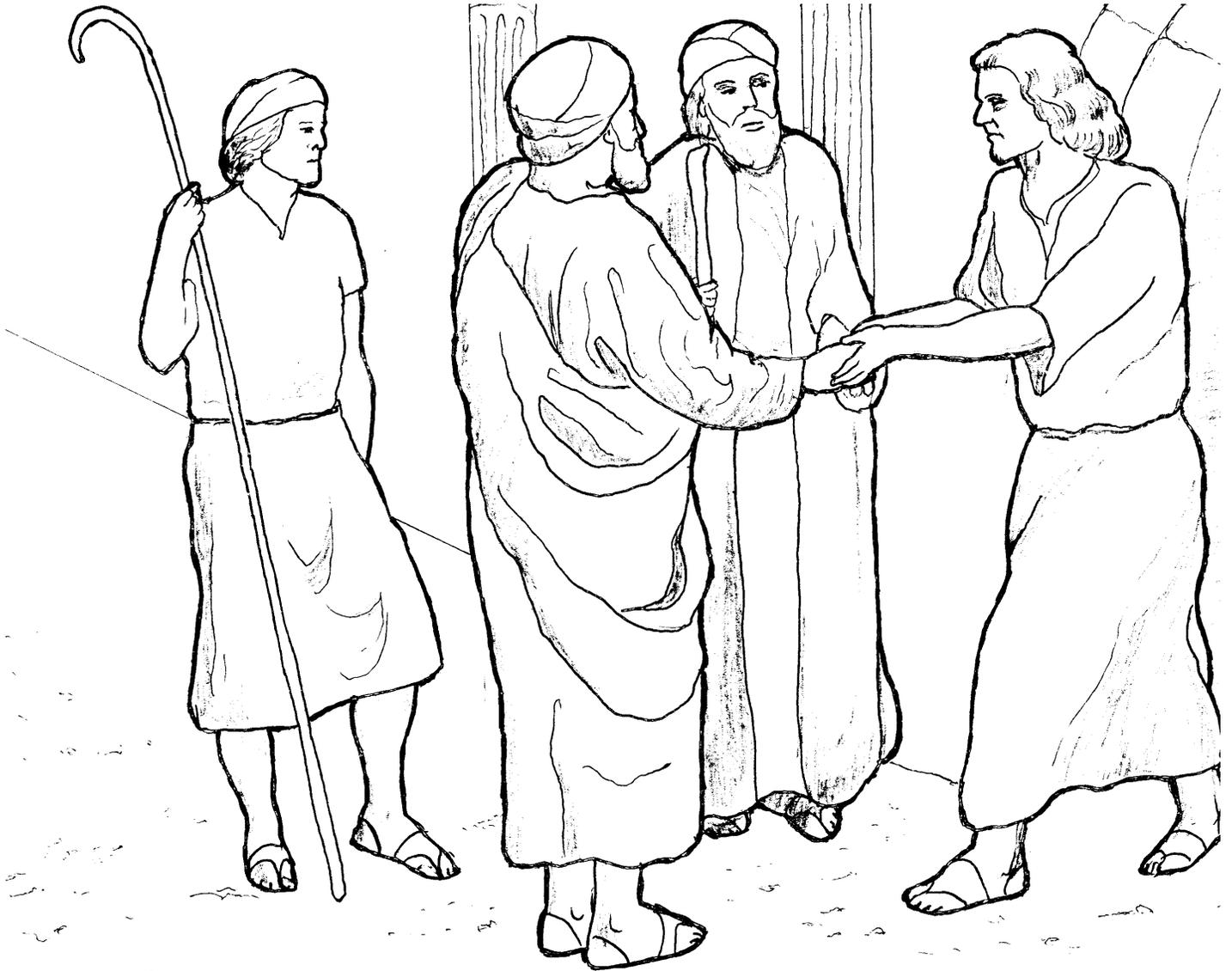


Absalom's Rebellion

2 Samuel 13:30 - 18:33



ABSALOM STOLE THE HEARTS
OF THE MEN OF ISRAEL.



The Story

After King David's great fall into sin, the Lord told him that his family would have many problems. He had many sons and daughters. One of his sons was Absalom. He was a very handsome man, with long, beautiful hair. Absalom was very vain and proud.

The king's sons and daughters did not get along very well. Absalom's brother Amnon sinned against one of their sisters. Absalom took revenge against Amnon and killed him. This made David and his household very sad.

Absalom ran away to another country and stayed there for three years. King David still loved Absalom and let him come back to Jerusalem. They did not see each other for two more years. Finally, Absalom wanted to see his father. David kissed Absalom when he saw him.

Absalom wanted to be king instead of his father. He thought of ways to get the people to follow him. He stood by the

gate of the city and told lies about his father David. More and more people followed him.

David was afraid that Absalom and his army would attack, so David and his followers left Jerusalem and climbed the Mount of Olives. He cried as he went. Absalom took control of Jerusalem. Then David sent his army into battle. He told them not to kill his son. Absalom's army was defeated. He tried to escape on his mule, but his head got caught in the branches of a tree. David's men found Absalom hanging in the tree and killed him. After David found out what happened to his son, he cried. He wished he could have died instead of Absalom.

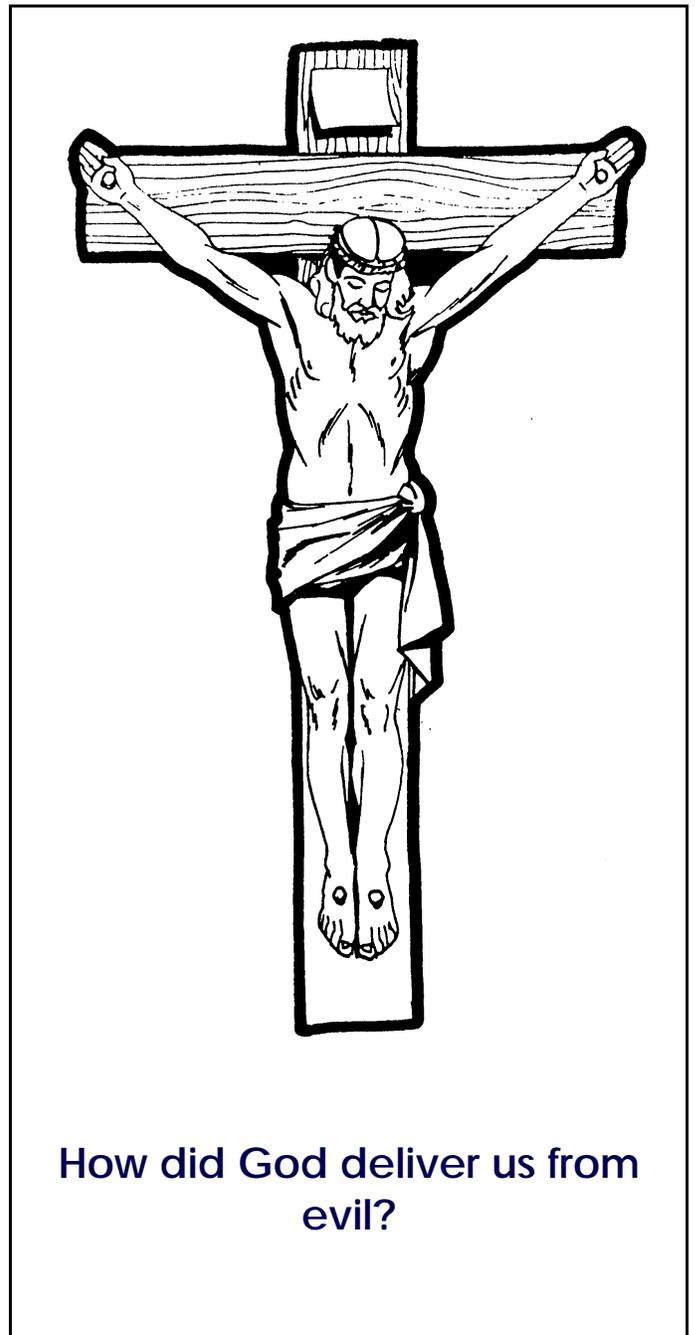
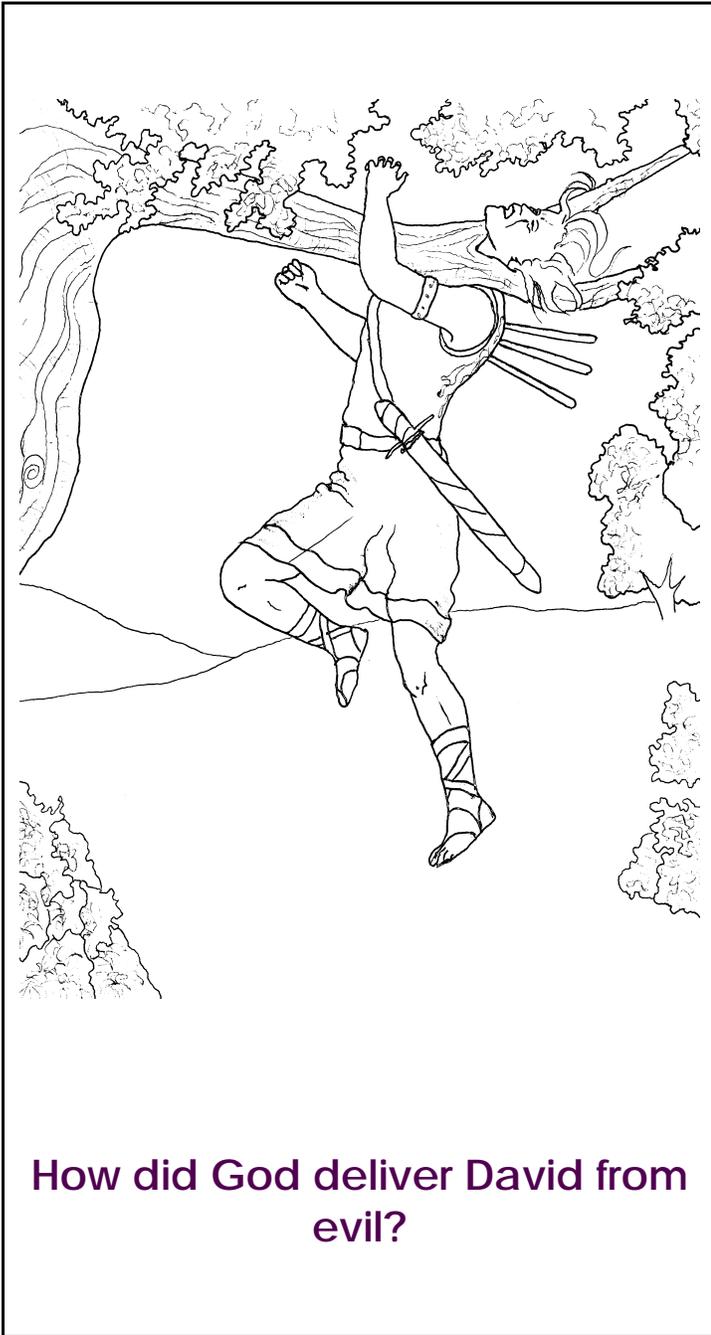
The Lord saved David from his troubles with Absalom!

Absalom rebelled against his father, David, and tried to steal the kingdom from him.

Activity One - Answer the following questions about the story.

1. Who was Absalom's father?
2. What did Absalom look like –What was he like on the outside?
3. What did Absalom tell people at the city gate?
4. Who won the battle between David's and Absalom's armies?
5. What happened to Absalom after the battle?

6. Who saved David from Absalom?



Activity Two - Color the two pictures below and then cut out as puzzle shapes for the children to piece together again.

The Lord will deliver us from all evil.

Passages

Matthew 26:41 - "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation."

7th petition – Deliver us from evil.

American Sign Language (ASL) movements to accompany petition:

Deliver: The hands mimic the action of bringing something towards the body.

Start movement with arms extended to one side of the body, palms facing up. Complete movement by bringing arms toward the torso.

Us: Hold up middle and index fingers together (the letter U in ASL). Then touch fingers to nearest shoulder and then opposite shoulder.

From: Preparation – 1) extend arms in front of you 2) point index fingers 3) cross at the pads of index fingers

Actual Movement – Pull right index finger towards the body

Evil: Preparation – 1) make a fist 2) raise index fingers into a C-shape (the X in ASL)

Actual Movement – 1) bring up the "C's" to the corners of your mouth 2) make a half-circle with your arms down to your belly button.

Hymn - TLH 428 v. 1

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
Each day we are tempted by the devil, the things in this world, and our own sinful flesh to sin against You. When we do, please help us to repent of our sins. When we are tempted, give us strength. We know that You will deliver us from every evil. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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The Story

Introduction:

Has anyone ever sinned against you? Did you forgive them? Who have you sinned against? Who have all of you sinned against? What do we deserve because we have sinned against God? Are you forgiven? How do you know? What does this make you also want to do? Were you punished because of your sin?

Background:

After David's great fall into sin with Bathsheba, the Lord announced that he would experience some great trials in his family. David had sinned against God by taking another man's wife (Uriah's wife, Bathsheba) and sending Uriah to the front lines of a battle where David knew he would be killed. God sent His prophet Nathan to show David his sin and to proclaim God's curse on David for what he had done. The Lord said that there would always be killing in David's family because he had sinned against God and some of his own family would be his enemies. This curse came true, as do all of God's promises.

Chapter 13:

David had many sons and daughters. He had more than one wife. In this chapter we hear about Absalom, Tamar, and Amnon. Absalom and Tamar were brother and sister. Amnon was another brother from a different wife of David. Amnon loved Tamar. She was very beautiful. We read how Amnon defiled Tamar, and then sent her away. When David heard what had happened, he was very angry. Absalom didn't do anything at first, but two years later he made a plan and killed Amnon. David, his sons, and servants all mourned for Amnon. Absalom fled to Syria and stayed there for three years.

Chapter 14:

King David was concerned about

Absalom and wanted to go and see him. Joab, David's commander in chief convinced David to permit Absalom to return to Jerusalem in peace. Although Absalom returned, David did not see him for two years.

Absalom was a very handsome man and was admired by all the people. He had a lot of very beautiful hair.

Absalom finally wanted to see his father David again. He urged Joab to arrange for a meeting. David kissed Absalom when he finally saw him.

Chapter 15:

Absalom wanted to be king instead of his father David. He said that he would do a better job for the people. A lot of people listened to Absalom. After a while Absalom thought that he had enough people who trusted him that he could take his father's kingdom away.

David and his followers were afraid that they would be attacked and didn't want people to die in Jerusalem. They crossed the brook called Kidron, and climbed the Mount of Olives. David's followers cried as they went and David cried when he climbed the Mount of Olives.

Chapter 16:

Even though David was going through some tough times, he trusted that the Lord would help him and might bless David and deliver him from all of his troubles.

Chapter 17:

A spy for David named Hushai advised Absalom to send his army to go out and fight David's army. He also told Absalom to go out with the army to fight.

Meanwhile men from around the area brought David and his army food to eat.

Chapter 18:

When David's army went out to fight, he wanted to go with them, but the people didn't want him to die so they asked him to stay. Before the his army went to fight David told them to treat Absalom gently.

Many people died in the battle. David's army won the battle. When Absalom was fleeing from the battle on a

donkey, he rode under a tree and his head got caught in the tree. Then the commander of David's army stuck three spears in Absalom's heart and a group of men killed Absalom. Later Absalom was buried in a pit under a pile of stones. The rest of Absalom's army fled.

When David found out about Absalom's death he cried bitterly.

Activity One - Answer the following questions about the story together in class.

1. David was punished for killing Uriah. How did God punish David for his sin?
2. Why did God punish David?
3. How were Absalom and Tamar related? How were Absalom and Amnon related? How were Amnon and Tamar related?
4. After Amnon disgraced Tamar, David and Absalom were angry with Amnon. What did David do?
5. What did Absalom do? Where did Absalom flee?
6. David was concerned about Absalom. Who helped Absalom get back into Israel?
7. Did David forgive Absalom when Absalom returned to Israel? How do you know?
8. Why did Absalom tell the people that he would do a better job as king than his father?
9. Why did David flee Israel? Where did David and his followers go?
10. What did David do as he climbed the Mount of Olives? Why?
11. Why did Absalom decide to go and attack David?
12. How did David tell his army to deal with Absalom?
13. Which army won the battle?
14. What happened to Absalom after he tried to flee?
15. How did David react to the news of what had happened to Absalom? Why?

Absalom rebelled against his father, David, and tried to steal the kingdom from him.

Activity Two - Draw and color the comic strips below using the suggested story. The comic strip has two possible endings to show two ways God will deliver Billy or Sally from evil.

<i>Billy or Sally playing with ball.</i>	<i>Ball bounces into street he/she chases it.</i>	<i>Car is approaching from behind him/her.</i>
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Ending 1:

<i>Car stops in time.</i>	<i>Billy/Sally go back to playing.</i>	<i>Parents give hug to him/her.</i>
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Ending 2:

<i>Parents sad.</i>	<i>Billy/Sally in hospital.</i>	<i>Billy/Sally on crutches.</i>
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Just like David, we don't always know the way God will choose to deliver us, but we know that He will fulfill His promise and deliver us from evil.

The Lord will deliver us from all evil.

Passages

Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation.

7th petition – Deliver us from evil.

2 Timothy 4:18 And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom.

Hymn - TLH 428 v. 1, 6

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
I am trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free!

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

We face all sorts of temptation from the devil, the world, and our flesh. Whenever we fall into temptation, call us to repentance and bring us back to You. Whenever various troubles and struggles come our way, give us the strength to face our troubles and stay strong in our faith. We are confident that You can and will deliver us from every evil. In Jesus' saving Name we pray. Amen.

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2 Samuel 13:30 - 18:33

What would you do if you had a son who was rebelling against you?

What measures can you take to raise your children as children of God?

Prayer

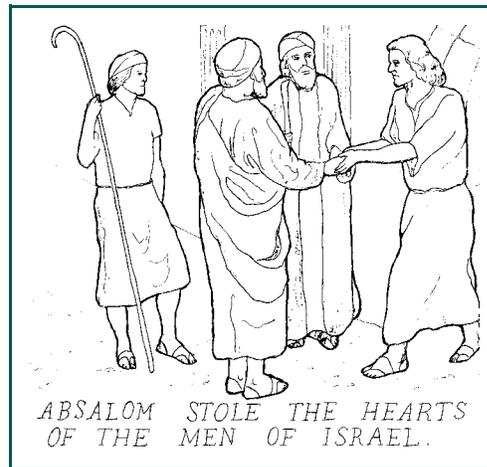
Dear Lord,

Although our lives are filled with many difficulties, we take great comfort in knowing that we can turn to You for help.

Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us

with our biggest problem, sin. Help us to concentrate on

today's lesson, as we learn about how You delivered King David from the problems which he faced. Amen.



The Story - 2 Samuel 13:30 - 18:33 (Paraphrased)

King David's son, Absalom, ran away from home after killing his half-brother Amnon. When David heard that his son, Amnon, had been killed, he tore his clothes because he was very disturbed by the news. After this took place, David did not see Absalom for three years.

The king's general, Joab, saw that the king was concerned about Absalom. So Joab made arrangements for them to meet again. David was very happy to see his son again. But when Absalom returned, he wanted to take his father's position as king.

In order to steal his father's position, Absalom tried to win the hearts of the people. He did this by taking over the king's job of settling legal complaints. His goal was to get people to question

whether King David cared about their legal problems. Absalom also bowed down to the people and kissed them in order to gain their favor. Eventually, more and more people followed Absalom instead of King David.

Finally, Absalom declared himself king when he was away in Hebron. King David saw that Absalom's rebellion was a threat to his safety and his people's safety, so he decided to get out of Jerusalem along with his servants. He also did not want to see the city of Jerusalem destroyed by war. David then crossed the Brook Kidron and went up to the Mount of Olives, where he wept bitterly.

While David was traveling, one man came out to bless David. However, there was also a man named Shimei who came out to curse and throw stones at David. One



of David's followers, Abishai, recommended that this man be killed for his cursing. However, David responded, "Let him alone, and let him curse; for so the LORD has ordered him. It may be that the LORD will look on my affliction, and that the LORD will repay me with good for his cursing this day" (16:11-12).

Meanwhile, Absalom took control of Jerusalem. Then he asked his advisor, Ahithophel, what he should do next. Ahithophel advised that an army of 12,000 men chase David and kill him. Instead of going along with Ahithophel's plan, Absalom asked another advisor, whose name was Hushai. Hushai recommended a different plan, and Absalom liked it better. However, Absalom did not know that Hushai was actually on King David's side. Because Absalom chose to follow Hushai's advice, Hushai was able to warn David about the plan. David then gathered his army for battle. He wanted to go along and lead the army, but his people convinced him to stay behind. Before sending his army to battle, he told them to "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom" (18:5).

During the battle, David's army crushed Absalom's army. While riding on his mule, Absalom's head got stuck in a terebinth tree. Going against King David's instructions, Joab and his men killed Absalom while he was still hanging in the



tree. Then they threw his body into a pit in the woods and piled stones on top of him.

When King David was told that his son had been killed, he was very sorrowful. He cried out, "O my son Absalom - my son, my son

Absalom - if only I had died in your place! O Absalom my son!" (18:33).

Outer Aim - Absalom rebelled against his father, King David, and tried to steal the kingdom from him.

What the Story Tells Us - Answer the following questions from the lesson.

1. What did David do when he found out that Amnon had been killed? Why did he do this?
2. What did Joab do when he realized that David was concerned about his son?
3. What did Absalom do to try to steal the hearts of the people?

4. Why did he want to steal the hearts of the people?
5. Why did David flee from Jerusalem after Absalom declared himself king? Why didn't he want Jerusalem to be destroyed? How was it different from other cities?
6. Why did David weep bitterly when he was at the Mount of Olives?
7. Why was David not upset when he was cursed by Shimei? (16:12)
8. How did Hushai's advice to Absalom help King David?
9. Why didn't King David's people want him to lead them into battle? (18:3-4)
10. What was David's instruction to his soldiers regarding how they should deal with Absalom?
11. What happened to Absalom and his army?
12. Who was responsible for Absalom's death?
13. What was David's reaction to Absalom's death?

Inner Aim - The Lord will deliver us from all evil.

What God Tells Decide whether each statement is (T)true or (F)alse.

1. _____ God allows evil to happen to believers as punishment for their sins.
2. _____ Jesus can help us to make it through any trouble that we have.
3. _____ The suffering which we bear on earth is for our good.
4. _____ When a person suffers affliction, it is usually a sign that he or she has done something bad to deserve suffering.
5. _____ God doesn't allow bad things to happen to believers.
6. _____ We can be like David when we do not retaliate against those who call us names and harm our bodies.
7. _____ We have problems in our life because we are sinful people living in a sinful world.

Your Turn - Use ideas from the story, passages, and hymn to help you complete the following activities.

Describe another Bible account which shows how the Lord has delivered someone from evil?

In what ways do we rebel or go against our parents and superiors? How does Jesus want us to treat our parents and superiors?

Passages

2 Timothy 4:18 - The Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom.

1 Peter 1:5 - who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Psalms 27:1 - The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalms 37:39 - But the salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; He is their strength in the time of trouble.

Hymn - TLH 428 v. 1, 2, 6

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free!

I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

Prayer

Dear Lord,

In today's lesson, we learned that You delivered King David from his troubles with Absalom. But King David had a bigger problem and it's the same problem we all have. This problem is sin. In our life on earth, we face all sorts of temptation from the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh. Whenever we fall into sin, call us to repentance and restore us unto Your fold. Give us strength to endure all the various trial and tribulations that come our way. We know that You can and will deliver us from every evil. In Jesus' saving Name. Amen.

Absalom's Rebellion

2 Samuel 13:30 - 18:33

Introduction:

- , Let each student estimate how much the hair on their head weighs. Compare this to Absalom's 5 pound mop that he cut off each year.
- , If you were trying to take over the United States, how would you do it?
- , If you regained your kingdom after a coup, how would you punish the guilty party?
- , Look at the picture from the story. What would you do if you had a son who was rebelling against you?



Prayer

Dear heavenly Father, bless our study today so that we may grow in the grace and knowledge of Your Word. Be with us today and always. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

The Story - 2 Samuel 13:30 - 18:33 (Paraphrased)

Absalom, David's son, killed his half-brother Amnon who had defiled his sister Tamar. Because of this, Absalom fled from Jerusalem to Syria and stayed there for three years. David was concerned about his son and mourned for him daily.

Joab, David's commander-in-chief, devised a clever scheme to get David to permit Absalom to return to Jerusalem in peace. David agreed with Joab's request and Absalom returned to Jerusalem, but he did not see David for two more years.

We learn that Absalom was a very good-looking man with an abundant amount of hair. He was considered the most handsome man in all of the land of Israel by many. At the end of each year,

Absalom cut his hair because it became too heavy for him. His hair weighed about five pounds.

Finally Absalom desired to see his father. When David heard this, he was very happy and called Absalom to him. King David was so happy that he kissed his son.

Absalom wanted David's throne and he tried to steal it by getting the people to rebel against the king. Absalom would sit outside the city gates and interfere with any business intended for the king. Absalom promised justice if he were made king. He eventually gained a large enough following to lead against the king in order to take over the throne. David



and his army fled Jerusalem so that he could spare the city from as much war and destruction as possible. David wept as he and his men climbed the Mount of Olives in escape. As David continued to confess his faith in God, Absalom took control of Jerusalem.

While David and his men wandered, they prepared themselves for battle against Absalom's army. David stayed behind as his men headed into battle. David told his generals to deal gently with his son. David's army defeated Absalom's army and caused Absalom to



flee on his mule. As Absalom passed under a tree, his head got caught among the branches, causing him to hang from the tree. When Joab approached Absalom, "he took three spears in his hand and thrust them through Absalom's heart, while he was still alive in the midst of the terebinth tree." II Sam. 18:14.

When David found out that his son was dead, he wept and said, "O my son Absalom-my son, my son Absalom-if only I had died in your place! O Absalom my son, my son!" II Sam. 18:33

Outer Aim - Absalom rebelled against his father, King David, and tried to steal the kingdom from him.

What the Story Tells Us - Answer the following questions from the lesson.

1. Who did Absalom kill?
2. Why did Absalom do this?
3. Where did Absalom go after this?
4. Why did Absalom come back?
5. How did Absalom get many people to rebel against David?
6. Where did David and his army flee to get away from Absalom?
7. Who ended up winning the battle?

8. How did Absalom die?
9. How did David feel after he heard the news about Absalom's death?

Inner Aim - The Lord will deliver us from all evil.

What God Tells Discuss these questions.

1. Do you think David was afraid of Absalom? Why or why not?
2. When Absalom took over Jerusalem, David's faith in God did not waver. What does this tell us about David's relationship with God?
3. How did God protect David through this battle?
4. God delivered David from the evils Absalom wanted to commit to David. What Petition of the Lord's Prayer talks about God preserving us from evil?

Your Turn - Use ideas from the story, passages, and hymn to help you discuss the following.

- < If God will deliver us from all evil, then why do we still have problems in our lives?
- < In spite of all that David went through (his son Amnon being murdered, his kingdom being torn from him by his son Absalom, being cursed at, and finally Absalom's death) David still manages to praise God and confess his faith in him. What can we learn from David's attitude when we deal with the problems in our lives?
- < After David found out that Absalom died, he said that it would have been better for him to die instead of Absalom. Why did David say this?
- < What should this reply of David make us want to do with the unbelievers that we meet in our lives?
- < God has called us to faith through the Holy Spirit because of Jesus's perfect life, death, and resurrection. Because of this we should want to confess our faith in Christ to all we meet despite all the evils that come our way.

Passages - Tell how each passage relates to the account of Absalom's rebellion.

Matthew 26:41 "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Acts 14:22 "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

1 Corinthians 10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

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STORY

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TEACHER PRAYER

Lord God, heavenly Father, bless the students entrusted to my spiritual care. Strengthen their faith through

Your holy Word and Spirit and lead them in the path of faith and righteousness. Whenever they fall into temptation, call them to repentance and graciously restore them to Your fold. In Jesus' saving Name. Amen.

VOCABULARY**OUTER AIM**

Absalom rebelled against his father David and tried to steal the kingdom from him.

INNER AIM

The Lord will deliver us from all evil.

BACKGROUND

(Rupprecht, Bible History References, Vol. 1, pp. 317-323)

The Word of the Lord came true concerning David and his royal house. Much intrigue, quarreling, fighting, and even killing were going on.

Chapter 13

David had many sons and daughters besides Solomon. He had more than one wife. In this chapter we learn about Absalom, Tamar, and Amnon. Absalom and Tamar were brother and sister. Amnon was another brother from a different wife of David, and he loved Tamar. She was very beautiful. We read how Amnon seduced Tamar, defiled her, and then rejected her. When David heard what had happened, he was very angry. Absalom didn't do anything at first, but two years later he conceived a plot and killed Amnon. David, his sons, and servants mourned for Amnon. Absalom fled to Syria and stayed there for three years.

Chapter 14

King David was concerned about Absalom. Joab, David's commander-in-chief, devised a clever scheme to get David to permit Absalom to return to Jerusalem in peace. The king granted Joab's request; Absalom returned, but David never saw Absalom face to face for two more years.

Absalom was a very handsome man and was admired by all. He had such beautiful hair and lots of it. He had three sons and one daughter (Tamar), who also was very beautiful.

Finally, Absalom desired to see his father again. He urged Joab to arrange for a reconciliation. David kissed his son when he finally saw him.

Chapter 15

Absalom coveted his father David. He endeavored to steal the throne from him. He sought the support of the people. He made all sorts of promises and tried to steal their hearts and get their support. After some time, Absalom thought he was strong enough to overthrow his father. The conspiracy grew stronger and stronger; more and more people followed Absalom. David and his army



and his followers fled Jerusalem, fearing an attack. He had hoped to spare his beloved city as much pain and suffering as possible. He crossed the Brook Kidron with his people and climbed the Mount of Olives. He wept as he went.

Chapter 16

A servant of Jonathan's son Mephibosheth came out in support of David. Shimei, a man from Saul's house, came out to curse David. At that point David made a beautiful confession of his faith and hope (vs. 12). Absalom and his people took control of Jerusalem.

Chapter 17

Ahithophel, David's former counselor, was now serving Absalom. Absalom asked him what he should do. Ahithophel told him, but Absalom followed the counsel of another man, David's friend Hushai. Hushai pretended to follow Absalom, but secretly he was still loyal to David. Absalom consulted with Hushai and preferred his advice. Feeling betrayed and rejected, Ahithophel left Absalom, returned home, and killed himself.

David and his army crossed over the Jordan River and were befriended by the Ammonites.

Chapter 18

David prepared his army for battle. He himself remained behind. He ordered his generals to deal gently with Absalom. Absalom and all Israel attacked David and the men of Judah. Absalom's army was defeated, and Absalom fled on his mule. His long hair became entangled in the branches of a tree, and he hung there while his mule kept on going. Joab and his men killed Absalom and buried him. The remnant of Israel's army fled.

David was informed of the outcome of the battle and the death of his son. He wept bitterly.

STUDENT PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, we face all sorts of temptation from the devil, the world, and our flesh. Whenever we fall into temptation, call us to repentance and restore us to Your fold. Whenever various trials and tribulations come our way, give us the strength to persevere and endure. We are confident that You can and will deliver us from every evil. In Jesus' saving Name. Amen.

PRESENTATION

- After David's great fall into sin, the Lord announced that he would experience some great trials within his family. "Thus saith the Lord, behold I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house." These words were fulfilled when David's son Absalom rebelled against his father and tried to steal the kingdom from him.
- There were earlier situations within his family which also brought David much grief.
- Absalom was very handsome and had beautiful hair, but he was very vain and proud. His inner character was severely blemished.

APPLICATIONS

1. David mourned for his son Absalom, not only because he was dead but also because he had died in his sins and unbelief.
2. There are places in this lesson where David serves as a type (or symbol) of Christ-his weeping over Jerusalem and crossing the Kidron and ascending the Mt. of Olives. There are other aspects of his life which parallel Christ's as well.

PASSAGES

These passages can be assigned as memory work or simply discussed in class as to how they fit the lesson.

Lower

Matthew 26:41 - Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Acts 14:22 - We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.

I Corinthians 10:12 - Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

II Timothy 4:18 - And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for his heavenly kingdom.

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Middle any of the above...

Upper any of the above...

HYMN CHOICES

“Oh, That The Lord Would Guide My Ways” (TLH #416)

“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus” (TLH #428)

“Every Morning Mercies New” (TLH #537)

“Now The Shades Of Night Are Gone” (TLH #538)

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” (TLH #648)

“Beautiful Savior” (TLH #657)