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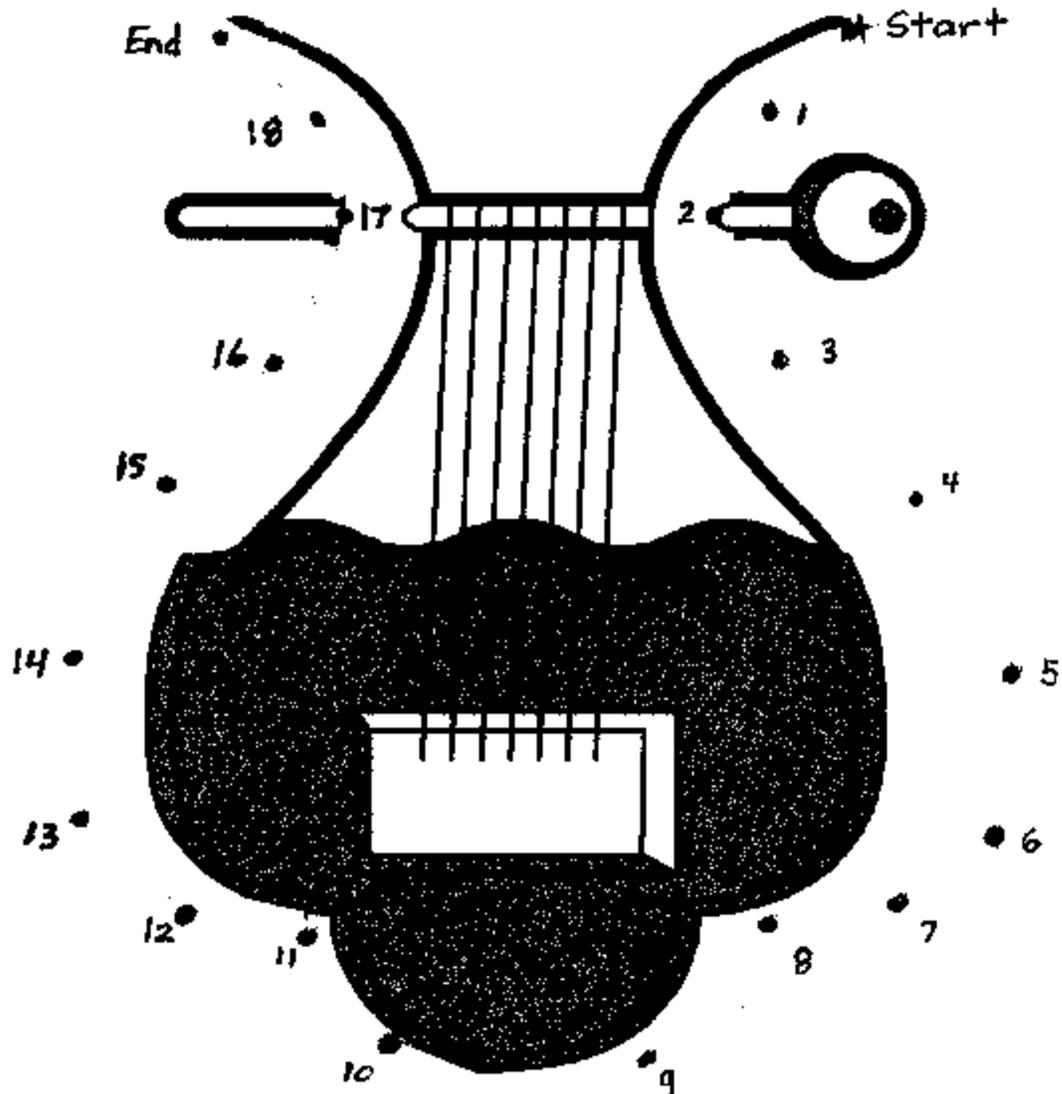
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Hymn & Prayer

 - TLH #394 v. 1

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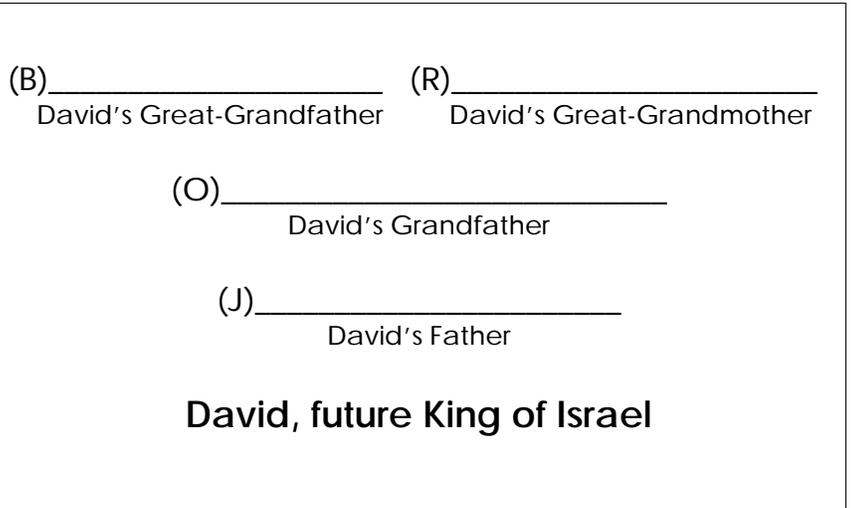
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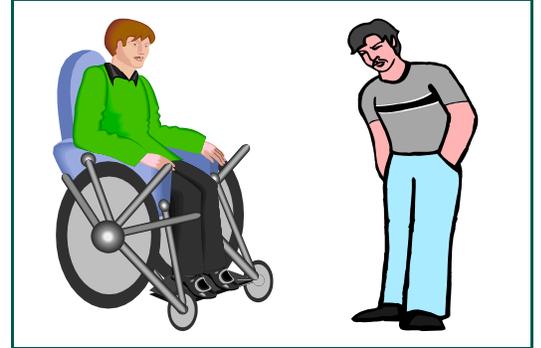
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	harp	Jesse	king	oil	

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3. There he met _____ who had _____ sons.
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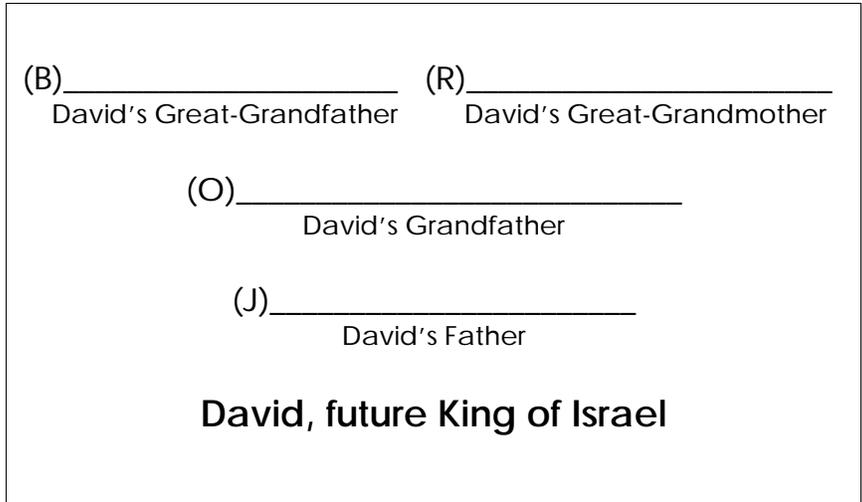
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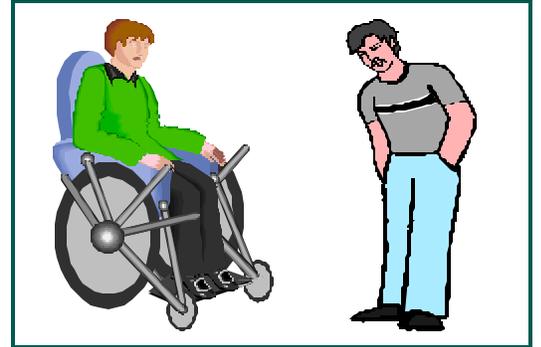
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3. What did Samuel fear Saul would do to him? (2)
4. From whose family will the new king come? (1)
5. Name 3 sons who were not chosen. (6, 8, 9)
6. What did Samuel say of these sons? (10)

7. After 7 older sons passed by Samuel, who was called? (13)
8. Describe David. (12)
9. How did Samuel show David was king? (13)
10. What troubled King Saul? (14)
11. How did David help Saul? (23)

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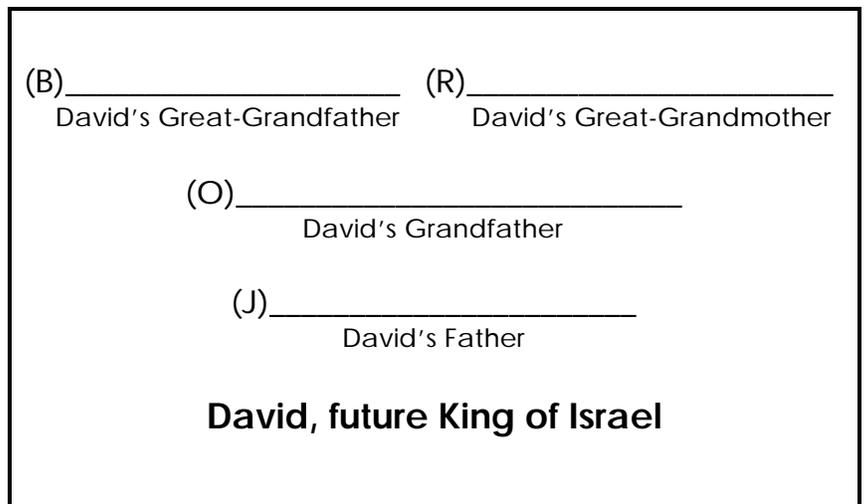
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TEACHER PRAYER

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VOCABULARY

sanctify, consecrate - set apart as holy, make sacred for religious use, purify

ruddy - red, healthy looking, reddish

prudent - sensible, wise, discreet valor - bravery, courage

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BACKGROUND

(Rupprecht Bible History References, Vol. 1, pp. 286-289)

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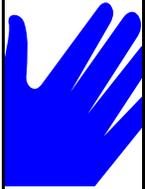
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vs. 6-10 Samuel was sure Jesse’s firstborn son, Eliab, was God’s choice to become the next king. The Lord said no and then went on to explain. Seven of Jesse’s sons passed before Samuel. None of them was to become king.

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v. 14 An evil spirit replaced the Holy Spirit in Saul’s heart and life. He had disobeyed and forsaken the Lord and did not sincerely repent. He had fallen from grace and had become an unbeliever.



vs. 15-16 Saul's servants tried to help their king. Certain music gave Saul some relief. A skillful musician was sought.

vs. 17-18 David was chosen. He not only played the harp very well, but he was honorable, strong, wise, and good-looking as well. Most important of all, they knew that "the Lord was with him." They did not, however, know that David had been anointed by Samuel the prophet to be the next king.

vs. 21 David became Saul's personal attendant, eventually his armorbearer. He was in a position of high honor. The Lord was training and preparing David to become the next king of Israel.

vs. 23 Saul was granted some relief, but he did not turn again to the Lord. He remained an unbeliever the rest of his life.

STUDENT PRAYER

Lord God, heavenly Father, to You belongs "the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory." You govern the affairs of men and nations. You govern our individual lives. You know all things; You know what is best. Your will be done. You know even the thoughts and intents of our hearts. O Lord, forgive our many sins and help us live a God-pleasing life, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

PRESENTATION

At first the Children of Israel lived under a theocracy in Canaan, the land of promise. God raised up prophets and judges. He spoke and ruled through them. After a time the people asked for a king like their heathen neighbors had. God gave them a king. The prophet Samuel was sent by God to anoint Saul as Israel's first king. When Saul later turned away from the Lord, the Lord rejected him as king and chose another-David.

APPLICATIONS

When the Lord chose Saul to become king, Saul was a believer. As the years went by, Saul fell from faith. He trusted in himself and not the Lord. He rejected the Lord in his unbelief, and the Lord rejected him as king.

The Lord knows all things. He knows the thoughts and intents of our hearts. We may be able to fool others, but we can't fool the Lord.

PASSAGES

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

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“Oh, For A Faith That Will Not Shrink” (TLH #396)

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light” (TLH #398)

“Praise To Thee And Adoration” (TLH #401)

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