



David's Harp

David was a good shepherd and cared for the sheep well. He watched over them and protected them, and didn't want even one of them to get lost.

David liked to play music and sing songs on his harp. He sang, and praised, and prayed to God with songs. When King Saul was feeling grumpy, David came to play songs for him, and it cheered him up.

David lived near King Saul and did a good job of helping him. He was humble and wise, and obeyed whatever God told him to do. Jonathan was Saul's son, and he and David were best friends.

David was wise, and brave, and had lots of faith in God. He knew God would take good care of those that loved and obeyed Him. Many people liked David because he had God's wisdom and did all he could to help the people.



Psalms and Supply

God protected David and his team of men, and supplied what they needed as they travelled around the country. David prayed and praised God often!

He wrote many of his prayers down, and we can read them in the Book of Psalms. There are many beautiful verses that give us faith in God's love and care. David loved God's Words and thought often about what God has said and about the great things God does.

Sometimes David had difficult times and people weren't kind to him. One time, when he and his men were really hungry, a kind lady named Abigail loaded up her donkeys with lots of special food and brought the food to David and his team.

David was so thankful for the kindness shown to him. Abigail loved David and wanted to take good care of him.



King David and Dancing

David became the next king after Saul. David loved and praised God often.

One time he had a big celebration with many people, because the Ark of the Covenant was going to be placed close to where he lived. It was a special sign that God was pleased with him.

David felt glad that God let him place it there. People sang songs and played musical instruments, and King David showed his thankfulness and love for God by dancing and singing with all his heart.

His love for the Lord was what gave him joy and strength. When things were difficult and he had a hard job to do, or when he was sick, or needed a place to stay and food to eat, King David would pray and ask the Lord to help him.



Instructions and Supplies for Solomon

When King David was very old, it was time for his wise son Solomon to be the new king. King David told his son that it was very important to obey God's Words most of all.

Solomon was anointed to be the king.

The people were glad to have their new king. They sang and played music, and celebrated with a big feast.

King David told everyone that Solomon would build a big temple for the Lord. King David had made the plans and gave instructions for his son Solomon to follow. He also began to collect the special materials needed for building the temple.

Many people would be needed to help build it, and people were willing and very happy to help. King Solomon sat on the throne and was in charge of leading the country, as well as the big temple building project.



The Temple Is Built

King Solomon had many people working together to build a fancy building to keep the Ark of the Covenant in. It was a temple for prayer, praise, and worshipping God.

It was like a fancy palace, to remind everyone that God was their king, and that they needed to follow Him most of all.

Special things were used, like cedar and fir trees for wood, marble and gold and silver and precious stones, and many large building stones.

When the temple was complete, many people gathered to celebrate and pray. King Solomon prayed a beautiful prayer to the Lord.

Then God surprised them with a display of His power and sent down fire from Heaven onto the altar of prayer! A thick heavenly cloud also filled the temple for a while.

Everyone was amazed, and felt how near God was. They wanted to always love and follow Him.



A Wise King

King Solomon had an amazing dream one night. God talked with him and asked him what he would like to have most.

King Solomon said he wanted to be wise and to know what to do, so he could be a good king. God then gave King Solomon great wisdom and knowledge—more than any other king ever had.

People wanted to hear what King Solomon had to say.

The Queen of Sheba travelled from far away, with many camels and servants, bringing gold and spices and other gifts to King Solomon, because she wanted to talk with him.

God gave King Solomon the wisdom to know how to answer all her questions, and she was happy to hear what he had to say.