

REVIEW: SAUL, DAVID, AND SOLOMON COMPARED

Selection for Reading: Psalm 72

For almost six months we have been having stories about these three kings, and the stories have been so interesting that we are all sorry to have them end.

First we had the story of Israel's first king, Saul, who was so tall and handsome, and who made a good king until he began to forget God. Things grew worse and worse until at last God sent Samuel to Jesse's home to anoint another king. The tall sons filed in one by one, but God did not say, "This is the king." At last they sent—where? Who was the shepherd boy?

David went to Saul's court and played for him on his harp when Saul was sick. Then he went home again, but one day his father sent him to Saul's camp where David's brothers were soldiers. Tell what happened that day.

After that David went back to live with Saul at his court, but because the people praised him more than they praised Saul, the king grew angry and was very unkind. What did David do? What friend did he leave in Saul's palace?

Saul was cruel to David, but how did David treat Saul?

When Saul died in battle, David had the people honor Saul and Jonathan, just as if Saul had been his friend.

During Saul's time the people had grown very careless about the worship of God, so what did David do?

Tell a story about how David found Jonathan's son.

David did what was wrong, but he confessed his sin and God forgave him. Two of his sons, Absalom and Adonijah, made him very sad, but Solomon filled his heart with joy,