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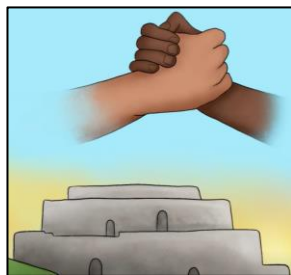


Lesson 7: DAVID BECOMES A POWERFUL KING (1st Samuel 24-26)



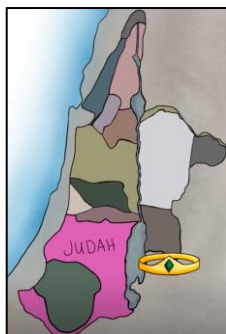
The Bible says that Saul and Jonathan were killed in a battle. When David heard the news, he cried for Jonathan. Jonathan had been a good friend and he had done his part to be a good soldier for the Israelites.

Now it was David's turn to step up to the place of king that God had prepared for him. David asked God, "Where should I go?"

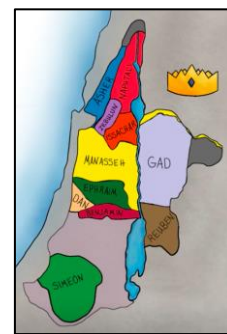


God told David to go to Hebron, a city that was important to David's family. Abraham had been buried there. The word Hebron means "A place of fellowship, of friendship."

So, David and all his warrior men traveled to Hebron as God commanded. Hebron was in the territory that belonged to the tribe of Judah. Judah was David's family tribe. All of the people of the tribe of Judah came together at Hebron. They knew that God said it's David's turn to be king now. So, they made David their king.

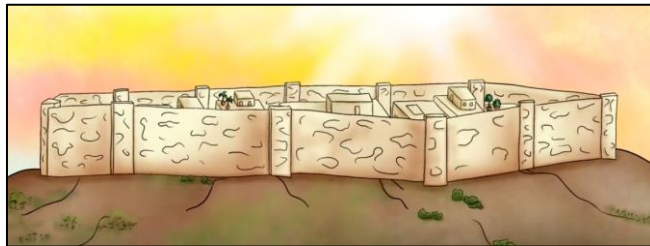


David was king over only the tribe of Judah for 7 years. One of Saul's sons (named Ishbosheth) ruled over 10 tribes of Israel. Then, he was killed by one of his own soldiers.





Then the people from all the tribes came to David and made him their king too. David promised he would be king over *all* the tribes of Israel.

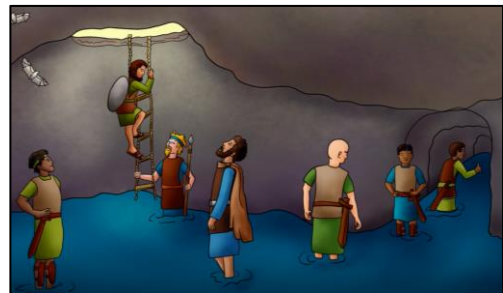


At this time there was a city high on a hillside called Jebus. It was a strong fortress with walls. The enemy people who lived there weren't Israelites. They didn't love God.



They bragged about their fortified city. They told David, "Our fortress is strong! You can't get in here! Even if we were blind and couldn't walk, we could keep you out!"

But David's men did get in. They snuck in through the water tunnel and captured the city.



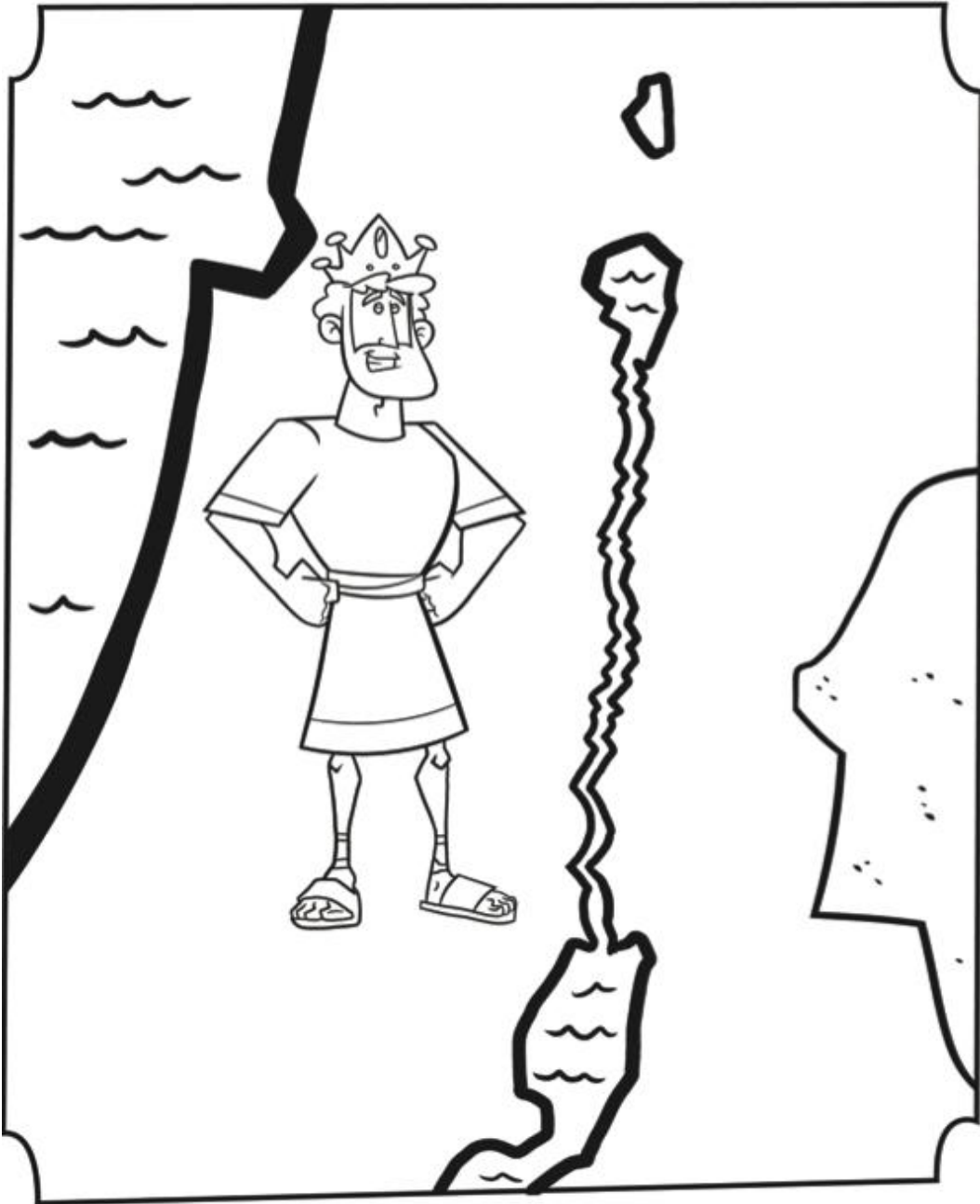
David moved into the city and made it even a stronger fortress. People began to call it the City of David. It was also called Zion and Jerusalem. From there David ruled over all of Israel. David's power as a king grew stronger because God was with him. David praised God.

Some men came from another country. They brought wood and workers and said to David, "We want to build you a big beautiful palace to live in."

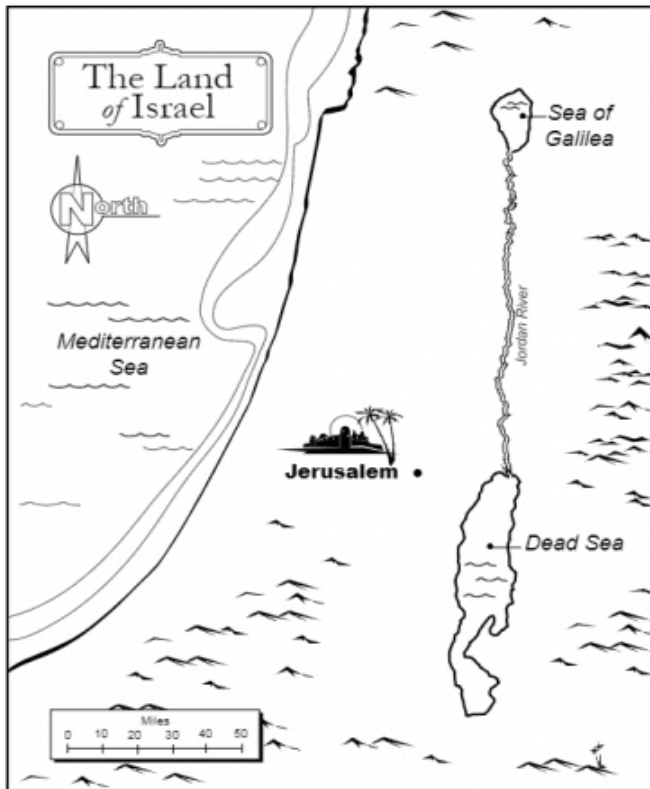
God had made David to be a good strong king for His people. **The Bible says that Jerusalem (Zion) became a very important city. It even says that Zion is the shadow city of the heavenly city of Zion!**



PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY
Color KING DAVID and the map of ISRAEL



Write the King's Name: _____



COLOR THE MAP OF ISRAEL

- Color the Mediterranean Sea
- Color the Sea of Galilea
- Color the Jordan River
- Color the Dead Sea
- Color the land
- Circle David's capital city

THINK ABOUT THIS:

David had been waiting to be king for a long time. (Remember when he was anointed by Samuel when he was still a boy?)



- Tell about a time you had to wait for God to help you or someone you know.

- How did David feel when he heard the news of King Saul's death?

- How do you think you would feel if you were David? _____

- What do you learn about respecting a king or leader, even if he is a bad guy?
