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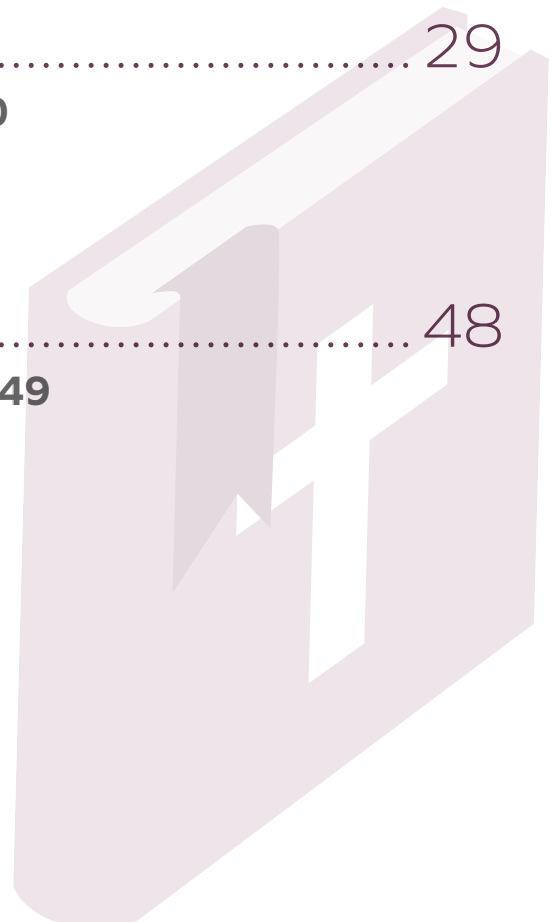
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# HOW OTHERS LIVED FOR GOD

God created all people for His own glory. One way people glorify God is through loving and serving Him and others. Although people have not always been faithful to Him, God has always been faithful. King David wrote, “The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one” (*Psalms* 14:2–3). The Apostle Paul echoed King David’s words when he wrote, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus” (*Romans* 3:23–26). Praise God that He didn’t abandon us when Adam and Eve fell into sin, dragging the rest of mankind with them.

In this LIFEPAK® you will examine the lives of believers whom God chose and used to bear witness of His goodness and faithfulness to the world. They were sinners, just like anyone else, and occasionally lacked faith in Him. Even then, God forgave their sins and lack of faith, and He strengthened them for the work He set before them. God doesn’t need people to work for Him, but God chose to make the world this way. God used these godly people to bring glory and honor to Himself and His Kingdom. As you study their lives, God can develop your talents and use you to bring honor and glory to His Kingdom.

## Objectives

**Read these objectives.** The objectives tell you what you will be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFEPAK. Each section will list according to the numbers below what objectives will be met in that section. When you have finished this LIFEPAK, you should be able to:

1. Describe what it means to be chosen by God to be a believer.
2. Define what faith is.
3. Explain some of the ways that God used two important Old Testament believers, Abraham and David, to help Him, and identify some characteristics of their lives.
4. Explain ways that God used two New Testament apostles, Paul and John, to serve Him and how they lived for Him, and identify some characteristics of their lives.
5. Explain how God used Noah, Ruth, Hannah, Jonah, and Peter to help Him do His will in the world.
6. Explain why *Hebrews 11* can be called the “Hall of Faith” and how God developed these believers to serve Him in order to be listed there.
7. Explain how the Christian life is like a “race.”



# 1. BELIEVERS IN GOD

In this section of the LIFEPAK, you will study how God chose Abraham and David to bring glory into His Kingdom. As you read and think about Abraham and David, you will learn about how God used them for His purpose. You will see how He changed their lives and used them to glorify Him. You will learn about how God developed their **characters** as He helped them live for Him and show faith in Him. He blessed them and used them in His Kingdom. God is blessing you and wants to reveal Himself to you. In Jesus, He forgives all of your sins. He wants you to live for Him. By studying the lives of Abraham and David and some of their **characteristics**, you will learn how you can love and serve God and your fellow believers. God loves you. He will develop your ability to love, **honor**, worship, and serve Him.

## Objectives

**Review these objectives.** When you have completed this section, you should be able to:

1. Describe what it means to be chosen by God to be a believer.
2. Define what faith is.
3. Explain some of the ways that God used two important Old Testament believers, Abraham and David, to help Him, and identify some characteristics of their lives.

## Vocabulary

**Study these new words.** Learning the meanings of these words is a good study habit and will improve your understanding of this LIFEPAK.

**acknowledge** (ak nol ij). To admit that someone or something is true.

**ancestor** (an ses' tèr). A person from whom a person is descended.

**attitude** (at u tüd). A way of thinking or feeling.

**character** (kar ik tèr). The special ways a person feels, thinks, and acts.

**characteristic** (kar ik tu ris' tik). Something that makes a person different from others.

**commend** (kə 'mend). To praise, congratulate, approve, or entrust.

**deed** (dēd). An act or action done by someone.

**defy** (di fī). To resist or be set against something.

**descendant** (di sen' dunt). A person born to a certain family.

**famine** (fam' un). A lack of food in a certain place.

**honor** (on' èr). To give glory, fame, or credit to a person.

**laborer** (lā' bèr èr). A person who does work.

**Muslim** (müz' lm, mööz'-, müs'-, möös'-). A follower of the teachings of Islam, a religion started by a man named Muhammad.

**repent** (ri pent). To turn from sin and turn toward God.

**righteous** (ri' chus). Having a right standing before God.

**Tabernacle** (tab' èr nak ul). The movable tent used by Israel as a place of worship.

**tragedy** (traj' u dē). A very sad or terrible event.

**Note:** All vocabulary words in this LIFEPAAC appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

**Pronunciation Key:** hat, āge, cāre, fār; let, ēqual, tērm; it, īce; hot, ōpen, ôrder; oil; out; cup, pūt, rüle; child; long; thin; /TH/ for then; /zh/ for measure; /u/ or /ə/ represents /a/ in about, /e/ in taken, /i/ in pencil, /o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus.

## Believers, Fellow-Laborers with God



Read Hebrews 11:1-2 and 1 Corinthians 3:6-15

God calls people to believe in Him, to have faith in Him, and to work for Him. To have faith is to be sure about what God has said about Himself, although we don't fully understand who He is, what He is doing, and what He has already done for us. The Bible says that Old Testament believers were **commended** by God because of their faith in Him (*Hebrews* 11:2). In this section, you will learn about Abraham and King David, two men of faith from the Old Testament. Later in this LIFEPAAC, you will learn about other believers from the Old Testament who believed in God and had faith in His promises to them.

God uses Abraham, King David, Paul, and other believers to build His Kingdom on Earth. Paul describes the building of God's Kingdom like a farmer working on the harvest in a field or a master architect working on a building ( *1 Corinthians* 3:6-10). God calls every believer to be a co-worker or fellow-**laborer** with Him. Believers have different talents and abilities, but only God can use someone's abilities to build His Kingdom.



The apostle Paul says that Jesus Christ is the foundation upon which God wants believers to build their lives ( *1 Corinthians* 3:11–15). God called New Testament believers to live their lives for Jesus Christ.

In Old Testament times, although believers couldn't see Him, Jesus was the Messiah and Savior whom God had promised. Living for God in Old Testament times was different than living for God today. In Old Testament times, believers did not have the teachings and examples of Jesus' life to guide them; however, God revealed Himself to them in various other ways. In Old Testament times, God wanted people to believe in Him, to have faith, and to watch for the day He would send them the Savior.

God's chosen people in both Old and New Testament times had to face the same problems of sin in their lives. Today, we can learn much about living as believers by studying the lives of Old Testament believers, how God developed their abilities, and how He used them to build His Kingdom.

Because God loved Abraham and David, they believed in Him and were fellow laborers in His Kingdom. Both of these men lived at different times and had different abilities; however, God used them to build His Kingdom, and they had great faith in Him. God formed their characters and they lived for God. When others saw what God had done through them, He taught the people about Himself by their examples. Their **deeds** and **attitudes** became part of their characters as God shaped their lives. Throughout history, God uses men and women to build His Kingdom and shapes their characters in the process. You will learn more about the characteristics of these fellow-believers as you study this LIFEPAK. You will learn about God's love for you and His great mercy, and He will make some of these godly qualities part of your life while He builds it.



| Believers are fellow-laborers with God as they build His Kingdom.





Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.  
**Hebrews 11:1**

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**Answer true or false.**

- 1.1 \_\_\_\_\_ God created people for His own glory.
- 1.2 \_\_\_\_\_ God does all the work in this world by Himself without any help from people.
- 1.3 \_\_\_\_\_ The Apostle Paul says that the work we do is the foundation upon which believers must build their lives.
- 1.4 \_\_\_\_\_ Believers are those who have faith in God.
- 1.5 \_\_\_\_\_ God loved and blessed Abraham and David, and as they lived for Him, He formed their lives, and others knew God through their *characters*, deeds, and attitudes.



**Answer these questions.**

- 1.6 What does it mean to be a believer in God? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 1.7 What is faith? (Hint: See *Hebrews 11:1*) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Abraham, Man of Faith

Abraham (whose name was *Abram* before God changed it to *Abraham*) is known for his faith. Jews, **Muslims**, and Christians honor him as a “Father in Faith.” The Jews honor him as the Father of the Hebrew nation. The Muslims honor him as their **ancestor** through his son, Ishmael, who was born to Abraham and Hagar, his wife Sarah’s handmaid. As Christians, we honor and remember him for his faith in God and as an ancestor of Jesus Christ (*Matthew* 1:1–2).

God honored him as a great man. In fact, God called Abraham His “friend.” God told the nation of Israel that they were “the seed of Abraham, my friend” (*Isaiah* 41:8; *2 Chronicles* 20:7). In the New Testament, the Bible calls him “the Friend of God” (*James* 2:23).

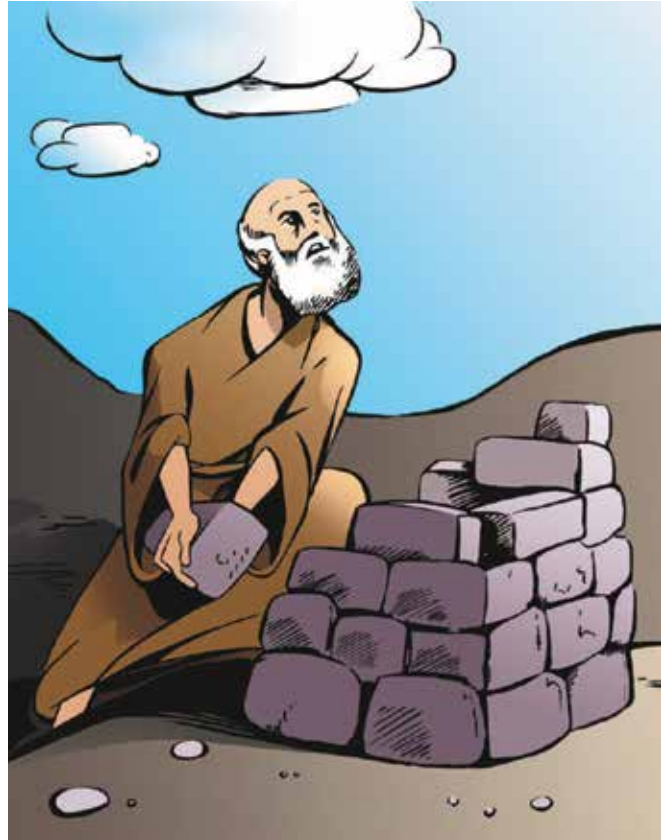
**Abraham’s call.** When Abraham was seventy-five years old, God told him to leave his native land and to go to a land that He would show him. God told him that, if he went, his name would become famous, and he would be a blessing to the whole world. He believed God would do what He promised. He placed his faith in God and obeyed Him. He left the place of his birth with his wife and nephew and all that they owned and journeyed to the land of Canaan.

When Abraham arrived in Canaan, he found the land inhabited by powerful and wicked nations. God told him that He would give this land to Abraham and his **descendants**, although he was a stranger in Canaan. Instead of leaving Canaan, he believed God, built Him an altar, offered sacrifices, and worshiped Him there.

One of the places where Abraham built an altar was called *Bethel* (*Genesis* 12:8) which means *house of God*. He was a man who listened to God and obeyed Him. God showed that Abraham was a man who lived for Him through his faith and his works. God used him to fulfill His purpose in His Kingdom for all people on the earth. As God changed Abraham’s character, he lived for Him, and he became a fellow-laborer in God’s Kingdom.



Read *Genesis* chapters 12–13, 15–16, 22, and also *Hebrews* 11:8–10



| Abraham built altars to the Lord and called on his name.

Soon, a **famine** came to the land of Canaan, and Abraham took his family to Egypt to provide for them there during that hard time. Unfortunately, to protect his own life, Abraham lied about his wife, Sarah, and Pharaoh told him to leave Egypt (*Genesis* 12:11–20). Although God was also displeased with his lying to Pharaoh and his lack of faith, He still protected Abraham and his family while they were in Egypt. In Egypt, God blessed Abraham and his family with cattle, silver, and gold.

When Abraham returned to Canaan, the first place that he visited was Bethel, “the house of God” (*Genesis* 13:4). He worshiped the Lord there and thanked Him for the great blessings that he had received while he was in Egypt. He was very happy to be back in the Promised Land. God wanted him to live in Canaan. Abraham wanted to obey God and remain faithful to Him.



**Answer these questions.**

**1.8**

What are three groups of people who honor Abraham as a “Father in Faith?”

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_  
c. \_\_\_\_\_

**1.9**

What special name did God have for Abraham? \_\_\_\_\_



**Complete these sentences.**

**1.10**

God told Abraham to leave his home country and to go to an unknown country when Abraham was \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

**1.11**

Abraham took his family and everything he owned to Canaan, and God made his name \_\_\_\_\_

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ and a b. \_\_\_\_\_ .

**1.12**

When Abraham got to Canaan, he found the land inhabited by

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ and b. \_\_\_\_\_ .

**1.13**

Abraham honored and worshiped God by building a(n)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ , offering b. \_\_\_\_\_ , and calling on c. \_\_\_\_\_ .

**1.14**

Abraham became a \_\_\_\_\_ with God as he lived for God.

**Abraham's nephew.** Abraham and his nephew, Lot, had large herds of cattle and flocks of sheep. The herdsmen of Abraham and those of Lot began to quarrel with each other. Abraham told Lot that it would be better to divide the land between them and to live in separate parts of the Promised Land than to remain together, quarreling. Having the right to do so, he could have chosen the best of the land; however, he gave the first choice to Lot, instead. God revealed His grace to Abraham's nephew through Abraham's generosity and unselfishness. Lot chose the best and most fertile land along the Jordan River. Because of the evil Canaanites living there, it was also the most wicked part of the country.

**Abraham's faith.** After Lot left, God told Abraham to look toward the north, south, east, and west. God promised that all the land would belong to him and his **descendants** forever. Later, God promised him that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the heavens (*Genesis 15:5*). Since he and Sarah were old and did not have any children, he did not understand how this could happen. Although he did not understand, he *believed* God and His promises. The Bible says that he trusted God, and God considered him **righteous** because of his faith (*Genesis 15:6*). Abraham's faith made him acceptable to God.



| Abraham hearing God's voice

In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul quotes the same Scripture passage in *Genesis 15:6* to show that Abraham believed God and became righteous before Him through his faith (*Romans 4:3*). Abraham believed God could do anything He promised. God promised to give the land to him and his descendants. He promised that his descendants would be as innumerable as the stars. Abraham believed God was able to do this, although at that time, he and Sarah had no children.

Later, when Abraham was about one hundred years old and Sarah was too old to have children, God promised to give him a son (*Genesis 17:19*). Once again, Abraham and Sarah lacked faith, and Sarah gave him Hagar, her handmaid, so he could have children through her. She gave birth to Ishmael. Again, God was faithful, and Sarah gave birth to their son, Isaac.

In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul describes Abraham's faith (*Romans 4:18–22*). Although God's promises seemed impossible, He remained faithful to Abraham, although Abraham occasionally worried about God's power to bless and protect him. God strengthened Abraham's faith in His promises. Today, billions of people have been blessed by God's promises to Abraham.



**Answer these questions.**

**1.15**

What did Abraham tell Lot to do instead of quarreling? \_\_\_\_\_

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**1.16**

How would you describe the country Lot chose? \_\_\_\_\_

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**1.17**

How would you describe Abraham's faith in God? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Abraham's obedience.** God led Abraham, step by step, throughout his life. Abraham learned to do exactly what God told him to do.



**Read *Genesis 22:1-18***

He obeyed God. God tested Abraham's obedience many times. The greatest test of Abraham's faith and obedience came when Isaac was still a boy. God told Abraham that the promised land would belong to him and his descendants. God also told Abraham that he would be the father of many nations and that he would be a blessing to the world through his children. Then He told Abraham to take Isaac to a mountain and offer him as a burnt offering (*Genesis 22:2*)! How could God's promises be fulfilled if Abraham sacrificed Isaac, the son God promised to him through his wife, Sarah?

Abraham probably had many questions for God to answer, but he began to do what He told him to do. His faith in God did not fail this test. He took Isaac with him to the mountain and began making preparations to offer Isaac in sacrifice. Just before Abraham was about to sacrifice his son, the angel of the Lord called out to him and said, "Lay not thy hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me" (*Genesis 22:12*). God showed him a ram that was stuck in a thicket. Abraham untied his son and offered the ram as a sacrifice instead. Abraham proved his faith by obeying God. The Bible says (*Hebrews 11:9*) Abraham believed that even if Isaac had died, God was all powerful and able to fulfill His promise. What strong faith!

Abraham has been a blessing to the whole world, just as God promised. He became the father of many nations through Isaac and his descendants. Abraham's descendants inherited the Promised Land. Abraham lived for God by believing God's promises and showing us how to have faith in them. God blessed Abraham as he kept faith in Him.

Abraham shows us that a life of obedience to God can be happy and fruitful. Are you learning to believe God's promises? Here is one of God's promises from *Proverbs 3:6*: "In all thy ways **acknowledge** him, and he shall direct thy paths." If you live for God and have faith in Him, God will guide you and direct you all your life.

Ask God to help you believe as Abraham believed. Learn to trust and obey God more each day. God wants you to have faith in Him. God will bless you with a fruitful life as He did Abraham if you faithfully follow and obey Him.



| Abraham was tried by God.



**Write true or false.**

- 1.18** \_\_\_\_\_ Abraham's greatest test of obedience was leaving his home country.
- 1.19** \_\_\_\_\_ Abraham obeyed God immediately when God gave him his hardest test.
- 1.20** \_\_\_\_\_ Abraham believed God even when things seemed impossible.
- 1.21** \_\_\_\_\_ People today should have the same kind of faith as Abraham.





Complete the charts.

General Directions: You will have charts like these for each person you study in this LIFEPAK. In the first chart, the answers have been filled in for you as an example. Add your own answers to the rest of the charts. On some blanks, especially the “Lesson To Us,” there may be a number of possible answers, depending upon your reading of the Scriptures. Simply give the best answer in your opinion. Fill in all of the blanks you can. Sometimes, you will not find answers for all of the blanks.

ABRAHAM’S CALL TO CANAAN (GENESIS CHAPTER 12)	
Setting	Abraham was 75 years old. He lived in a land ruled by warlike nations. Country between Ur and Canaan.
What God Did or Said	Leave your country. You will be a blessing. Go to a land I will show you. Your name will be great.
What Abraham Did or Said	He went immediately. He worshiped God by building altars and calling on the Name of the Lord.
Abraham’s Lesson To Us	When God asks us to do something, we should trust Him and obey Him, although we do not understand everything.

1.22

## ABRAHAM AND LOT

(*GENESIS* CHAPTER 13)

Setting

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What God Did or Said

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What Abraham Did or Said

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Abraham's Lesson To Us

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1.23

## ABRAHAM AND ISAAC

(*GENESIS* CHAPTER 22)

Setting

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What God Did or Said

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What Abraham Did or Said

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Abraham's Lesson To Us

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**Teacher check:**

Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# A Life Bank

This list of qualities or characteristics may be used to describe people, especially their characters. In this LIFE PAC, this list will be called a *Life Bank*. You will be taking words from this Life Bank to describe the character of the men and women of the Bible who lived for God.

			<b>Add Others:</b>
calm	courageous	faithful	_____
generous	honest	humble	_____
kind	leader	loving	_____
loyal	obedient	peaceful	_____
persevering	prayerful	reverent	_____
thankful	trusting	wise	_____
zealous			



**Complete this activity.** From the Life Bank, write the words that best describe Abraham. Circle your two top choices.

1.24

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



**Teacher check:**

Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## David, a Man after God's Own Heart



Read *1 Samuel* chapters 16-20 and 24, and also, *2 Samuel* chapters 1-8

David was a shepherd boy who grew up and became the greatest king of the Jewish people in the Old Testament. During his entire lifetime, God loved him, and he was a believer in God and lived for Him. God chose David to work in His Kingdom. Like Abraham, David was blessed because of God's faithfulness to him and his faith in God. Like David's ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God blessed David all of his life.

King David was loved throughout his kingdom. The Bible says that "all Israel and Judah loved David" (*1 Samuel* 18:16). David proved to be a great military and political leader for God and His people. God loved David very much, and David was great because he loved God and wanted to please Him in all that he did. In fact, both God and the prophet Samuel described David as "a man after God's own heart" (*1 Samuel* 13:14 and *Acts* 13:22).

**David's birth and early life.** David was born in Bethlehem, which was later the birthplace of Jesus. When David was a boy, he spent much of his time tending his father's flocks. When David was still a young man, serving his father as a shepherd, God chose him to be the king of the Jewish people. He sent the Prophet Samuel to anoint him. At that time, David was a talented harp player. He was also handsome, strong, and brave.



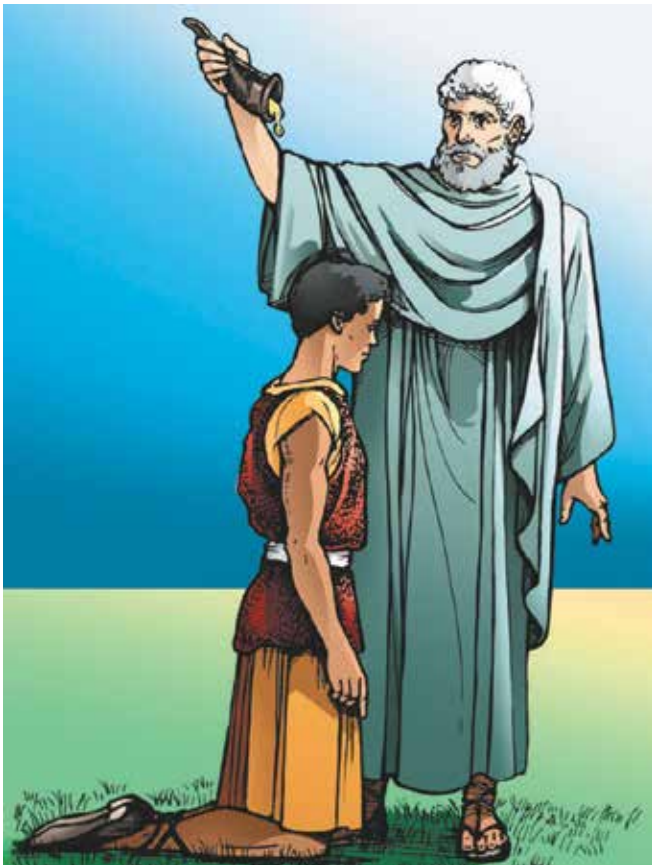
| All Israel and Judah loved David.

Probably the most important quality David had was his faith that the Lord was with him. Because of David's fine characteristics, Saul chose him to be a bodyguard. Saul's servants chose David to play his harp for King Saul when an evil spirit was tormenting him. David's music cheered the king.

During this time, the Philistines were Israel's enemy. The Philistines gathered their army to fight against Israel. Under King Saul, the armies of Israel went out to meet the Philistines in battle, and David was with them. The Philistines sent their mightiest warrior, a giant named Goliath, to **defy** Saul's army.

Goliath was almost ten feet tall. He challenged King Saul to send one man out from Israel's army to fight against him. David volunteered to go! David told King Saul that God gave him the power to kill a lion and a bear in the past. He said that God would be with him and help him overcome Goliath, too.

When Saul brought David a helmet and armor to wear, they were too heavy for him, and David refused to wear them. He also refused to carry a sword. Instead, he took his shepherd's staff and a sling. On the way to meet Goliath, he picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them into his shepherd's bag. As Goliath came nearer to David, the giant made fun of him and



| David was still a young shepherd when Samuel anointed him as Israel's king.



| Goliath made fun of David and tried to frighten him.

tried to frighten him. David firmly trusted in the Lord. According to *1 Samuel* 17:45, David said to Goliath, "Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou has defied." David took one of the smooth stones from his bag and hurled it at Goliath with his sling. The stone hit Goliath in the forehead, and Goliath fell over dead. God had given David the victory over Goliath! The Philistines became afraid and ran away, and Israel was victorious!



### Complete these statements.

- 1.25** Some words that describe David as a young man are a. \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ , and c. \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.26** David's most important quality was probably \_\_\_\_\_ .  
\_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.27** David became a a. \_\_\_\_\_ for King Saul and played the  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ to console the king.



### Answer the questions in your own words.

- 1.28** Why do you think God called David "a man after his own heart"? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 1.29** What did it prove when David killed Goliath with a stone instead of a sword? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**David and Saul.** After Israel's great victory over the Philistines, Saul promoted David to commander of his army. David's popularity and success in battle made Saul so jealous that he tried to kill him. Saul's son, Jonathan, loved David very much and, because of their friendship, Jonathan helped David escape from King Saul.

David fled for his life and gathered around himself a small army of 400 men. Saul pursued David but could never capture him. Twice, David had the opportunity to kill Saul, but he did not do so. Once, David found Saul asleep in a cave and cut off the bottom of his robe. After Saul left the cave, David called out to him and showed him the piece of cloth that he had taken. He bowed to Saul and said, "Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and some bade me kill thee: but mine eye spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the LORD's anointed" (1 Samuel 24:10). Although Saul was a wicked King and tried to kill David, David still respected Saul as "the Lord's anointed." David asked God to judge between him and King Saul. David was confident that the Lord would deliver him from Saul's hand. Saul let David go and did not bother him again. They went their separate ways.

Later, Saul and Jonathan were killed in battle. David was very sad after he heard about their deaths and wrote a song of mourning which began with these words: "The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places: how are the mighty fallen!" (2 Samuel 1:19)

**David as King.** The prophet Samuel anointed David as king some time before Saul died. He was only thirty years old when he took Saul's place as king. Under his leadership, the nation entered what has been called "Israel's Golden Age." Judah (in the south) and Israel (in the north) united as one kingdom under David. The central government was established in Jerusalem. The Ark of the Covenant was brought to Jerusalem and set in its place in the **Tabernacle**. God's enemies were conquered and Israel had peace. The nation prospered, and the people put God at the center of their lives.

God loved David and used him to glorify His Kingdom. David was a great king, but he was not perfect. Although David lived for God almost all the time, David committed some great sins. Because of his sins, God allowed **tragedies** to happen in the nation and in David's family. Whenever David sinned, he turned back to God and asked for forgiveness and mercy, and the Lord forgave him.

Turning back to the Lord after sinning is called **repentance**. God wants all people to repent of their sins and ask for forgiveness and mercy when they have sinned. God is good, and He loves us. He wants us to always turn to Him in repentance and faith. He wants to restore our joy and fellowship with Him when



"Mine eye spared thee... I will not put forth my hand against my lord; for he is the Lord's anointed."

we have sinned. David's willingness to always repent and turn to the Lord helped make him a great person. That is one of the reasons that David was "a man after God's own heart." One of David's prayers is found in *Psalms* 51. It is a beautiful prayer of repentance. Some of the words are these.



"Have mercy upon me, O God,  
according to thy loving kindness...  
blot out my transgressions...  
Against thee, thee only, have I sinned...  
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation  
a broken and a contrite heart,  
O God, thou wilt not despise..."



### **Answer these questions.**

**1.30** What position did Saul give to David after Israel's victory over the Philistines?

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**1.31** How did David's success and popularity make Saul feel?

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**1.32** Who helped David escape from Saul?

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**1.33** What did David call King Saul after David spared his life?

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**1.34** When Saul and Jonathan died, how did David show respect for them?

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**1.35** List three reasons why David's reign as king was called "Israel's Golden Age."

a. 

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b. 

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c. 

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**1.36** In your own words, describe David's attitude toward sin. 

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**David’s heart.** Because God loved and helped David, his life was great. As a shepherd boy, musician, soldier, military leader, friend, father, and a king, God blessed him richly. David’s heart of love for God was the thing that made David great. When God selected David to be king, God said to Samuel, “...man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart” ( 1 Samuel 16:7).

What did God see when He looked into David’s heart? Jesus said, “For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” (Matthew 12:34). We can, therefore, tell something about David’s heart for God by reading the words of the prayers and psalms that David composed and sang. The following chart describes some of the qualities of David’s heart and the words that reflect these qualities.

DAVID’S HEART	DAVID’S WORDS
David’s heart was a <b>trusting</b> heart.	“The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer...in him will I trust: he is my shield... my salvation...my refuge, my savior...” (2 Samuel 22:2-3)
David’s heart was an <b>obedient</b> heart.	“Teach me thy way...” (Psalm 27); “I will take heed to my ways...” (Psalm 39:1); “Lead me in the way everlasting.” (Psalm 139:24)
David’s heart was a <b>repentant</b> heart.	“Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.” (Psalm 51:2); “Create in me a clean heart, O God...” (Psalm 51:10); Psalm 32, which expresses repentance and forgiveness of sins.
David’s heart was a <b>worshipful</b> heart.	“Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me...” (Psalm 103:1); “I will praise thee with my whole heart...” (Psalm 138:1)

**Complete these sentences.**

- 1.37** The part of David's life that was most important to God was David's \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.38** According to *2 Samuel* 22:2–3, David had a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.
- 1.39** *Psalms* 51 tells us that David's heart was a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.
- 1.40** *Psalms* 103 tells us that David's heart was a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.
- 1.41** *Psalms* 27:11 shows us that David had an \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

**Complete the charts.** Fill in all the blanks you can.**1.42**

## DAVID AND GOLIATH

### (1 SAMUEL CHAPTER 17)

Setting

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What God Did or Said

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What David Did or Said

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David's Lesson To Us

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DAVID FLEES FROM SAUL  
(1 SAMUEL CHAPTERS 19-26)

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What God Did or Said	<div></div> <div></div>
What David Did or Said	<div></div> <div></div>
David's Lesson To Us	<div></div> <div></div>

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DAVID'S REPENTANCE  
(PSALM 51)

Setting	<div></div> <div></div>
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What David Did or Said	<div></div> <div></div>
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**Complete this activity.****1.45**

Using the Life Bank at the end of “Abraham, Man of Faith,” write the words that best describe David. Circle your two top choices. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Review the material in this section to prepare for the Self Test.** The Self Test will check your understanding of this section. Any items you miss on this test will show you what areas you will need to restudy in order to prepare for the unit test.



## SELF TEST 1

**Match these items** (each item, 3 points).

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|--------------|-------|-----------------|----|---|
| <b>1.01</b>  | _____ | believer in God | a. | known for his strong faith                        |
| <b>1.02</b>  | _____ | co-laborer      | b. | Abraham's nephew                                  |
| <b>1.03</b>  | _____ | Abraham         | c. | friend of David                                   |
| <b>1.04</b>  | _____ | Bethel          | d. | Lot's wife  |
| <b>1.05</b>  | _____ | Sarah           | e. | father of David                                   |
| <b>1.06</b>  | _____ | Lot             | f. | has faith in God and trusts, loves, and obeys Him |
| <b>1.07</b>  | _____ | Canaan          | g. | to work with God                                  |
| <b>1.08</b>  | _____ | Philistine      | h. | "the Lord's Anointed"                             |
| <b>1.09</b>  | _____ | Jonathan        | i. | house of God                                      |
| <b>1.010</b> | _____ | Saul            | j. | Isaac's mother                                    |
|              |       |                 | k. | enemy of Israel                                   |
|              |       |                 | l. | land promised to Abraham                          |

**Answer true or false** (each answer, 2 points).

- 1.011** \_\_\_\_\_ The Apostle Paul wrote that believers are laborers together with God.
- 1.012** \_\_\_\_\_ The Scriptures say that those who lived in Old Testament times were pleasing to God because of their faith in Him.
- 1.013** \_\_\_\_\_ The characters of Abraham and David were formed by their deeds and attitudes.
- 1.014** \_\_\_\_\_ When Abraham was a young man of about twenty-five years of age, God told him to go to Canaan.
- 1.015** \_\_\_\_\_ While Abraham was in Egypt, he lost his wealth and became poor.
- 1.016** \_\_\_\_\_ Abraham showed that he was generous and unselfish when he gave Lot first choice of land.
- 1.017** \_\_\_\_\_ The Bible says that Abraham was righteous before God because of all his good deeds.

- 1.018** \_\_\_\_\_ David was born in Jerusalem.
- 1.019** \_\_\_\_\_ David was “a man after God’s own heart.”
- 1.020** \_\_\_\_\_ Among other things, David was a shepherd, musician, and military leader.

**Choose the correct answer** (each answer, 3 points).

- 1.021** Abraham went down to Egypt because there was \_\_\_\_\_ in Canaan.  
a. a flood                                      b. a famine                                      c. an earthquake
- 1.022** God promised Abraham that his \_\_\_\_\_ would be numerous.  
a. cattle                                      b. friends                                      c. descendants
- 1.023** David killed the Philistine giant, Goliath, with \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. a spear                                      b. a sling and stone                                      c. his hands
- 1.024** When King Saul was killed in battle, David \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. rejoiced in victory                      b. mourned him                                      c. left the country
- 1.025** We can tell something about David’s heart by \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. reading his words                      b. assuming he was happy                      c. asking God to tell us

**Complete these sentences by writing the correct word** (each answer, 3 points).

- 1.026** The apostle Paul says that \_\_\_\_\_ is the foundation upon which believers must build their lives.
- 1.027** God told Abraham to take his son Isaac to a mountain and offer him as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1.028** God promised Abraham that he would be a \_\_\_\_\_ to the whole world.
- 1.029** Abraham shows us that a life of \_\_\_\_\_ will be a blessed and fruitful life.
- 1.030** Turning back to the Lord after sinning is called \_\_\_\_\_.


Answer these questions (each answer, 5 points).

1.031 What is faith? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1.032 What three groups of people honor Abraham and why?  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1.033 What are some qualities of David’s heart as the Scriptures reveal them?  
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1.034 What was Abraham’s greatest test of obedience to God? Explain.  
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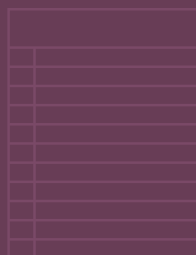
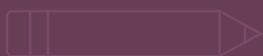
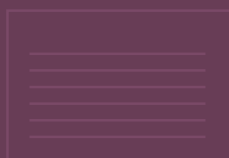
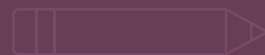
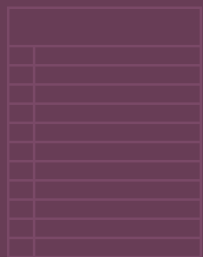
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