

## BIBLE CHALLENGE

1. In what books of the Bible will you find the story of David?
  - a. Genesis
  - b. Deuteronomy
  - c. 1 Samuel
  - d. Psalms
  - e. 2 Samuel
  - f. Isaiah
  - g. Matthew
  - h. Exodus
  - i. 1 Kings
  - j. Judges
2. Who are David's great grandparents?
  - a. Adam and Eve
  - b. Abraham and Sarah
  - c. Boaz and Ruth
  - d. Isaac and Rebekah
3. Which of the following DO NOT describe David?
  - a. Disciple
  - b. Shepherd
  - c. Musician
  - d. Carpenter
  - e. Warrior
  - f. Fisherman
  - g. Rabbi
  - h. King
  - i. Psalmist
  - j. Farmer
4. Who was David's Father?
  - a. Jesse
  - b. Joseph
  - c. Jacob
  - d. Noah

Answers: 1. c, e, i ... 2. c ... 3. a, d, f, g, j ... 4. a

## The Story of David

David was the youngest son of Jesse of Bethlehem. He was brought up to be a shepherd. When David was young, through the prophet Samuel, he was chosen by God and secretly marked to be the next king. Samuel anointed him with oil and he was infused with the Spirit of the Lord.

Saul was the first king of Israel and he was still ruling when David was chosen by God. Saul had fallen out of favor with God.

Saul suffered from depression and, ironically, it was David who was brought in to lift his spirits by playing the lyre. During a battle with the Philistines, David was sent to bring food to his warrior brothers. The Philistine giant, Goliath, was taunting the Israelites to send out their best warrior. David, bolstered by his faith in God who had protected him when watching the sheep, went out to fight Goliath with a sling and five stones. He killed Goliath with one shot to the head. This was the first of many victories for David.

David served as a warrior under Saul, but their relationship deteriorated and he spent many years on the run. When Saul was finally killed, David became king. He had a strong military presence. And won Jerusalem from the Jebusites and made it the capital and religious center.

Guided by a deep faith in God, David brought prosperity and victory to Israel. But during the height of his success, he had an affair with Bathsheba, wife of Uriah. When Bathsheba became pregnant, David had Uriah killed in battle. The prophet Nathan condemned David for this and David repented deeply. The baby died.

There was much strife among David's children, including rape, murder, deception and revenge. His son Absalom rebelled and attacked Jerusalem. David fled. They battled at Ephraim where Absalom was killed.

As David aged, there need to be a successor to the throne. After a forty year reign, David abdicated in favor of his young son, Solomon.