

## **Leadership Lessons from the Life of David**

A Kingdom Leadership Vault Resource This expanded lesson explores the leadership qualities David demonstrated as a shepherd, warrior, worshipper, and king—qualities young leaders can apply today.

## **1. David the Shepherd: Leadership Starts in Private**

Before David ever fought Goliath, he learned leadership by tending sheep. He was faithful with small assignments long before he was trusted with big ones. Key Lessons: • Leadership begins with responsibility, not a title. • God promotes those who are faithful in private places. • Protecting and serving others prepares you for greater roles. Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:11–13; Luke 16:10

## **2. David and Goliath: Courage in the Face of Giants**

David faced what others feared. His confidence came not from himself but from God. Key Lessons: • Leaders confront challenges others run from. • Preparation matters—David used the skills he already had. • Faith-based courage inspires others to rise. Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:32–50

## **3. David the Worshipper: Leading with Heart**

David was known as a man after God's own heart. His leadership flowed from worship. Key Lessons: • Good leaders stay connected to God. • Worship keeps your heart soft and your motives pure. • Emotional honesty builds strong character. Scripture: Psalm 23; Acts 13:22

## **4. David and Saul: Humility Under Pressure**

Even when Saul tried to kill him, David refused to retaliate. His restraint revealed maturity. Key Lessons: • Leaders do not let emotions control decisions. • Honor matters—even when others don't deserve it. • Godly leaders wait for God's timing, not their own. Scripture: 1 Samuel 24

## **5. David the King: Leading Imperfect but Teachably**

David made mistakes—including serious ones—but he repented quickly and returned to God. Key Lessons: • Great leaders take responsibility for failures. • Repentance restores leadership influence. • God values humility more than perfection. Scripture: 2 Samuel 12; Psalm 51

## Reflection Questions for Students

1. What private “shepherd” assignments has God given you right now? 2. What giants are you facing, and how can faith help you overcome them? 3. How does worship shape a leader’s character? 4. What can David’s humility teach you about handling conflict? 5. What is one leadership area you want God to strengthen in your life?

## Leadership Activity: My David-Inspired Leadership Plan

Instructions: Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- My strengths (like David’s skills with the sling): \_\_\_\_\_
- My current “sheep” responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_
- A giant I will face this month: \_\_\_\_\_
- How I will show leadership courage: \_\_\_\_\_
- A scripture I will stand on: \_\_\_\_\_