

INTRODUCTION

We've come to the end of this series and the end of David's life as king of Israel. The children in your club should have learned many things about what a person after God's heart looks like. In this Remote Control Review Party you will do some "rewinding" to review David's life and also some "fast-forwarding" during the lesson as you finish telling the major events of the rest of David's life. It's recommended that you do the "Remote Control Rewind Review" right before the "A Heart after God—The Rest of the Story" because it will review the previous lessons and also set the stage for hearing about the rest of David's life. Choose among the optional games and activities to review what children have learned, including the memory verses and songs. And remember to have fun as you review everything the children have learned the last few weeks!

Demonstrations of
the lessons and songs in
this series are available at:
cefonline.com/freedemos/gnc

REMOTE CONTROL REWIND THEME IDEAS

"Decoration Ideas"

If desired, cut the middle out of a foam-board or cardboard rectangle to make a "TV screen" for teachers to stand behind as they lead the review activity and Bible lesson. Arrange the seating to look like a movie theater—you could number each seat and give every child a ticket with a number on it and have them locate their assigned seat. You could even set up a table as a "concession stand" where the children can get theater-style snacks like pretzels and popcorn.

"Movie Scene" Schedule

Make several black and white copies of a clapperboard and write a different party activity on the back of each one. Number them according to the order that you will do each thing during your party. (e.g., *If your third activity will be a song, write "Scene 3" on the front of the clapperboard and "Song" on the back.*) Hang these clapperboards throughout the room as decorations. During your party when you are ready to move to the next "scene" (activity), have a child retrieve the corresponding clapperboard to reveal what's up next.

"Bloopers Reel" Behavior Incentive

Ahead of time, have each club leader write down an anonymous funny story or fact about themselves (be sure it is appropriate to share with children). Put these "bloopers" into a box labeled "Bloopers Reel." As your party begins, ask the children if they have ever seen the bloopers at the end of a movie that show the mistakes actors made while they were filming a movie. Explain that you have a bloopers reel of funny stories about each teacher, but they will only get to hear them if they follow the rules. During your party when children are doing a particularly fantastic job following the rules, have one of them choose a blooper from the bloopers reel box and read it out loud. Let the children guess which teacher that blooper is about.

"Remote Control" Behavior Incentive

During your party, use the remote control as a behavior incentive by choosing kids who are following the rules to come up and push the buttons on the remote for you.

Take the theme and decorations as far as
you want or keep them simple.

Materials

"Movie Scene Clapperboard" reproducible
(See GNC Resource Pack.)

Materials

"Remote Control" visual
(See GNC Resource Pack.)



SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY IDEAS

Materials

Ball or soft objects

“Be a Star!”

Have children sit in a circle and pass a ball or other soft object around. Shout out instructions such as “Play,” “Fast-Forward,” “Rewind” and “Pause” as they pass the ball according to your instructions.

Play—Pass the ball at normal speed.

Rewind—Pass the ball in the opposite direction.

Fast-Forward—Pass the ball faster.

Pause—Stop passing the ball and freeze in place.

Whoever is holding the ball when you pause the game is “The Star!” They get to share something about themselves. Be prepared to ask simple questions if the child can’t think of anything to share such as “What’s your favorite movie?” “What movie do you wish you could be in?” or “What’s your favorite animal?”

If you choose to do this activity, do not post the movie on social media or other websites due to parental privacy concerns. Show the movie in club only.

Materials

Props or costumes
Craft or paint sticks
Smartphone or video camera

“Make a Movie”

Provide the children with props and costumes that they can use to act out a short scene from one of the Bible lessons. They could act out: God rejecting David’s older brothers and choosing David as king, David defeating Goliath, David running and hiding from Saul in caves or David and Mephibosheth eating at the king’s table. If possible and if time allows, use your smartphone to record their skit and let them gather around you to watch it or use a TV or projector to show each small group’s “movie” to everyone. *(If desired, this could be used as an alternative to the Remote Control Rewind Review activity, with each group doing a different part of the story. Show each movie to the whole group or allow each small group to act out their scene for the whole group. Use the review questions and game from that activity to review previous lessons after each movie/skit is shown.)*

STARTING YOUR CLUB

Have you ever watched a movie, but didn’t get to see or hear the whole thing? Maybe you wondered what happened in the parts you missed and how the story ended. You could rewind or fast-forward a movie using a remote control to see the parts you missed. I brought a giant remote control today! *(Show remote control.)* We’re going to rewind and fast-forward through the life of David.

The Bible calls David a man after God’s heart. We’re going to rewind back to some of the true stories from the Bible that we’ve already heard and then fast-forward to parts we haven’t heard yet to look at places where David’s life shows us what God’s heart is like. We’re also going to pause sometimes to play games and do other fun things.

VERSE AND SONG REVIEW

“Play and Pause Songs”

When it’s time for a song, let the children choose a favorite song and sing it together while a child holds the remote. If the child pushes the pause button on the remote, everyone must freeze in place until they push the play button. If you are using a CD player or other device, have a teacher pause that device each time the child pushes the pause button on the remote. You may wish to limit the number of times a child can pause for each song.

“Remote Control Verse Review”

(Begin by quoting a line from a popular children’s movie or TV show.) Can you guess which movie that is from? *(Allow response.)* Many times we watch our favorite movies over and over again until we know them by heart. This can be fun, but there is something much more important that we should be learning by heart. Do you know what it is? *(Allow response.)* God’s Word is the most important thing you could ever learn. We have been learning some verses from Psalm 119 that remind us how important it is to know God’s Word by heart. We’re going to use our remote control to practice our memory verses right now.

Let children choose which button on the remote to push to determine how each verse will be repeated.

Play—Say the verse at a normal speed while facing forward.

Fast-forward—Turn to the right and run in place while you say the verse quickly.

Rewind—Turn to the left and run in place while you say the verse quickly.

Stop—Stop saying the verse and freeze in place until another button is pushed.

(If desired this game could be played with the verse songs or the verse song videos.)

BIBLE LESSON REVIEW GAME

“Remote Control Rewind Review Game”

We’ve learned a lot about the life of King David. Let’s see how much you remember! We’re going to start by rewinding through the things we’ve learned. *(Choose volunteer to push “Rewind” button and turn backward through the flashcard visual to reach Flashcard 5-4.)*

Can you tell me what’s going on in this picture? *(Allow response.)* King David showed grace and kindness to Mephibosheth, keeping his promise to Jonathan. Do you remember what we learned about God through this lesson? *(Allow response.)* Say with me, **“God is kind!”** *(Say with children.)* This was one way David was a man after God’s heart—he showed God’s kindness.

(Ask the following questions and allow children to pull heart shaped cards with points from a bag to earn points for their team. It may be helpful to have one person teach and show the flashcards for each part and then have a different person lead the brief game by asking questions, letting children choose hearts and keeping score.)

1. How did David show kindness to Mephibosheth? *(He gave him all the land that had belonged to Saul and gave him a place at his table, treating him like a son.)*
2. How can you show kindness to someone? *(Answers will vary.)*

Materials

“Remote Control” visual
Visualized Bible Verse Booklet
(See GNC Resource Pack.)

Verse songs for this series are available for purchase and download at cefpress.com. Song videos can be viewed for free online at cefonline.com/freedemos/songs.

It is recommended that this lesson review be taught before the lesson to set the stage for further teaching on David’s life and reign.

If desired, have the children do a motion (running in place or spinning toward the right or left) when you rewind and fast-forward. They would enjoy racing to see if they can spin around and sit back down before you turn to the correct flashcard.

Materials

Flashcard book with Flashcards 5-4, 4-3, 3-6, 2-5 and 1-6 marked
“Remote Control” visual
Word Up! Booklet
(See GNC Resource Pack.)
Show Word Up! card from Lesson 5

Materials

“ZERO—Heart Edition” cards
(Remove the hearts that say “ZERO”.)
(See GNC Resource Pack.)

Lesson 6

Materials

Word Up! Booklet
(See GNC Resource Pack.)
Show Word Up! card from Lesson 4

Let's rewind some more to look for more ways David was a man after God's heart. (Choose volunteer to push "Rewind" button and turn backward through the flashcard visual to Flashcard 4-3.)

Another way David was a man after God's heart was that David had a heart that trusted God's plan. Say with me, "**Trust God's plan!**" (Say with children.)

(Ask the following questions and allow children to pull heart shaped cards with points from a bag to earn points for their team.)

1. How did David show that He trusted God's plan? (He did not kill Saul but waited for God's time to become the king.)
2. When can it be difficult for you to trust God's plan? (Answers will vary.)

Let's rewind some more! (Choose volunteer to push "Rewind" button and turn backward through the flashcard visual to Flashcard 3-6.)

David boldly acted to declare the glory of God by defeating Goliath. What did we learn about God from this lesson? Say with me, "**Jesus is the champion!**" (Say with children.)

(Ask the following questions and allow children to pull heart shaped cards with points from a bag to earn points for their team.)

1. Who did David trust as his champion against Goliath? (God was David's champion.)
2. Who can you trust as your champion over sin? (Jesus!)

Let's rewind a little bit further. (Choose volunteer to push "Rewind" button and turn backward through the flashcard visual to Flashcard 2-5.)

Israel needed a new king. What kind of man was God looking for? (Allow response.) God was looking for someone after God's heart. Say with me, "**God sees my heart!**" (Say with children.)

(Ask the following questions and allow children to pull heart shaped cards with points from a bag to earn points for their team.)

1. Why did God choose David as the king? (Because David cared about the things God cares about.)
2. What does God see and care about in your heart? (Everything; answers will vary.)

Let's rewind one more time to where the story began. (Choose volunteer to push "Rewind" button and turn backward through the flashcard visual to Flashcard 1-6.)

Before David was even born, God's people had wanted a king. They did not want to follow God. Say with me, "**Follow God!**" (Say with children.)

(Ask the following questions and allow children to pull heart shaped cards with points from a bag to earn points for their team.)

1. What did Saul do that showed he was not following God with his heart? (He disobeyed God and offered the sacrifice because he was tired of waiting for Samuel.)
2. How can you follow God as king of your heart? (Answers will vary.)

Materials

Word Up! Booklet
(See GNC Resource Pack.)
Show Word Up! card from Lesson 3

Materials

Word Up! Booklet
(See GNC Resource Pack.)
Show Word Up! card from Lesson 2

Materials

Word Up! Booklet
(See GNC Resource Pack.)
Show Word Up! card from Lesson 1

David was a man after God's heart because he cared about the things God cares about. Let's talk to God and ask Him to help us be people who follow Him with our whole hearts. (*Pray with children.*)



LESSON

"A Heart after God—The Rest of the Story"

INTRODUCTION

When you read a book, do you ever skip to the end to find out what happened to the characters? (*Allow response.*) We're going to do that today as we learn the rest of King David's story. We're going to "fast-forward" through the rest of his life. He was king for a total of 40 years, so there's a lot to talk about. We'll just talk about a few of the big things that happened after David became king.

PROGRESSION OF EVENTS

Do you remember why God chose David to be king? (*Allow response.*) David was a man after God's heart. David cared about the things God cared about. Because of this, God chose David for something special. God made a huge promise to David. He promised that David's throne would last forever. But how would that work? David would eventually die. God was saying that the greatest King of all would be part of David's family. Through this greatest King God was going to show His love to the whole world through David's family.



God's heart was to show His love to the whole world—for people in every country and every language. God wants everyone to know He is the great and mighty King who loves them. God never wanted just one group of people to know about Him—He wants all the nations to know Him and know His love. (*Read Jeremiah 31:3b.*) God's love never ends—it is for everyone! God's Kingdom also never ends. He is the perfect King with power over all. God had the power to make everything in the world! Can you imagine being powerful enough to make a dinosaur or a blue whale? God is that powerful! He is the great King and His heart is to show His love to the whole world.

God was going to do that through David's family. What an honor! The greatest King of all Kings would be related to King David!

Slide 1 (Remote Control)

Let's fast-forward a few years after David became king. (*Click "fast-forward" button.*)

Slide 2

Even though King David had a heart after God, he was still human. David still had a "want to" to disobey God. There were times when David didn't care about the things God cared about. David did some terrible things. David lied, stole another man's wife and even killed someone. He tried to hide his sin, but God knew what He had done.

Materials

On the Timeline point to "God promises David's family a forever throne."
"Remote Control" visual
(See GNC Starter Resource Pack and Resource Pack.)



God sees your sin too. Our sin may be easy to see, or it may be hidden like David's was. Perhaps you have found a way to cheat at school and you haven't been caught yet. Or maybe you look at pictures or videos on your computer or phone that do not please God. No one else knows about it but God does. Anything that does not please God is sin. You cannot hide your sinful heart and actions from God. (*Read Jeremiah 17:9.*) God sees your heart is full of sin. You are born wanting to sin and going against God. Even though sin may seem fun or harmless for a while, it is dangerous for you. God's punishment for sin is to be separated from Him forever. Your sin may be sin others can see or it may be hidden. But God sees your sinful heart.

God knew about David's sin even when David tried to hide it. For a while, David thought he was going to get away with his sins. But then, one of God's prophets came to David and said, "You have sinned!" David knew he had sinned before God and before his people.

At that point, David's heart turned back to God. David knew how wrong he was and he was extremely sorry for what he had done. We know this because David wrote prayers in the Psalms saying he was sorry and asking God to give him a clean heart. (*Read Psalm 51:10.*) David wanted his heart to be right with God.

David wasn't perfect, but when he sinned, he was very sad about his sin. He cared about the things God cares about. When we sin there are often consequences (things that happen because of what we did). And there were consequences for David. Sad things happened in his family for many years as a result of his sin.

Materials

"Remote Control" visual
(See GNC Resource Pack.)

Slide 3 (Remote Control)

Let's fast-forward and look at some more things that happened in David's life. (*Click "fast-forward" button.*)

Slide 4

Because David loved God, he had wanted to build God a permanent house, called a temple. This would have been a good and noble thing for David to do to show his love for God.

But God had told David that David would not build His house. David spent his life as a mighty warrior who had fought and won many battles. God had told David that his son, who had not even been born yet, would be a man of peace who would build a special house where people would worship God.

To prepare for building God's house, David ordered stone and wood to be cut and other preparations made. Let's pretend to cut down trees and chisel huge stones. (*Do with children.*) God's house, the temple, would be huge and beautiful!

Slide 5 (Remote Control)

Let's fast-forward just a bit more. (Click "fast-forward" button.)

Slide 6

David's son Solomon eventually became the next king. What a great day of celebration when Solomon was crowned king of Israel! God was keeping His promise that David's family would stay on the throne.

When David was old, after reigning 40 years, he died. He had been a man after God's heart. Even though David did not always follow God and sinned, causing *big* problems, he repented (turned away) from those sins and followed God until the end of his life.

David's descendants (his family) continued as kings. David said to his son Solomon, (read 1 Kings 2:4). God wanted Solomon and the kings who would come after him to love and follow God with their whole hearts. Sadly, the kings that came after David did not always love and follow God with their whole hearts. Many were not men after God's heart as David had been. Some of the kings of Judah were very wicked.

But God had made a promise to David, and He had not forgotten it. What was the promise? (Allow response.) David's throne would last forever, and the King of Kings would come from David's family.

Slide 7 (Remote Control)

If we fast-forward about 1,000 years further, we see how God kept that promise. (Click "fast-forward" button.)

Slide 8

About 1,000 years after King David lived and died the King of Kings was born. This is what was said about the King of Kings. (Read Luke 1:32-33.) There will never be an end to His Kingdom! But the King of Kings wasn't born in a palace. In fact, He was quite poor. As He grew, He looked like any other little boy. But He was not. He was the King of Kings; the one God had promised to send to show His love to the world!



The King of Kings is Jesus! In the New Testament, there are lists that show Jesus is directly related to King David's family. God kept His promise to show His love to the world through David! Jesus is the perfect King, the Son of the one true God. Jesus did, said, and thought everything perfectly. He showed His power as the King by healing people and even raising people from the dead! But not everyone thought He was the King. Some people were so angry at Jesus that they took Him, beat Him, and killed Him on a cross. (Read Colossians 1:13-14.) When Jesus suffered, bled, and died on the cross, He made it possible for you to become part of God's kingdom by believing on Jesus. He took your punishment. Because of what He has done, you can be forgiven of the sin that separates you from God. Only the great and mighty King of Kings could do that! To prove even more that He is the King, Jesus came alive again on the third day after He died! The mighty, powerful King of Kings is Jesus!

Just as God said, David's throne is continuing forever because Jesus is reigning today as King in heaven! Jesus will never die again. He paid for all sin for all time.

Materials

"Remote Control" visual
(See GNC Resource Pack.)

Materials

On the Timeline point to "The Savior is born."
(See GNC Starter Resource Pack.)

Lesson 6

Materials

"Remote Control" visual
(See GNC Resource Pack.)

Materials

On the Timeline point to "Jesus Returns!"
(See GNC Resource Pack.)

Preschool Invitation

When presenting the invitation to preschoolers, use Acts 16:31 and "believe on" terminology. Ask those who have questions about believing on Jesus to stay with you while the others move on to another activity.

Important Reminder

Remember, it is not the prayer that saves the child. Salvation is the work of the Holy Spirit convicting the child of his or her sinful condition and drawing him or her to trust completely in Christ and His work on the cross. The prayer is the child's expression of that belief to God. (See "Guiding a Child to the Savior" on the inside front cover.)

Slide 9 (Remote Control)

Now we're going to fast-forward to the future to learn about something that hasn't even happened yet! (Click "fast-forward" button.)

Slide 10

Jesus will reign forever! The great news is that one day there will be a new Kingdom! In this new Kingdom, everyone will know Jesus is the King. There will be no doubt that He is in charge. Because Jesus will rule over this new Kingdom, everything in it will be right and good. Nothing bad will ever happen. Sin will be completely gone. This is something wonderful to look forward to!



If you have believed on Jesus as your Savior, **you can look forward to when Jesus makes all things new.** (Read 2 Peter 3:13.) God has promised there will one day be a new heaven and a new earth. Everything bad and sad on earth as we know it now will be gone. It will be perfect in every way. The best part will be that the King of Kings will reign forever and ever! All those who have ever believed on Jesus will be there. King David will be there and so will everyone else in the Bible who trusted God's promise to send a Savior. When things are hard right now in your life, you can have hope that one day there will be a new heaven and a new earth. Jesus will make everything right that is wrong. The King of Kings will be in charge! That is something to look forward to!

INVITATION



The new heaven and new earth are for those who have believed on Jesus as their Savior. Those who haven't believed on Jesus will be separated from God forever. But Jesus came so you can be with God forever in His Kingdom. **You can believe on Jesus, the King!** (Read John 6:47.) Jesus, the King of Kings, says that if you believe (trust completely) on Him, you will have everlasting life. To believe is to know that you cannot save yourself from your sin but instead to trust that Jesus can save you. When you believe, you will become part of God's Kingdom. You will have everlasting life—life with God that starts now and goes on forever, even after you die. You will be there when Jesus rules over the new heaven and new earth. Will you believe on Jesus as your Savior today? Please bow your head and close your eyes. If you want to believe on Jesus as your Savior, show me by raising your hand. (Pause and acknowledge responses.) If you raised your hand just now to let me know you want to believe on Jesus, meet me by (designate time and location), and I will show you from God's Word what Jesus says about believing on Jesus.

INTERACTIVE GAMES

“What’s in God’s Heart?”

Label one side of the room with a large heart that says “God’s Heart” and the other side with a large heart that says “Not God’s Heart.” Read a list of both positive and negative traits (loving, kind, patient, joy, truth, etc./dishonest, hateful, mean, fearful, etc.) Have the children run to the appropriate side of the room to indicate where each trait would be found. Use this as a teachable moment.

Variation: If you are in a situation where space is limited, have children turn to the right and run in place for “God’s Heart” and turn to the left and run in place for “Not God’s Heart.”

“What’s in God’s Heart Word Search”

Provide the children with a heart shaped word search puzzle that contains different attributes of God. You can have them work in teams to see who can find the most words in a limited amount of time. If possible, have a leader sit with each group to talk with the children and discuss the meaning and significance of each attribute the children find. If you are not able to do this activity during your party, you can still send a copy of the word search home with each child.

“Have a Heart Remote Control Relay”

Use jump ropes, plastic cups or cones, hula hoops or boxes to arrange a relay race obstacle course for the children. Divide children into teams and have each team line up behind a starting line. Give a paper heart to the first person in each team’s line. Explain that when you hit the play button on the remote control, the first person will carry the heart through the obstacle course as quickly as possible, but if you hit the stop button, they have to freeze until you push play again. If you hit the rewind button, they have to walk backward until you push a different button. Have the rest of the children shout out which button you are pushing so their teammates know how to complete the relay. Once they have completed the relay, they return to their team and hand the heart to the next person in line who then completes the relay. When every member of a team completes the relay, they win!

“Act It Out Just for Fun”

Write down on cards different roles that are often portrayed in movies (cowboy, racecar driver, baseball player, astronaut, spy, king/queen, puppy, basketball player, superhero, pirate, dinosaur, etc.) and put them in a container. Let children draw a card and pretend to be an actor portraying that role while the other children guess which character they are. If desired, divide the children into teams and award points for each correct guess.

Variation: Instead of having the children draw only one card, give them a time limit of 30 seconds and have them act out as many different roles as they can before their time runs out.

Materials

“What’s in God’s Heart?” reproducible
(See GNC Resource Pack.)

Materials

“God’s Heart Word Search” reproducible
(See GNC Resource Pack.)

Materials

“Remote Control” visual
“Paper Heart” reproducible
(See GNC Resource Pack.)
Jump ropes, plastic cups, cones,
hula hoops, and/or boxes

Materials

“Act It Out” reproducible
(See GNC Resource Pack.)
Container