

## LESSON 7: KING DAVID

Many years after the Israelites escaped from Egypt, the people decided to have an earthly king like the other nations. God told the holy prophet Samuel, to anoint a new king by pouring oil over his head. Saul was chosen to be the King of Israel but he turned out to be weak and disobedient to God. So God chose David to rule after Saul died.

David was a young Shepherd boy, but he turned out to be a great king of Israel. He was kind, a strong leader, talented and clear-thinking in battle.

King David loved God. Two things about David teach us about his friendship with God.

- His victory over the cruel Goliath, who challenged the people of God; David was small and had no sword but he trusted God and killed Goliath with a slingshot and five stones.
- King David taught us the importance of prayer or talking with God. The Book of Psalms are the words that David used as messages of praise and love for talking with God.

God promised that a Savior, the eternal king would come into the world through David's family. Like Jesus, David was a good shepherd who took care of his flock. He was a wise and just king; he was willing to lay down his life for his people when he saved them from Goliath. David, the poet king, was a hero in the course of God's plan to save mankind.

### Words to Know:

**King:** a ruler.

**Prophet:** a leader and prophet of the Israelites; God gave the people Ten Commandments through him.

**David:** the boy who killed Goliath and grew up to be a king of Israel. Jesus descended from the family of David.

**Goliath:** a gigantic Philistine soldier whom David killed.

**Anoint:** to put oil on someone as a sign that God is giving His strength or power to that person.

Write in your notebooks the Psalm 23 "**The Lord is my Shepherd**".

Prayers: Please learn **The Apostle's Creed**.