

Assembly for home use.

David the King

We have explored the story of David when he was a shepherd boy and chosen to be a leader. This is what happened next. The text we are basing this on can be found in the Bible 2 Samuel 5-7 and Psalm 24.

King David

David started life as a shepherd-boy. He quickly grew into a brave teenager who protected his flock from hungry lions. His great skill with a catapult helped him defeat a giant called Goliath even when all the King's soldiers were too scared to fight.

He was very musical, playing a harp, the nearest thing they had in those days to a guitar. He wrote poems and songs and some of them are still read and sung today! You can find them in an Old Testament book of the Bible called Psalms.

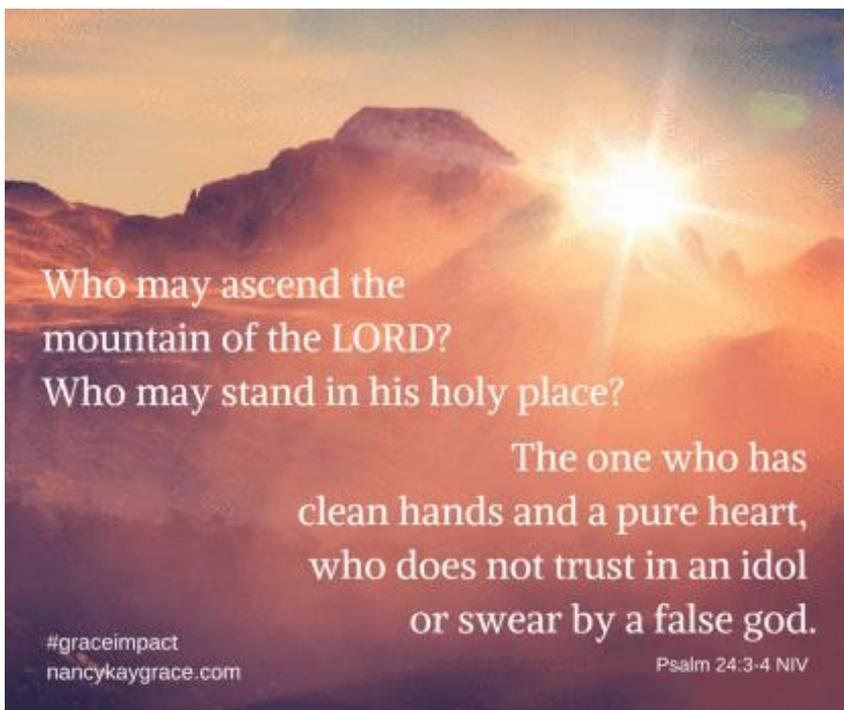
David was best friends with the King's son Jonathan, even though the King didn't like him, and was kind and respectful to the King (Saul) even when Saul attacked him! Even though he was young and not very tall, God could see that on the inside he was bold and full of faith. So he was chosen to be the King of Israel.

When he became King he worked hard to make the country safe for his people by defeating their enemies. In 2 Samuel 8:15 in the Old Testament part of the Bible it says, *"So David reigned over all Israel and did what was just and right for all his people."* (New Living Translation) David's family was quite big and – hundreds of years later – Jesus was born into David's family.

David did a great deal of planning to build a temple to worship God. The project was completed by his son, Solomon, when he became King. David made some big mistakes in his life, but he knew how to say sorry and put things right. He became the most famous King that Israel ever had!

Think:

- David was said to be a shepherd for Israel. What do you think that means?
- Who is the shepherd in your life?



Psalm 24, said to one written by David, talks about the glorious world, created by God and how we should behave.

Here are verses 3 and 4 for you to think about.

Prayer / silent reflection and response:

Dear Lord

We thank you for the example of David, who was just a simple shepherd boy but grew up to be a wise King.

Help us to use our hands for good deeds and to look after your world, just as King David looked after his people.

Amen

Sing: From the tiny ant <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0sUPK7LqAj8>