

Takehome

2 Samuel 2: Reflection and Activities for Elementary Students

Introduction:

In the Bible, the book of 2 Samuel tells the story of King David's reign over Israel. Chapter 2 specifically talks about David being anointed as king of Judah and the conflict that arises between David's followers and those who support Saul's son, Ish-bosheth. This chapter teaches us about leadership, friendship, and the importance of seeking peace.

Assignment:

1. Read Together:

With your family, read 2 Samuel 2 from your Bible or a children's Bible. Make sure you understand the main events in the chapter. You can take turns reading aloud.

2. Discuss:

After reading, talk about these questions with your family:

- Who became king of Judah in this chapter?
- What was the relationship between the people who supported David and those who supported Ish-bosheth?
- How did David show he was a good leader?
- Why is it important to seek peace instead of conflict?

3. Activity: Create a Leadership Shield

Materials needed: cardboard or thick paper, crayons or markers, scissors, glue

- Draw a large shape of a shield on the cardboard or thick paper and cut it out.
- Think about qualities that make a good leader, like kindness, bravery, fairness, and honesty.

Write these qualities on your shield.

- Decorate your shield with drawings or symbols that represent these qualities.
- Share your shield with your family and talk about why each quality is important.

4. Reflection Writing:

Take a few minutes to write or dictate a short paragraph about what kind of leader you would like to be, using David as an example. Include which qualities from the shield you think are most important and why.

5. Family Prayer Time:

Gather your family and have a short prayer asking for help to be peacemakers and good leaders, thinking about the lessons learned from David's story.

Conclusion:

2 Samuel 2 reminds us that leadership isn't just about being in charge; it's about leading with kindness and making choices that bring people together. As you complete these activities with your family, think about how you can be a leader in your community, whether it's at school, at home, or with friends.