

Visuals

Slide 1: Title Slide

Title: Understanding 2 Samuel 15

Visual Suggestion: A decorative title card with an illustration of a crown, a harp, and a scroll to symbolize kingship, music, and biblical stories.

Slide 2: Map Illustration

Title: Absalom's Scheme

Visual Suggestion: A simple map showing key locations: Hebron and Jerusalem.

Caption: Map showing Absalom's journey from Hebron to Jerusalem.

Description: Highlight Hebron as where Absalom starts his conspiracy and Jerusalem as the kingdom's capital.

Slide 3: Character Introduction

Title: Key Figures

Visual Suggestion: Character illustrations of Absalom, King David, and Ahithophel.

Caption: Meet Absalom – King David's ambitious son, David – the reigning king, and Ahithophel – David's counselor.

Description: Use friendly and colorful cartoon drawings to introduce elementary students to the main characters.

Slide 4: Absalom at the City Gates

Title: Absalom's Deception

Visual Suggestion: Absalom at the city gate shaking hands with people.

Caption: Absalom gained favor by speaking kindly to everyone who came to the city gate.

Description: Show Absalom in a welcoming pose, interacting with townspeople.

Slide 5: Secret Oath in Hebron

Title: The Secret Plan

Visual Suggestion: Absalom surrounded by his supporters in Hebron.

Caption: Absalom's followers gather in Hebron as he plans to overthrow King David.

Description: Show a small group huddled together in a secretive manner.

Slide 6: David's Departure

Title: David Leaves Jerusalem

Visual Suggestion: King David leaving Jerusalem with loyal followers.

Caption: King David leaves Jerusalem to escape Absalom's rebellion.

Description: Illustrate David on a hilly road, looking back at Jerusalem, with a few people following him.

Slide 7: Ahithophel's Betrayal

Title: The Wise Counselor

Visual Suggestion: Ahithophel giving advice, looking conflicted.

Caption: Ahithophel betrays David and supports Absalom.

Description: Show Ahithophel pondering, with a split thought cloud showing both David and Absalom.

Slide 8: Wrap-Up & Lessons

Title: Lessons from 2 Samuel 15

Visual Suggestion: Balanced scales depicting justice and loyalty.

Caption: What can we learn about loyalty and leadership from this story?

Description: Use symbols like a balanced scale and heart to represent justice and loyalty.

Slide 9: Discussion Questions

Visual Suggestion: A simple speech bubble or question mark icon.

Caption: What would you do if you were in King David's shoes? How would you feel if a friend betrayed you?

Description: Encourage students to engage in a discussion about the concepts of loyalty and forgiveness.