

Visuals

Slide 1: Title Slide

- Visual: A decorative border with the title "The Story of Absalom's Defeat"
- Caption: Introduction to 2 Samuel 18

Slide 2: Absalom's Army

- Visual: A colorful illustration of Absalom raising his hand to lead his troops, with soldiers in the background.
- Caption: Absalom gathers his men to fight against King David.

Slide 3: The Battle in the Forest of Ephraim

- Visual: A map showing the location of the battle in the forest. Include trees and a simple landscape.
- Caption: The battle takes place in the dense Forest of Ephraim.

Slide 4: David's Instructions

- Visual: King David speaking to his commanders Joab, Abishai, and Ittai.
- Caption: "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom," David instructs.

Slide 5: Absalom Caught in the Tree

- Visual: A dramatic scene of Absalom hanging by his hair from a tree branch.
- Caption: Absalom is caught as his mule runs away, leaving him hanging in the tree.

Slide 6: Joab's Decision

- Visual: Joab holding three javelins and preparing to approach Absalom.
- Caption: Joab decides to end the battle by dealing with Absalom.

Slide 7: The Message for King David

- Visual: Two messengers, Ahimaaz and a Cushite, running to deliver news to David.
- Caption: News is sent to King David about the battle and Absalom's fate.

Slide 8: David's Grief

- Visual: King David sitting, sorrowfully covering his face, with the message in his hand.
- Caption: David mourns his son Absalom, crying, "O my son Absalom!"

Slide 9: Reflection and Lesson

- Visual: An open scroll with a thoughtful quote or moral from the story.
- Caption: Reflection - Trust in God's plan and the importance of guidance and leadership.

Presentation Notes for Teachers:

- Use simple, engaging illustrations to capture students' attention.
- Add interactive elements by asking questions about each slide.
- Encourage empathy by discussing King David's emotions and Absalom's choices.
- Relate lessons from the story to real-life situations, such as making good choices and consequences.