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Teacher Notes for Teaching 2 Samuel 20 to Elementary Students

Objective:

Help students understand the main events of 2 Samuel 20, focusing on themes like leadership, loyalty, and conflict resolution, suitable for an elementary level.

Pacing Guide:

- Introduction: 5 minutes
- Storytelling and Explanation: 15 minutes
- Discussion and Q&A: 10 minutes
- Activity/Craft: 15 minutes
- Wrap-up and Reflection: 5 minutes

Introduction (5 minutes):

- Start with a brief recap of King David's story and some context from previous chapters.
- Introduce the main characters: King David, Sheba, Joab, and the wise woman.
- Explain the setting: The kingdom of Israel following Absalom's rebellion.

Storytelling and Explanation (15 minutes):

- Narrate the story in a simple manner:
- Sheba's rebellion and his attempt to lead people away from David.
- King David's response to the rebellion, emphasizing Joab's role.
- The wise woman's role in resolving the situation.
- Use simplified language:
- "Rebellion" as "not listening to the king" or "trying to be the boss himself."
- Explain "loyalty" as sticking with your friends/leader even when it's hard.
- Visual aids: Use pictures or illustrations to depict key scenes and characters, making it easier for children to grasp.

Discussion and Q&A (10 minutes):

- Ask open-ended questions:
- Why was it important for David to be a fair king?
- How did the wise woman help solve a problem?
- Address difficult concepts:
- Break down why Sheba's actions were wrong using simple analogies (e.g., trying to rule a group of friends without them wanting it).
- Discuss the idea of solving problems with words, not just actions (the wise woman's intervention).

Activity/Craft (15 minutes):

- Make a simple paper crown to symbolize leadership, discussing qualities of a good leader.
- Role-play: act out the role of peacemaking like the wise woman, demonstrating how to solve disagreements.

Wrap-up and Reflection (5 minutes):

- Have students share their thoughts on what makes a good leader.

- Reflect on why it's important to listen and work together to solve problems.
- Encourage students to think of times they've helped solve a problem or stuck by a friend.

Managing Student Engagement:

- Keep storytelling lively with voice modulation and expressions.
- Break the lesson into interactive segments to maintain attention.
- Encourage participation by asking kids to predict what happens next.
- Praise contributions to build confidence and encourage involvement.

By following this approach, you will help students understand the main themes and lessons of 2 Samuel 20 while ensuring that the session remains age-appropriate and engaging.