

Journaling

Guided Journaling Prompts for 2 Samuel 24

Reflecting on the Story

1. Understanding the Chapter:

- What is one thing you remember about the census that King David took? Why do you think it was important in the story?
- Who did David turn to for guidance after realizing his mistake? Write about why asking for help is important.

2. Thinking about Actions and Consequences:

- David's decision to count the people didn't please God. Can you think of a time when you made a choice that wasn't the best? What happened afterward?
- What did David do after realizing his mistake? How can saying "I'm sorry" help when you've done something wrong?

Personal Application

3. Making Connections:

- David showed his trust in God by choosing to place his fate in God's hands. Share a time when you had to trust someone. How did it make you feel?
- Why do you think it's important to listen to wise advice? Write about a time someone gave you advice that helped you.

4. Learning from Mistakes:

- What can this story teach us about admitting when we're wrong? How does it feel to apologize or forgive someone else?
- How can you learn from mistakes like David did? Think of one thing you can do next time to help make a better decision.

Prayer and Reflection

5. Talking to God:

- Write a short prayer asking God to help you make good choices.
- Spend a moment thanking God for forgiving us when we mess up. Write down one thing you're grateful for today.

6. Looking Forward:

- David built an altar to show his love for God. What's one small thing you can do this week to show kindness or love to others?
- Think about how you can be a good friend like Joab tried to be for David. Write down one way you can help or support someone else at school or home.