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# Application Guide: 2 Samuel 10

## 1. Warm-up (5-10 min)

Choose one:

- a. Have you ever made a decision that you regretted almost immediately afterwards? What happened?

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- b. Have you ever volunteered to do something that sounded like a lot of fun and then you later realized it was far more than you could really do? What happened?

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## 2. Engaging the Chapter (15-20 min)

**The Situation:** The new king of the Ammonites accepts bad advice from his friends and makes a rash decision to try and humiliate king David. Once he realized that what he'd done wasn't working out well the king hired thousands of foreign soldiers to try and help him fight David. But even with thousands of extra soldiers the Ammonite king ended up getting beaten badly by David's army that was powered by God.

**Imagine it:** How would you feel if you, like David, were trying to reach out to someone to offer sympathy and friendship and were called a spy and an enemy instead? Have you ever been misunderstood in this way? Explain.

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Do you think there would have been a better way for the new king of the Ammonites to deal with his mistake rather than hiring extra soldiers to try and help him?

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After learning about David in the first 9 chapters of 2 Samuel, what do you think David would have done if the Ammonite king had apologized rather than fight?

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Have you ever made a mistake? What do you think is the best way for you to deal with mistakes you make in your life—fight and defend yourself or apologize and make peace? Why?

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**3. Applying the Chapter to Your Life (5-10 min)**

**Choose one:**

- a. Think of someone you have offended recently and think back to how you handled the situation. What steps can you take to make the situation better? Talk the situation over with an adult you trust and then go and do your best to make things right.
- b. Think of someone who has offended you recently and think back to how you handled the situation. What steps can you take to make the situation better? Talk the situation over with an adult you trust and then go and do your best to make things right.

**4. Prayer Time (3-5 min)**

- a. Pray for God to help you to respond rationally rather than emotionally when you encounter difficult situations. Pray for patience and wisdom in adversity.
- b. Pray for Jesus to help you forgive those who have offended you.
- c. Pray for Jesus to forgive you for the mistakes you have made and to give you the strength to ask for forgiveness from those you have hurt.