
Application Guide: 2 Samuel 5

1. Warm-up (5-10 min)

Choose one:

- a. Have you ever moved to a new school and had to make new friends? What was it like to be the “new kid on the block” and have to start over in a new place?

- b. How do you treat new students that move to your school? Are you welcoming and friendly or do you keep your distance? Is it easy or hard for new students to break into your circle of friends?

2. Engaging the Chapter (15-20 min)

The Situation: After years on the run David is finally being established as king of the entire Israelite nation and sets up Jerusalem as the capitol of his kingdom. All his patience and kindness in tolerating Saul’s mistreatment because he was “the Lord’s anointed” has finally paid off.

Do you think that when people are being bullied today they should be patient like David or fight back?

David didn’t give-in to bullying. He always defended his friends and family from the bully but he never went on the offensive when Saul was after him. Why do you think that was? How can people follow David’s example when they are being bullied today?

David always talked to God about his situation and always asked God to tell him what to do weather he was running from Saul or setting up his kingdom. How can you seek God’s guidance in all the situations you face in your life today?

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

Choose one:

- a. Think of a situation you are involved in right now where someone is being unkind to you. Discuss the situation with your youth leader and some friends and try to make a plan of how you can deal with the situation like David did.

- b. Think of some times when you have had conflict with your parents. Discuss with your youth leader how you can apply the principals David used in dealing with conflict in your situation. Is dealing with parents different than dealing with others?

4. Prayer Time (3-5 min)

- a. Pray for Jesus to help you to always be kind to others—especially those who mistreat you.

- b. Pray and ask Jesus to help you learn what it means to “turn the other cheek.”

5. Outreach Idea

Think of something nice you can do for someone who either ignores you or is unkind to you. Try writing a nice note or just smiling and saying, “hello.”
