



International Bible Lessons

Teaching English as a Foreign Language

Ready-to-Teach Lesson: David Becomes King over Israel

2 Samuel 5:1-12 (English Standard Version)

When Preparation Time Is Short

This lesson has been selected from the complete Teacher Lesson and is ready to use. Begin with the two warm-up questions, read or play 2 Samuel 5:1-12, and continue through the activities in order. The writing task may be completed in class or assigned as homework. Teacher Awareness: Verses 6-8 include battle and harsh language about blind and lame people. Explain the immediate conflict setting, use respectful language about disabilities, and focus on leadership that serves God's people.

1) Warm-Up Questions

1. What qualities should a good leader have?
2. How can a leader care for people like a shepherd cares for sheep?

2) Vocabulary

Word/Phrase	Meaning	Teacher Prompt
covenant	A solemn agreement or promise.	With whom did David make a covenant?
reign	Rule as a king or queen.	How old was David when he began to reign?
stronghold	A strongly defended place.	What stronghold did David take?
established	Set firmly in a position or made secure.	Who established David as king?

3) Bible Text Comprehension

1. Where did the tribes of Israel come to meet David?
2. What stronghold did David take?
3. Who sent messengers, cedar trees, carpenters, and masons to David?
4. For whose sake had the LORD exalted David's kingdom?

4) Scripture Discussion

1. What does the image of a shepherd teach about leadership?
2. Why is David's covenant before the LORD important?

5) Speaking Practice

1. Retell 2 Samuel 5:1-12 in your own words.
2. Explain how David's kingdom was established for the sake of Israel.

Language Coaching Tip

If a student gives a short answer, invite a complete sentence: 'Can you tell me more?' 'What happened next?' or 'Can you say that in a complete sentence?' Correct gently and model the sentence when needed.

6) Writing Task

Writing

Summarize 2 Samuel 5:1-12 in 6-8 sentences. This may be completed during class or assigned as homework.

7) Wrap-Up

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The tribes of Israel recognized David as their leader. David made a covenant with the elders before the LORD, and they anointed him king. He took Zion and called it the city of David. The LORD was with him, and Hiram sent workers and materials to build him a house. David knew God had established his kingdom for the sake of Israel.

Remember: "God gives leaders responsibility to care for His people, not merely to advance themselves." **Final Question:** How can a leader use authority and success for the good of the people?