

# Old Testament

Shimei calls David names

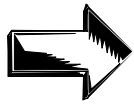
2 Samuel 16:5-14

Younger Verse

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. Revelation 3:20

Older Verse

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him and he with me. Revelation 3:20



Teachers: This new unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament. Each lesson will have both Old Testament and New Testament passages.

PLEASE remember always to include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God's ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

Welcome Time

Have you ever been laughed at or called a name? Everyone has! In today's lesson, David is called a name. Let's see how he handles the situation.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

We have learned so much about King David. Remember how God chose him to be king? Do you remember how David killed Goliath? Even when David did wrong, God loved him and cared for him.

Now we are fast forwarding about twenty years. David's children have grown up. One of David's children was named Absalom. He decided that he wanted to be king instead of his dad. He gathered people together to help him.

David was so upset that his son was doing this. Instead of battling against his son, he ran away. He took his men with him and they traveled around the country.

One day as they were traveling, they came upon a man named Shimei (pronounced Shim-ee). He was from King Saul's family. Do you remember Saul? He was king before David. He tried to hurt David, but God always helped David. Saul was very upset that God made David the next king. His family was very upset too.

Shimei was angry that David was king. He did not think God should have done that. When he saw David, he came out yelling awful things at David. He called him names and even threw stones and dirt at David. He said very hurtful things to David and even told him Absalom would become the next king.

Lesson Goals

See how to act if someone calls you names  
Share how God will help you when people are mean to you

One of David's men could not stand it any longer. He asked David if he could kill Shimei for all the things he was saying.

David had another plan. He calmly told the man to ignore Shimei. He told his men to continue and ignore the insults that Shimei was saying. He encouraged his men and told them that God would take care of them.

When they arrived at the town, they were exhausted. God gave them a place to rest and they were energized again.

It really hurts when someone calls us a name. David felt that pain too. Instead of hurting back, he chose to let God take care of the problem. Sure enough, later, Shimei came back and begged for forgiveness for saying such awful things to David. God took care of everything. When someone calls us names, we should make a choice, like David, to ignore them and let God take care of the situation. We can remember that the person saying the mean words has a problem not us. We do not have to be part of the problem. We can choose to stand tall and let God help us ignore the words.

Jesus knew what it was like to have people say mean things to him. While He was on the cross, people laughed at Him and yelled things at Him. Instead of yelling back, Jesus asked God to forgive the people! Jesus also did something more amazing than we could ever imagine. He died on the cross for all the bad things we have done or said! He took our punishment for us! If we believe in Him and know that He came back to life 3 days later, He will clean out our sin when we ask Him. He will promise to take us to Heaven where we will be with God forever. Would you like to have Jesus with you? Talk to us about it.

Teachers:  
FYI, Solomon killed Shimei after he broke his promise to Solomon to stay in a certain location.

**Learning Activities**

Help the kids see how important it is to do things God's way and let Him take care of things.

**Memory Verse Activities**

Ask the kids who is talking (Jesus). Share what it means for Jesus to come into your heart.

**Prayer Time**

Ask God to help when people call us names. Thank God for how He helps us in all situations.

**Snack Time/CleanUp**

Share snacks and look for opportunities to "live out" the lesson.

Planning for Sept. 5th  
Solomon asks for wisdom  
1 Kings 3:1-28

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Preschool Lesson  
For  
Shimei calls David names

Do you remember little David who killed the big giant Goliath? God was with him and helped him. God took care of David even in the hard times. God loved David.

Later when David was older, David and his men were traveling in the land. One day as they were traveling, they came upon a man named Shimei (pronounced Shim-ee). He was from King Saul's family. Do you remember Saul? He was king before David. He tried to hurt David, but God always helped David.

Shimei was angry that David was king. He did not think God should have done that. When he saw David, he came out yelling awful things at David. He called him names and even threw stones and dirt at David. He said very hurtful things to David.

One of David's men could not stand it any longer. He asked David if he could hurt this man for all the things he was saying.

David had another plan. He calmly told the man to ignore Shimei. He told his men to continue and ignore the insults that Shimei was saying. They were not to listen to the mean words. He encouraged his men and told them that God would take care of them.

When they arrived at the town, they were tired. God gave them a place to rest and they were energized again.

It really hurts when someone calls us a mean name. David felt that pain too. Instead of hurting back, he chose to let God take care of the problem. Sure enough, later, Shimei came back and begged for forgiveness for saying such awful things to David. God took care of everything. When someone calls us names, we should make a choice, like David, to ignore them and let God take care of the situation.

Let's pray and ask God to help us say nice things to others.

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## Hands-On Activities For Shimei calls David names

Many people may know the little phrase “sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.” It really isn’t true. Words do hurt. Often we remember the bad things people say much more than the good things they say. Let’s try to say encouraging words to others and ignore the bad words.

Bring a can of the cheese that squeezes out (or whipped cream). Share how easy it is to squeeze out the contents from the can, then pick a child and ask them to try to put the cheese back into the can. Of course it is impossible. Share how mean words, or names, are like the cheese. Once we say them, we can’t take them back. Challenge the kids to say kind words to others this week.

Bring a box, box cutter, or knife. (Beforehand, you will tape a picture of Jesus to the back of the box.) Share how mean words cut us and hurt. Let the kids try cutting the box (if appropriate). Now turn the box over. They will see how the cuts have also cut Jesus. Explain how mean words hurt Jesus too. Help the kids ignore bad things and say good words to others.

What would you do if you were walking down the street and you see a friend with a handful of gooey mud that he wants to give you? Do you move closer and hold out your arms and accept all that mud? Yuck! Or do you say, "No, thanks. I don't want that mud."? The mud is like hurtful words or cutting remarks. People who “dish this mud” out of their mouths are wanting to give it to you. Do you have to take it? Or can you refuse? Of course, you have the choice to refuse. You don't have to take offense, or get angry. You can choose to not let the other person's words rub off on you.

You will pour a small mound of salt (about 1/4 of a teaspoon), representing God's people, into the middle of the saucer. Then you will drop a very small amount of pepper over the mound of salt. The pepper, representing hurtful words. First rub the spoon vigorously over a piece of clothing to create static electricity. When you place the spoon near the pepper, it will attach itself to the spoon and can be lifted away. Explain that God will help us deal with hurtful words if we let Him. He will help us to ignore them and do things His way.

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