

EXPLORE THE GOOD NEWS

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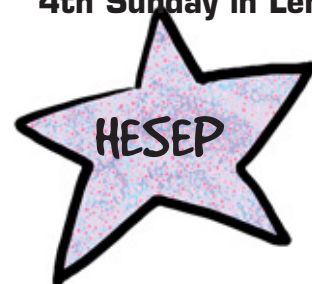
OF DAVID

Living the Good News
4th Sunday in Lent-A

- David was a beloved king of the Jewish people.
- You can read the story of his anointing in 1 Samuel 16:1-13.
- First, unscramble the words in the stars.

Fit each word into one of the sentences about David.

1. God sent _____ to anoint David as king.
2. David was the youngest son of _____.
3. Jesse had _____ sons.
4. Jesse lived in _____.
5. David took care of his father's _____.
6. Samuel used _____ oil to anoint David as king.



TRAVEL THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT

A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be called, "Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Eternal Father," "Prince of Peace." His royal power will continue to grow; his kingdom will always be at peace. He will rule as King David's successor, basing his power on right and justice, from now until the end of time."

(abridged from Isaiah 9:6-7b)

- When God's People came to their new land, they did not have kings as other countries did. Instead men and women called "judges" were their leaders and helped carry out God's plans.
- But the people wanted to live as other countries lived. They wanted to feel more powerful and demanded to have a king. Read 1 Samuel 8:10-22.
- God chose a king for them, but God's choice surprised the people. Instead of choosing a king from the oldest tribe, God chose a boy named David. David's great-grandmother, Ruth, had been a foreigner who chose to join God's People. God still wanted all people to be part of God's plan.
- God promised David that a son of his would sit on his throne "forever." This son would be called the Messiah, the one chosen by God to carry out God's plan.
- Christians believe that Jesus Christ is this chosen Messiah who has carried out God's plan for all people.



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