

## **Major Event: David**

### **Lesson 3: Continuing Conqueror**

**Scriptures:** 2 Samuel 8

**Central Text:** Warrior David: 2 Samuel 8:13-14 “And David made himself a name when he returned from killing eighteen thousand Syrians in the Valley of Salt. He also put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became David’s servants. And the LORD preserved David wherever he went.”

#### **Suggested subjects for teacher to cover on David’s Conquests:**

- David’s Conquests of 2 Samuel 8 include defeating the Philistines as well as the Moabites. This details for us God’s conquering warrior king, David
- The phrase “and the LORD preserved David wherever he went” occurs twice in this chapter. Obedience = God’s preservation and prospering of David and Israel through defeat of enemies
- Verse 11 - David dedicates to the LORD the gold, silver, and bronze from the nations he conquered, showing his submission/obedience to the LORD. (David’s choice: he chose to dedicate it to the Lord, but he could’ve chosen to keep it for himself)

#### **Suggested Attributes:**

Of God: Justice, Loyal Covenant Love

Of Man: Faithful Obedience

**Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home:** 2 Samuel 8

#### **Notes on David’s Conquests:**

- 2 Samuel 8, Philistines settled on the coastal plain of Israel and developed a relatively advanced culture and powerful army. They were a major threat to Israel during the reigns of Saul and David
- Moabites of 8:2 were descendants of Lot. The survivors of this encounter became vassals, or servants of David.
- 8:4 Warrior David “hamstrung” (disabled) the enemy horses by cutting the back sinews of the hind legs to prevent them from being used for military activity.
- As a result of David’s conquests, the sovereignty of Israel extended from the Gulf of Aqaba and the River of Egypt to the Euphrates River- the very region God had promised Abraham in Gen 15:18. “David reigned over all Israel and administered judgment and justice to all his people...” 2 Samuel 8:15