

## Lesson 95: Absalom Rebels and Is Defeated

[2 Samuel 15:1-12; 17:1-12; 18:1-18](#)

**Youtube Link:** <https://youtu.be/nccG7j2tFI8>

**Children's Bible Story Video:** <https://youtu.be/W-7pEF-n1qA>

**Worship Theme:** We honor God by putting him first.

**Memory Verse:** "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. King of Kings <https://youtu.be/CPBqHYVwm3M>
2. O Be Careful Little Eyes <https://youtu.be/leoAGL9usF0>
3. When I Am Afraid <https://youtu.be/WCZlwlstAzc>

### Pray

**Song:** Select songs from the list above.

### Icebreaker: Grab the Branch

Material Needed: 1 small branch



1. Divide children into 2 groups
2. Place a branch in the center.
3. Teacher must make sure everyone stand at least 5 steps away from the branch.
4. The teacher must give everyone a number.
5. When the children hear the teacher calling their number, they must run to grab the branch. But if the other team tags the branch or the person with the branch, you lose the game. You win the game if you grab the branch and run back to your team without anyone tagging you.
6. After the game, explain to the children that today we will learn about a son who tried to fight and defeat his father instead of putting God first.

### Introduction:

When you wake up in the morning, what is the first thing that you think about? Do you think about eating breakfast? Going to school? Today, we will learn to honor God by putting him first. When we honor someone, we act or talk in ways that show how great that person is. For example, when you honor your parents, you show and say that they're important because they're your parents and they care for you. One of the ways we bring honor to God is by putting him first in our lives—going to church to praise God instead of doing something else, for example. You are here to honor God by putting God first!

### Bible Story:

David was king of Israel, and he was a good king. He loved God and obeyed God. But while David was still king, one of his sons decided he wanted to be king instead. His name was Absalom. Absalom decided to try to get people to follow him instead of King David. He pretended to be friends with all the people, but he really just wanted them to let him become king.

He got some of David's followers to follow him instead. And many people sided with Absalom. One day, Absalom and his followers attacked King David and his followers. Absalom was sure that he was going to win and become the next king of Israel. But God doesn't want his people to be selfish. God wants his people to always place God first. Absalom did not put God first. He was being very selfish.

King David put God first and honored God, and he won the battle. He was still the king, and Absalom didn't get to be king.

We honor God by putting him first. That means always living the way God wants us to live. God wants us to love him. God wants us to be kind to others. God wants us to obey our parents. God wants us to praise him. Can you honor God by putting God first?

**Questions to discuss:**

1. Who was the king of Israel? (King David)
2. Who wanted to become the king of Israel? (Absalom, King David's son)
3. Why did God help King David to win against Absalom? (Because King David honored God by putting him first)
4. What can you do to honor God by putting God first? (love God, be kind to others, obey our parents, praise God, and more)

**Game: Steal Grandmother's Key**

The material needed: Keys, Mask or Towel



1. Select one child to be the “grandmother.”
2. Divide the children into two groups and have them sit in one long line.
3. Have the “grandmother” sit in between the two groups. Blindfold the “grandmother.”
4. Place the key in front of the “grandmother.”
5. Then each team will send someone to steal the grandmother’s key very quietly.
6. After the key is stolen, the grandmother will decide if the key was stolen by the right side team or the left side team. If she guesses wrong, the team who stole the key will get a point. If she guesses right, then no points will be given to the teams.
7. The team with the most point will win the game.
8. After the game, explain to the children that when we steal things or don't show respect to elders, we are not putting God first. God is happy when we put him first by showing our love to others.

**Memory Verse:**

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33)

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**Song:** Select songs from the list above

**Pray**

**Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)**

Jesus' selfless life made a world of difference for us. How does a self-centered attitude affect relationships? How could following Jesus' selfless example improve them? How can we keep our attitude Christ-centered? By looking at Christ, all the time. Thank God for sending Jesus, who leads us on to better relationships by showing us how to treat others with selfless love—the way he treated us.

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