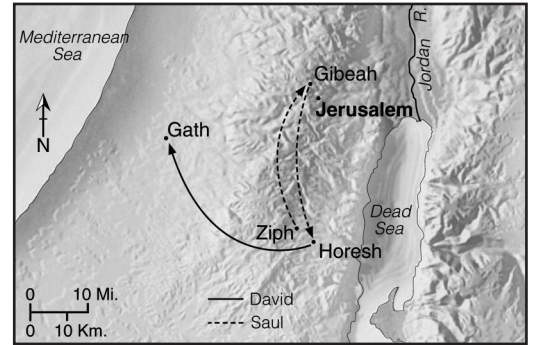
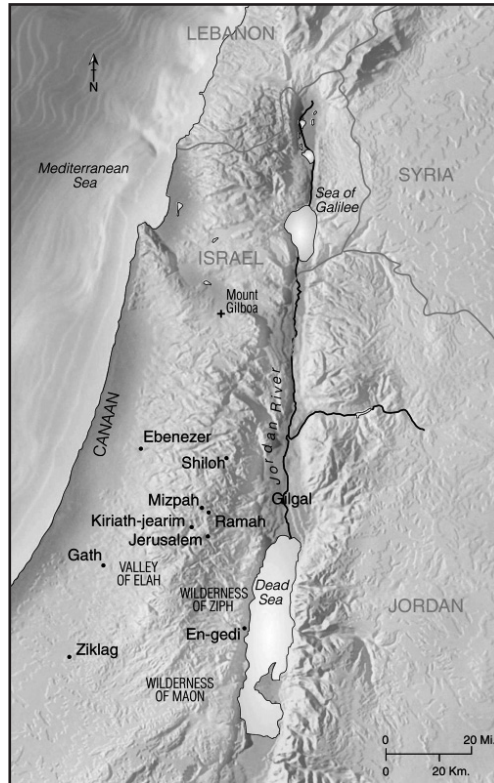


1 Samuel 19-26

Fear not, little flock. for it is your father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Luke 12:32

Readings this week:

S	1 Samuel 22
M	1 Samuel 23
T	1 Samuel 24
W	1 Samuel 26
Th	1 Samuel 27
F	Psalm 34
S	Psalm 56



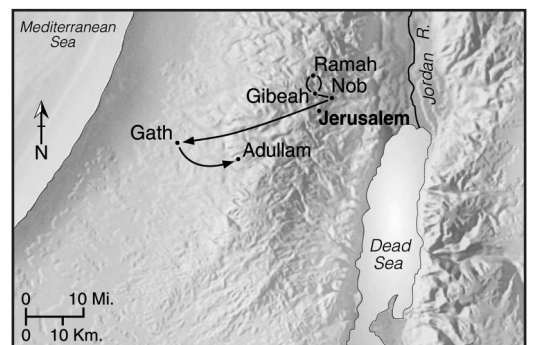
What sort of life would you expect to have if you were promised you would be king? David certainly didn't have a very regal lifestyle for some time after he was anointed. Use the chapter headings from 1 Samuel 19-26, and work together to make a list of the things which happened to David while he was on the run.

So what happened to David?

On the run

While David was fleeing from Saul:

- What was his quality of life like?
- Who were his companions?
- What did he have to fear?



How do you think he felt?

We have some clues about how David felt during this time, because he wrote about it in the Psalms. Psalms 34, 57 and 63 were all written during this period in his life (they were not the only ones by a long way).

As you look through the passages, make a note of what you find out about:

- How David felt in himself
- What he thought about God
- How well he thinks God looks after him
- What he thinks trusting in God means

David used his poetry to express how he felt about God. Why don't you try to write a poem or a hymn which tells God how you feel about Him? Try it at home and bring it to your next lesson if you feel brave enough.

The battle to be king

The death of Saul

Saul was killed in a battle with the Philistines – see 1 Samuel 31. So David no longer needed to be running away all the time. Was David pleased about this? 2 Samuel 1:17-27.

Two kings at once

We know that God wanted David to be king when Saul died. Is this what happened? 2 Samuel 2:2-4 and 8-11 and 2 Samuel 3:1

In the course of time Joab (commander of David's army) killed Abner (commander of Ishbosheth's army). Was David pleased about this? 2 Samuel 3:28-30

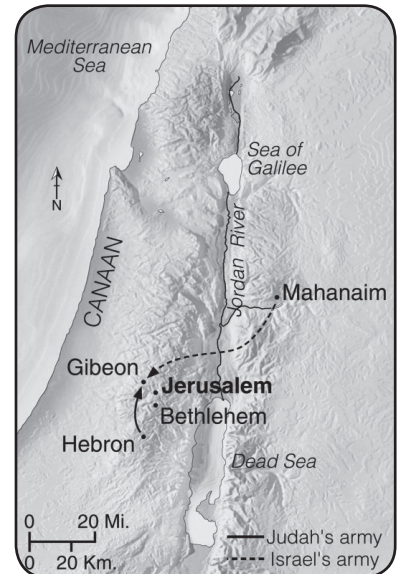
Ishbosheth

What happened? 2 Samuel 4:1-8. Most people would be pleased that their rival was out of the way. Was David pleased about this? 2 Samuel 4:9-12

In Jerusalem

Was David king of all the tribes of Israel in the end? 2 Samuel 5:1-5.

He reigned years in Hebron, and then years in Jerusalem – years in all.



Thank God that he loves you and cares for you even when life is difficult.

Digging Deeper

Capturing Jerusalem

If you don't know how David captured Jerusalem read 2 Samuel 5:6-10

Mephibosheth

If you don't know the story about Mephibosheth read 2 Samuel 9