



# Crowning of King David

2 Sam 7:8-10,11b-12,13b-17

Old  
Testament  
Story Time

After the people of Israel entered the Promised Land, they were governed by judges for many years. The Lord God was their King, so the Lord appointed judges to help the people make the right decisions. But the people saw how all the other nations had earthly kings, so they begged God to give them a king to rule over them. Although the Lord was disappointed with the people, he did as they asked.

The first man God chose to be king of the nation of Israel was a tall handsome man named Saul. Saul was from the tribe of Benjamin, the smallest of the twelve tribes of Israel. After being anointed king, Saul bravely led the people in battle against their enemies. Saul succeeded everywhere he went. But soon Saul turned away from the Lord God and did not keep God's commands. So God regretted making Saul king.

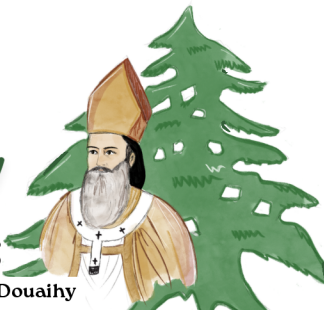
Saul continued to disobey the Lord and God decided to choose a new king for his people. This time the Lord looked to the tribe of Judah. The Lord sent his prophet, Samuel, to the home of Jesse to find a new king. Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel. Although they were good strong men, God did not choose any of them. Finally Jesse called his youngest son, David, who was tending the sheep. When Samuel saw David he immediately anointed David by pouring oil over his head. From that day on, the spirit of the Lord rushed upon David.

A little while later, King Saul was killed in battle and David was made king of Israel. David was thirty years old when he became king. The Lord promised David that the kingdom would always belong to his offspring and his throne would be firmly established forever.



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## Kids



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The announcement to Mary  
that she would conceive God's Son  
makes the Church ever joyful,  
and we sing our praise to God.





# Gospel Corner

Luke  
1:26-38

Today we heard from the angel Gabriel again. Do you remember who he visited the last time he showed up? It was when he told Zechariah that Elizabeth was going to have a baby in her old age.

Today, Gabriel came to visit Mary to announce *another* surprising pregnancy. She wasn't old like Elizabeth, but she also wasn't married. Mary was betrothed (kind of like being engaged) to Joseph, but there was no way for her to be pregnant.



Gabriel explained to Mary that the baby would come through the "Holy Spirit overshadowing her."

In other words, Gabriel had been sent to tell Mary that she was going to be the mother of the Messiah. She was to become the "Mother of God."

This was going to be a big job. How do you think she felt to receive this news? Do you think she was *scared*? *Excited*? *Worried*? *Unsure*? *Hopeful*? *Nervous*?

Did you notice what Mary said to Gabriel in the end? She said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

God asks all of us to do things every day. Sometimes He asks us to do big things, but sometimes He asks us to do small things. Saying yes can be hard regardless. Let us ask Mary to give us the same confidence and obedience that she had.

## Did you know?

The word *fiat* is a Latin word that means "let it be done."

We often refer to Mary's response to Gabriel's announcement as her "*fiat*."

It shows that Mary was completely willing to cooperate with God's plan for her.



## What you can do

Ask Mary to help you always say "yes" to God.

Say "hi" to someone who looks lonely.

Be kind when you feel like being unkind.

Eat what is given to you without complaining.

## Crossword Puzzle

Search this issue to find the answers to the crossword puzzle.

**Down**

- The tribe that Saul was from
- The mother of God
- David's father
- The tribe that David was from
- A Latin word that means "let it be done"

**Across**

- The prophet who anointed David
- The messenger from God who appeared to Mary
- The first king of Israel
- The king whose throne would be established forever