

Warm-Up Activity:

Meaning of *underdog*:

Example of being an underdog:

Making Predictions: Why do you think King David is considered an underdog?

Word Bank

Judah	King Saul	Philistine Army	underdog	
Bethlehem	lyre	Samuel	Goliath	Jerusalem
Philistines	Israel	king	temple	prophet

Directions: Use the word bank to complete the following fill-in-the-blank questions.

1. King David was born an _____ because he was the youngest of eight sons, and he was born in _____, which was a very small town.
2. When David was young, a _____ named _____ went to David's home in search of the person that God had chosen to become the next _____ of Israel.
3. Even though David played the _____ for fun to pass the time while herding sheep and had no formal training, _____ requested for David to be his royal musician.



4. David defeated _____ without any armor, using only his slingshot and a stone.
5. After King Saul was killed while battling the _____, David moved to _____ and patiently waited for God to fulfill his destiny of becoming king over all of Israel.
6. When David became King, he achieved the following:
 - a. United all of _____.
 - b. Made _____ its capital city.
 - c. Built many new buildings and a beautiful palace, and completely defeated the _____.
 - d. Began preparing for the construction of a magnificent _____ to God.



Short Response:

7. Why did God choose David to become king? Was he qualified? Explain.

8. King David had many “underdog moments” in which he trusted God to help him overcome inferiority and succeed. Provide one specific example and explain.

Making Connections:

9. In the video, what advice does David give Leo and Layla on overcoming being an underdog and persevering despite being at an obvious disadvantage?

King David | Answer Key

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Check students' work for completion.

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1. King David was born an underdog because he was the youngest of eight sons, and he was born in Bethlehem, which was a very small town.
2. When David was young, a prophet named Samuel went to David's home in search of the person that God had chosen to become the next king of Israel.
3. Even though David played the lyre for fun to pass the time while herding sheep and had no formal training, King Saul requested for David to be his royal musician.
4. David defeated Goliath without any armor, using only his slingshot and a stone.
5. After King Saul was killed while battling the Philistine Army, David moved to Judah and patiently waited for God to fulfill his destiny of becoming king over all of Israel.
6. When David became King, he achieved the following:
 - a. United all of Israel.
 - b. Made Jerusalem its capital city.
 - c. Built many new buildings and a beautiful palace, and completely defeated the Philistines.
 - d. Began preparing for the construction of a magnificent temple to God.



7. Why did God choose David to become king? Was he qualified? Explain.

God chose David to become king because David had total faith in him. He wasn't qualified—it wasn't based on his amazing skill or how rich and popular he was. God didn't care where he came from, what he looked like, or if he was already a champion. He cared about what was in his heart. God knew that David loved him, and the spirit of the Lord was with David.

8. King David had many “underdog moments” in which he trusted God to help him overcome inferiority and succeed. Provide one specific example and explain.

Sample answers:

- David was born an underdog because he was the youngest of eight sons born in Bethlehem. The prophet Samuel went to find David, whom God had chosen to become the next king of Israel. God chose the youngest, a lowly shepherd, the “underdog,” to become king.
- Goliath, the Philistine, was an incredibly tall and strong soldier. Nobody else wanted to fight a giant, so David accepted the challenge. Nobody thought David could win because he was just a shepherd and was not a trained soldier. However, David trusted that God would protect him against Goliath. Without any armor, David charged toward the giant and, using his slingshot, whipped a stone directly into Goliath’s forehead, causing him to fall straight to the ground.
- King Saul tried to kill David many times because he saw him threatening his throne. Saul chased David for years. David had no advantage, and it didn’t seem like a fight he should be able to win. However, David trusted God to protect and not abandon him even in his most challenging times. David kept running and hiding until Saul was killed while battling the Philistine army.

Making Connections

9. In the video, what advice does David give Leo and Layla on how to overcome being an underdog and persevere despite being at an obvious disadvantage?

Sample answer: David explains that despite challenges and disadvantages, there is always a need for hard work, but sometimes, there is also a need for patience. David explains that he never tries to win any of life’s battles alone, knowing they all belong to God. David also advises Leo and Layla to do something that nobody expects, just as he didn’t fight Goliath with the same weapon Goliath had. He encourages them to “find your pebble”—no one ever thought a pebble could defeat a sword.