

Together @ Home

Lectionary Edition
Sunday 4th July 2021
Fifth Sunday after Trinity



Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring the story of David hearing about Saul's death.

You can find it in your Bible in:

2 Samuel 5 v 1–5, 9–10

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.

The other passages we may be thinking about at church this week are:

Psalm 48

2 Corinthians 12 v 2-10

Mark 6 v 1-13

A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of David becoming King. Thank you that this had been your plan for David for a long time. Help us to trust in your timing and plans for our own lives.

Help us to be good leaders like David, seeking to love and care for others like a shepherd cares for their sheep.

We pray for all those who are leaders in our country and world that they would be wise and caring like David.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

Why do you think the people chose David to be King? How do you think David felt when he was chosen?

The Bible describes David as a man 'after God's own heart', David had shown he was a good leader and somebody who really cared for others.

Many years before when Saul was King, Samuel had come to visit David and his family, he had anointed David with oil. David knew that a time would come when he would be King, that it was part of God's plan, but it must have been positive to hear that he had been chosen by God's people too.

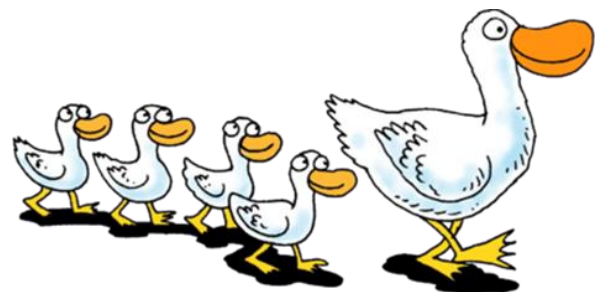
A question for children to ask adults

Can you think of a time when you had to lead others? What do you think makes a good leader?

Family Activity 1

Play a game of **Follow the leader** taking it in turns to be the leader and have everybody else copy you.

Think about what makes a good leader – can you make sure everybody can keep up and take part?



God told David he would lead his people like a shepherd who looks after his sheep. Why not think about how sheep know the sound of their shepherd's voice by playing a game of follow the leader with your eyes closed! How good are you at giving instructions?

A verse to remember

Psalm 48 v 8

First we heard and now we have seen
that God will always keep his city safe.
It is the city of the Lord All-Powerful, the city of our God.



David wrote these words about the city of Jerusalem where he lived, he knew that God loved him and would give him protection. Why not pray and ask God to keep safe the people and places that are most precious to you. Your home, church, school or town.

Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

Family Activity 2

David built a palace inside the city of Jerusalem and many strong buildings for people to live in. Why not use building blocks, lego or other construction toys to design your own palace together.

You might also like to create a fort using furniture, blankets and other household items.



Family Activity 3

Use any craft materials you have around the house to design and **make your own crowns** to wear.



Just like David we have been chosen to be royal – we are children of the King of Kings!

Active Prayer

Jerusalem is a real place that can still be visited today. Why not go on a virtual tour together using Google Street View and see what the City of David looks like today.

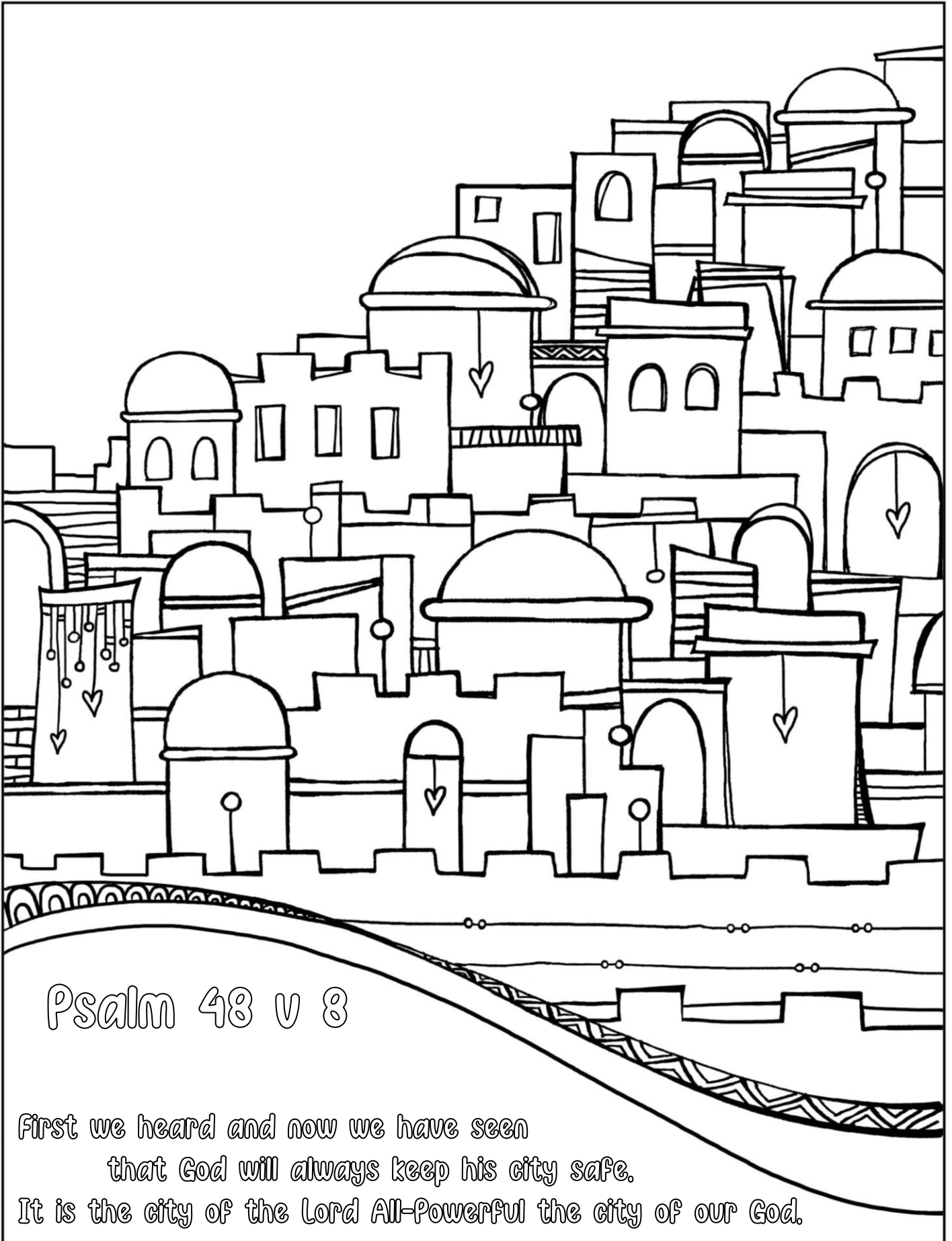
While you explore the streets take time to pray for the people and places you see.

- Pray for protection and safety for those living in Israel and the middle East.
- Pray for an end to ongoing conflicts, for peace and reconciliation.
- Pray for those in leadership that they would be good and loving shepherds to the people in their care.



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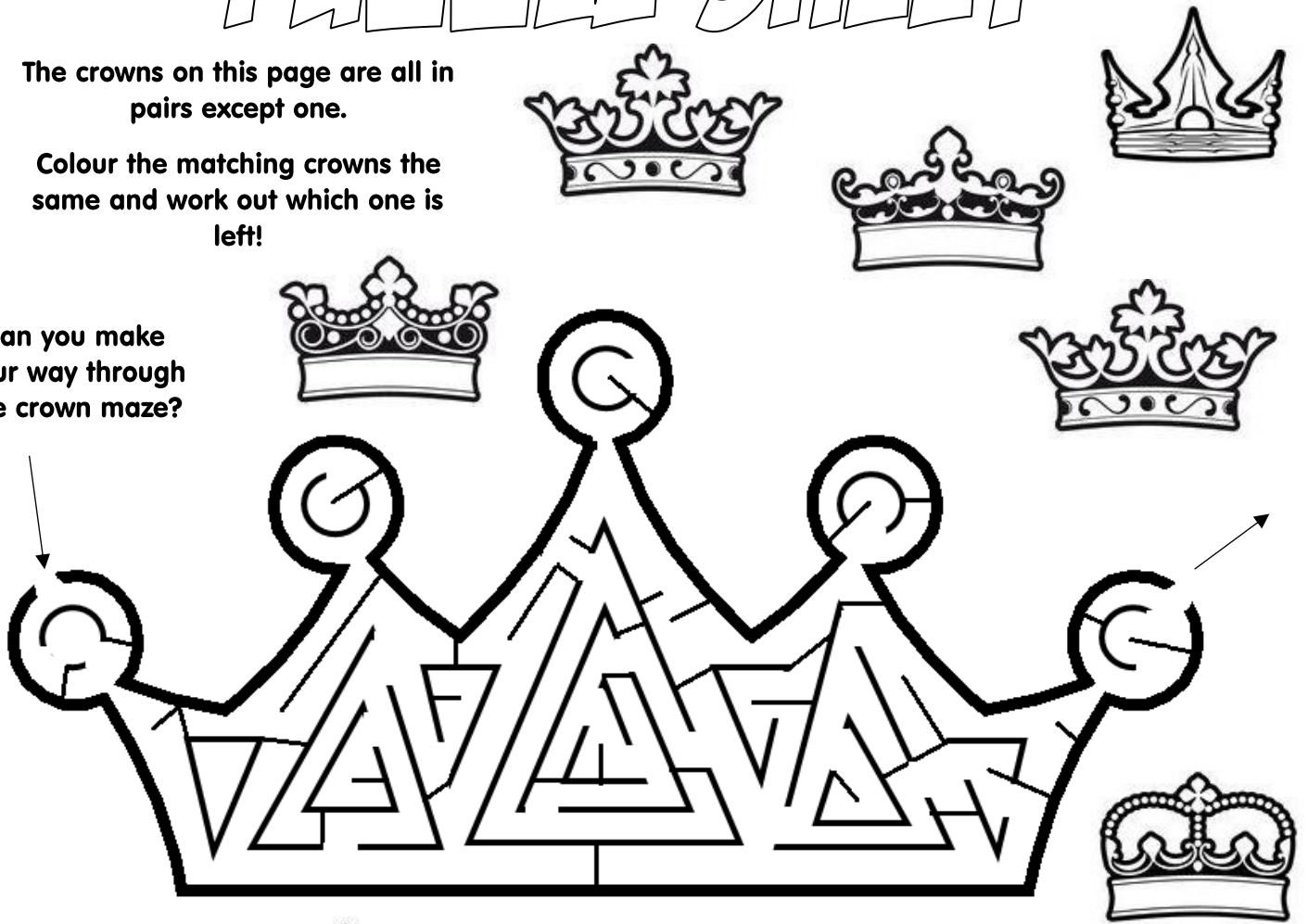
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PUZZLE SHEET

The crowns on this page are all in pairs except one.

Colour the matching crowns the same and work out which one is left!

Can you make your way through the crown maze?



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FOR MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.
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LEADER.'

2 SAMUEL 5 V 2