**GOD’S STORY – YOUR STORY**

**SESSION 8**

**The Big Split**

Readings

1 Samuel 16:1, 10-23

1 Samuel 17:1-50

2 Samuel 7

2 Samuel 12:1-14

1 Kings 12:1-17

Saul - Israel’s first king

Anointed by Samuel

Oil was poured on his head to anoint him.

The Greek word for one who is anointed is christ.

The Hebrew word is messiah.

Saul was not a very good king.

David anointed king by Samuel

David was Jesse’s youngest son and an unlikely candidate for king.

David kills Goliath with a slingshot. In this story we see David’s trust in God.

David is considered Israel’s greatest king. It is his trust in God which God blessed.

David becomes king after Saul.

David – Israel’s second king

Considered Israel’s greatest king

David wins many victories and captures Jerusalem.

David makes Jerusalem the capital city.

David plans to build God a house or temple.

Through Nathan the prophet, God tells David that it is not for him to build the temple.

God promises David that someone from David’s family would always be king.

This promise would be a lasting hope that God’s people would hold on to.

This hope became known as messianic hope.

When all the kings of Israel were gone the people looked for God to send a new king descended from David who would lead them and be the ideal king. Jesus is this long-awaited king. The gospels point out that he is descended from David.

David and Bathsheba

David has relations with a married woman and has her husband murdered in a war by placing him alone at the front lines.

Through a parable, the prophet Nathan opens David’s eyes and David sees that he has sinned against God.

Though David sinned he never led the people to other gods.

Solomon – Israel’s third king

Solomon was the son of David and Bathsheba.

Solomon was considered a very wise king.

Solomon built the Temple in Jerusalem.

The people of Israel were heavily taxed and forced into labor to build the temple.

Solomon was said to have 1000 wives. It was traditional to marry a daughter of a king with whom you established a treaty.

Rehoboam – Israel’s fourth king

The people requested that Rehoboam lighten the load of taxes and labor that Solomon had placed on them in order to build the Temple.

The elder advisors counseled Rehoboam to comply, but his young friends advised him to increase the burdens to show the people who was boss.

Rehoboam followed his young friends’ advice and Israel split into two kingdoms.

The Kingdoms

Northern kingdom – Israel

Southern kingdom – Judah

Only Judah had a descendant of David on the throne.

**Looking ahead:**

Micah 5:2 (Matthew 2:6)

Matthew 21:4-9

Mark 14:53-65

Mark 15:1-15