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## Youth Bible Study

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Sample  
Lesson

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## 1 KINGS — WEEK 2

### DISCUSSION LESSON 1

- 15 - 20 minutes      Free time — games, fellowship
- 15 - 20 minutes      Snack and group recreation: HIDE, FIND, & EAT

Send all players from the room. Leader hides **wrapped chocolate candy kisses** and **small gift items** around the room. The gift items can be a ball, bookmarks, comic books, rulers, drawing paper, crayons, yo-yo, etc. Inexpensive items that can be found in K-Mart, WalMart, Pic'n Save, etc. These can be small trinkets as Christmas gifts from the teacher to the class. At the signal, players return to the room to search and keep all candy and trinkets. Give each player a small bag to hold items they find. A time limit should be set so that no one player finds all the candy. Be sure to count how many items, candy and trinkets, have been placed around the room so when time is up, they can be counted and none forgotten.

- 15 - 20 minutes      Discuss LESSON 1
- to end of class      CRAFT: COOKIE CUTTER CANDY ORNAMENTS; PAPER BELLS

#### MATERIALS:

##### COOKIE CUTTER CANDY ORNAMENT

Christmas cookie cutter	tulle
twist tie	cardboard
glue	scissors
ribbon	wrapped candy (i.e. candy kisses)

If the cookie cutter is open on both sides, trace the cookie cutter onto a piece of cardboard, cut out, and glue edges (this is to keep the candy from slipping out). If the cookie cutter is closed in on one side, this step is not necessary. Fill the cookie cutter with candy and wrap in tulle. Secure with twist tie and make a bow with the ribbon.



## RED & GREEN BELLS

red/green construction paper  
glue  
stapler

scissors  
3' length of yarn  
small bell (jingle bell)

Copy or trace the bells onto red and green paper (patterns on following pages). You will need 5 large and 10 small bells. Use contrasting colors.

Cut out all the bells.

Stack the 5 large bells together, one on top of the other.

Glue the yarn along the center of the top bell, leaving a longer length of yarn at the top for hanging, and a smaller length at the bottom for the “jingle bell.” (See illustration a.)

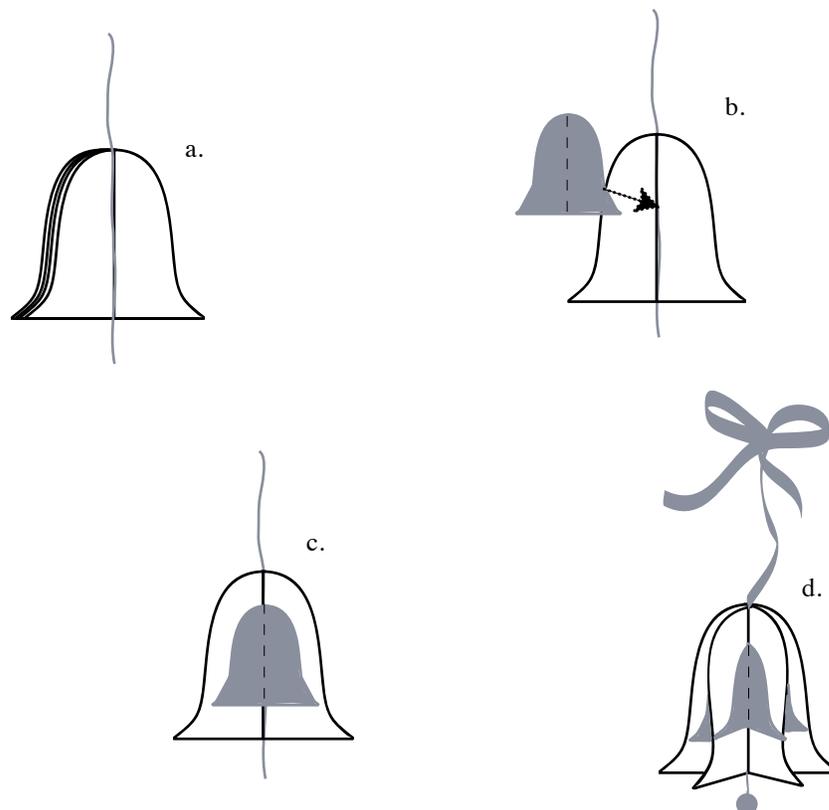
Staple through all 5 bells and yarn, lengthwise, along the center line.

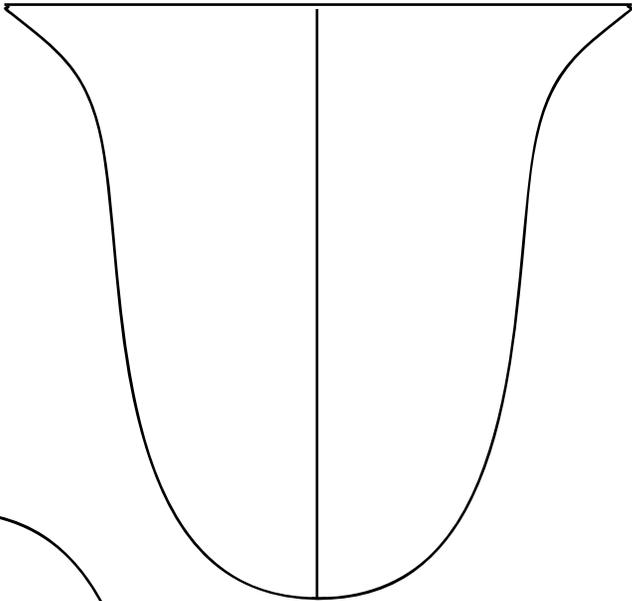
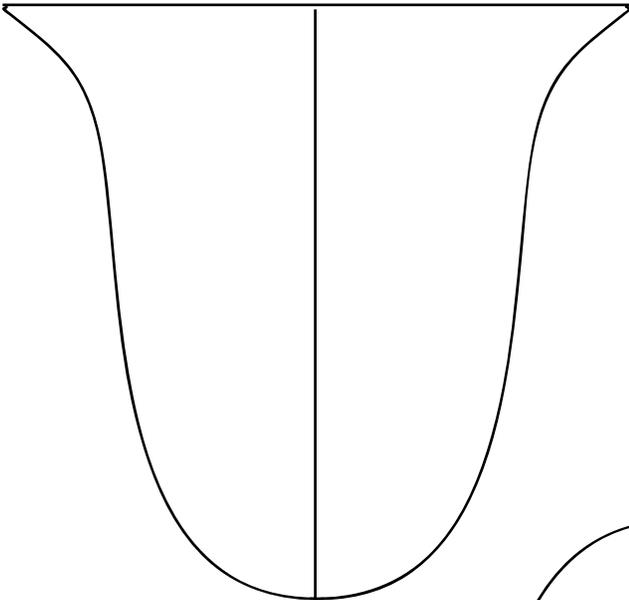
Fold over half of each bell shape so the bells fan out and form pages.

Fold the 10 small bells in half.

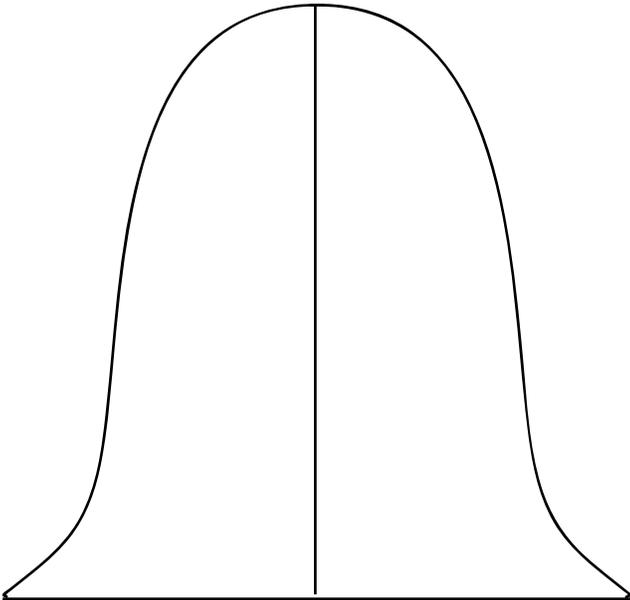
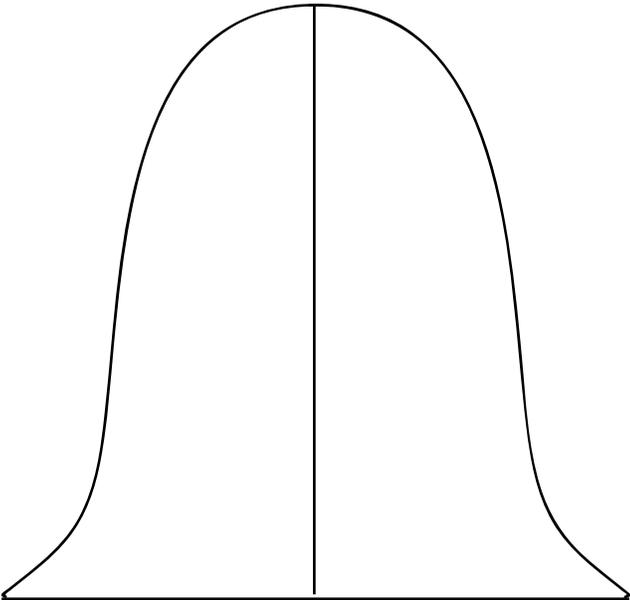
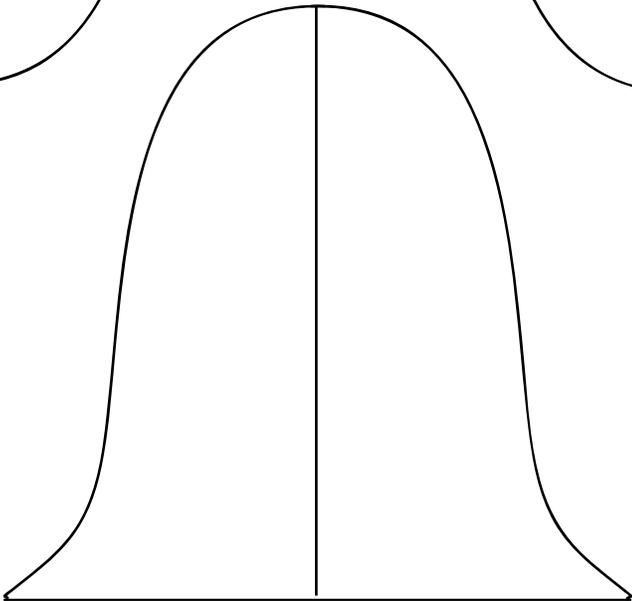
Glue them between the “pages” of the larger bell shapes. (See illustrations b. & c.)

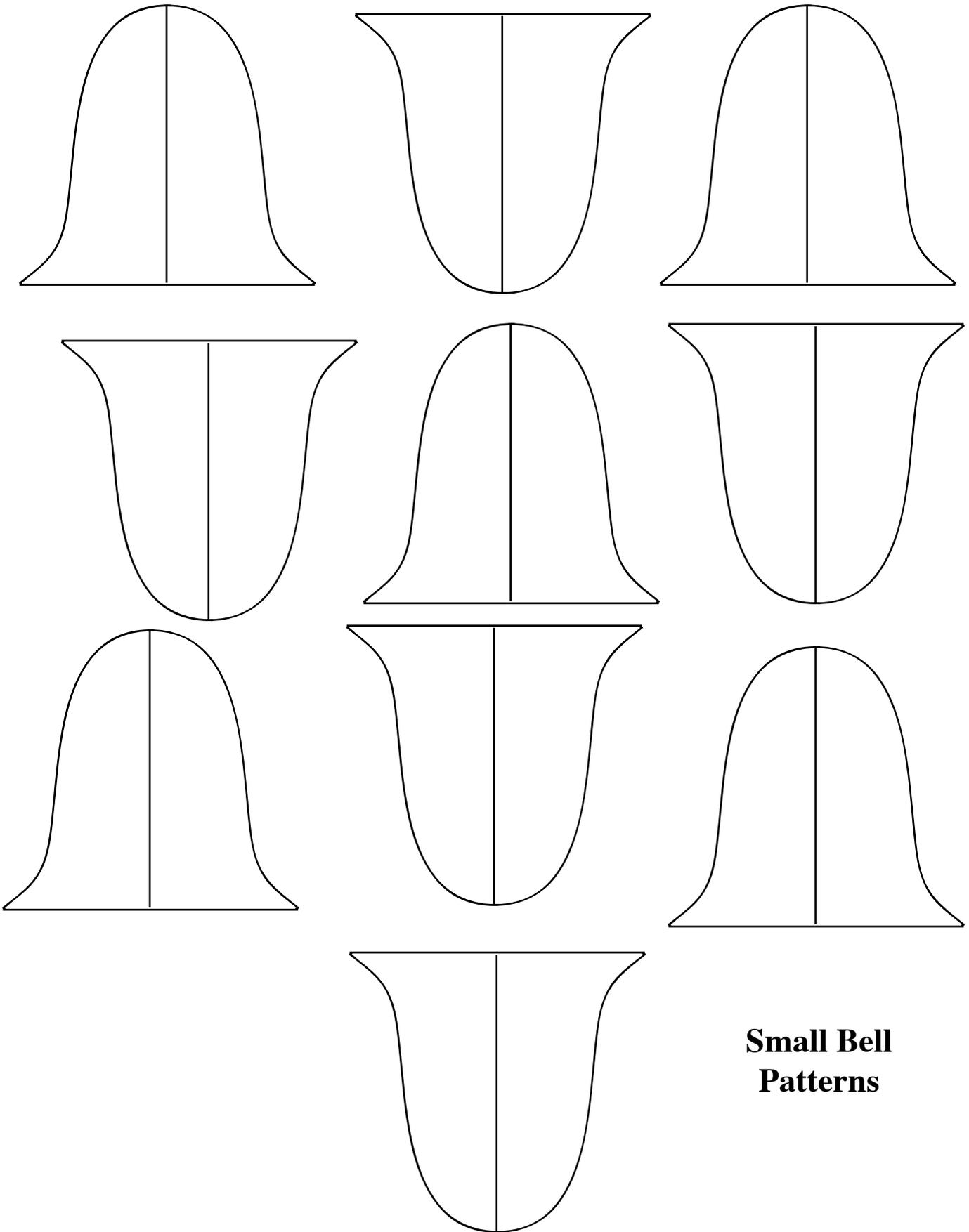
Tie the “real” bell to the bottom length of yarn. (See illustration d.)





**Large Bell  
Patterns**





**Small Bell  
Patterns**



**Read 1 Kings chapter 1, verses 15 - 31.**

1. 1 Kings 1:10 says Zadok is a priest, Nathan is a prophet, and Solomon is Adonijah's brother. Who is Benaiah? What do you find out about him in 2 Samuel 23:20-23?

2. Adonijah thought he could be king by getting a large army to follow him. But God had other plans for the next king of Israel. What do these verses say about man's choices and who rules the nations?

2 Chronicles 20:6

Proverbs 16:33

3. What was Bathsheba afraid would happen to her and Solomon when David died if Adonijah became king?

**Read 1 Kings chapter 1, verses 32 - 40.**

1. **CHALLENGE:** What did David do to show he was keeping his promise? The answer is found in these verses. In your own words tell what's happening. Verse 32 is done for you.

verse 32: David called Zadok, Nathan, and Benaiah.

verse 33:

verse 34:

2. **PERSONAL:** Benaiah and the people were happy Solomon was the new king. Can you remember when you were happy because of something the Lord had done for you? Maybe you asked God to help you during a sports game and your team won because of something you did. Would you like to share it with your group?

**Read 1 Kings 1, verses 41 - 53.**

Remember, Adonijah had gone to En-Rogel for his celebration. This place is one of the two main springs that runs in the Kidron Valley. The city of Jerusalem gets its water from there. Solomon was anointed at Gihon, which was east of Jerusalem. They were about 1/2 mile from each other. Because there weren't other noises around, like cars, planes, or factories, the noise of Solomon's celebration reached Adonijah's ears.

1. You read about Jonathan in 2 Samuel 17:17-21. He was one of the spies that told David about Absalom's plans. When Adonijah was told Jonathan was there, he thought Jonathan was bringing good news. What was Jonathan's news in 1 Kings 1:43?

2. What did Adonijah do when he heard Jonathan's news?

3. Solomon knew Adonijah was out to do him harm. What do these verses say we should do when someone hurts us?

Proverbs 20:22

Proverbs 24:29

**Read 1 Chronicles chapter 22, verses 17-19, and 1 Kings chapter 2, verses 1-11.**

1. 2 Samuel 7:10-16 records the promise God made to David. 1 Kings 2:3,4 is David's reminder to Solomon of God's promise, and what the people must do for God to fulfill His promise. What does Micah 6:8 say that is like 1 Kings 2:4?

2. **HARD:** What did David ask, or tell, the leaders in the following verses?

1 Chronicles 22:17

1 Chronicles 22:19

3. **PERSONAL:** In 2 Samuel 17:27 Barzillai gave David and his followers food and rest. In 2 Samuel 19:31-39, David repaid Barzillai for his kindness. In 1 Kings 2:7 David is again showing kindness to Barzillai. What are ways you show kindness to someone?

# 1 KINGS

## LESSON 1 ANSWERS

### Read 1 Kings chapter 1, verses 1 - 14.

Some books of the Bible tell the same story, but give extra information. The books of Samuel, Kings and Chronicles do that. So you may have to look in these other books for some of your answers. You will always be told when to do this.

1. **RISKY:** What is wrong with David? Verse 1: “In his **old** age King David had to stay in his bed. They piled up many blankets on him. But still he was always **cold**.” [David was about 70 years of age. Some translations read “clothes,” which are blankets and sheets. Chills are common to the elderly, and especially those nearing death. The virgin was called in because she was probably in better in health than his wives or concubines; she had no other duties to occupy her time; and this was the custom and considered good medical practice which continued into the Middle Ages.]
2. What did Adonijah, David’s fourth son (2 Samuel 3:4), do that Absalom did in 2 Samuel 15:1? Verse 5: “David and his wife Haggith had a son named Adonijah. He decided to **crowns himself king** in place of his aged father. So he **hired chariots and drivers**. And he got **50 men to run down the streets in front of him**.” [Amnon, son #1, was killed by Absalom. Chileab, son #2, possibly died young. Absalom, son #3, was killed by Joab. Although Israel had no set pattern as to who would rule at the death of her king, the surrounding nations’ custom would have Adonijah the next in line for the throne.]
3. No one likes to be punished. Look at all the problems David had because he didn’t discipline his sons (verse 6). God gives a reason why parents need to discipline their children. If they don’t they will have lots of problems when broken rules go without punishment. What is this reason found in Proverbs 13:24? “If you refuse to discipline your son, it proves **you don’t love him**. For if you love him, you will be prompt to punish him.”
4. David’s promise to make Solomon the next king is not written in the Bible. But 1 Chronicles 22:9,10 makes it clear Solomon was God’s choice to rule after David. Now, when he was old, David made it known that Solomon was to be the next king. What does God say about Solomon in these verses of 1 Chronicles? “**But I will give you a son,**” he told me. **‘He will be a man of peace.** For I will give him peace with his enemies in the lands nearby. His name shall be Solomon. This name means “Peaceful.” And I will give peace to Israel during his reign. **He shall build my Temple. He shall be as my own son.** And I will be his father. I will cause **his sons and his descendants to reign**. They will be kings over every generation of Israel.”

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- 1 Kings 1:10 says Zadok is a priest, Nathan is a prophet, and Solomon is Adonijah's brother. Who is Benaiah? What do you find out about him in 2 Samuel 23:20-23? "There was also Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada. He was a heroic soldier from Kabzeel. Benaiah killed two giants, the sons of Ariel of Moab. Another time he went down into a pit. There was slippery snow on the ground. He took on a lion that was caught there and killed it. Another time he killed an Egyptian warrior who was armed with a spear. But he was armed only with a staff. He grabbed the spear from the Egyptian's hand and killed him with it. These were some of the deeds that gave Benaiah almost as much fame as the Top Three. He was one of the greatest of The Thirty. But he was not actually one of the Top Three. And David made him chief of his bodyguard."
- Adonijah thought he could be king by getting a large army to follow him. But God had other plans for the next king of Israel. What do these verses say about man's choices and who rules the nations?

2 Chronicles 20:6 "O Lord God of our fathers! You are the only God in all the heavens! You are the Ruler of all the kingdoms of the earth! You are so powerful, so mighty! Who can stand against you?"

Proverbs 16:33 "We toss the coin, but it is the Lord who controls its decision."

- What was Bathsheba afraid would happen to her and Solomon when David died if Adonijah became king? Verse 21: "If you don't act, my son Solomon and I will be arrested. Then we will be killed as criminals as soon as you die." [The custom of the day was to kill the new king's rival party.]

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verse 32: David called Zadok, Nathan, and Benaiah.

verse 33: take Solomon to Gihon; Solomon is to ride my mule. [The Israelites had been forbidden to ride horses in Deuteronomy 17:16; that is why mules are mentioned as the mode of transportation as well as for royalty.]

verse 34: Zadok and Nathan anoint Solomon king of Israel. Blow trumpets, shout "long live King Solomon!" [The anointing with oil ceremony was a sign that God had given His blessing and a sign of the coming of His Holy Spirit upon the new king. Adonijah was not anointed.]

2. **PERSONAL:** Benaiah and the people were happy Solomon was the new king. Can you remember when you were happy because of something the Lord had done for you? Maybe you asked God to help you during a sports game and your team won because of something you did. Would you like to share it with your group?

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2. What did Adonijah do when he heard Jonathan's news? Verse 50: “Then Adonijah and his guests **jumped up** from the feast. They **ran away in panic**. They were afraid they would be killed! Adonijah **ran into the Tabernacle**. There he **caught hold of the horns** of the holy altar.” [Adonijah was claiming asylum, protection from political persecution, when he clung to the horns on the altar. Adonijah knew he would be safe there.]
3. Solomon knew Adonijah was out to do him harm. What do these verses say we should do when someone hurts us?

Proverbs 20:22 “Don't repay evil for evil. Wait for the Lord to handle the matter.”

Proverbs 24:29 “Don't say, ‘Now I can pay him back for all his meanness to me!’”

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1 Chronicles 22:19 Devote heart and soul to seeking the Lord; begin to build the sanctuary; bring the ark to the temple.

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