

Absalom Rebels and Is Defeated

Week 4



A self-centered attitude hurts God and others.



“He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8).



We learned this week how Absalom thought he was so great that he tried to take the kingdom from his father, David. We heard how Absalom died in battle and the army who fought with him was destroyed. From Absalom’s example, we learned that a self-centered attitude hurts God and others (2 Samuel 15:1-12; 17:1-12; 18:1-18). Strengthen your family’s faith learning and growth at home with this easy idea.



Parents: Talk about a time self-centered attitudes played a role in your family. What happened? Then encourage your children to think about ways they’ve seen family members demonstrate love, rather than self-centeredness, toward one another—by taking out the trash, shoveling the walk without being asked, putting away clean dishes, or taking time to give a brother or sister encouragement, for example. Give a rousing family cheer for each person as stories are told about him or her. Be sure no one is left out. Then talk with your children about how self-centered attitudes hurt God and others. Encourage your children to come up with one way they’ll be selfless this week.



God, we don’t want to hurt you or the people around us by being focused on our own wants and desires. This week, show us how we can love and serve each other each day. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Our family thanks God for

Our family talks to God about

Sneak Peek

Don’t miss next week when we discover that God gives us wisdom.

