

**Grade 6**  
**ENCOUNTER Session 5**  
**Royal Kingdom/Divided Kingdom**

**Opening Prayer**

*Holy Spirit, help us to become more holy. Show us who we were created to be and what we were created to do in this World. Reveal our gifts and talents to us, not so that we can focus on ourselves, but so we can use those gifts and talents to lead others to you. Help us to find ourselves in each of the stories we will study today. And may this time in your Word help us to grow stronger in our Faith. Amen.*

- The verse from last session, “the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart”?
- The new verse to remember, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you”.
- How many of the 10 Commandments from the last session can you remember?

**Watch Video – Royal Kingdom/Divided Kingdom (30 minutes)**

Print Session 5 Handout. Follow along and answer questions that go with the video.

**Questions and Thoughts**

1. Thinking of the battle between David and Goliath – have any of you been dismissed by an adult because they think you are too young? How did that make you feel?
2. When is a time in your life when you faced something that seemed impossible and you were afraid of, but you overcame it?
3. David was a great military leader, but he struggled in his own relationships. What qualities are needed for someone to be good leader? Who are strong leaders in your own life?
4. Being a prophet of God is not easy. People usually don’t like to hear the truth of God. Has anyone seen another person stand up for what God would want and be given a hard time because of it? Has this ever happened to you?
5. Do you think it’s important to make time for your faith outside of Mass or Religious Ed?
6. What are some ideas on how to make more time and more room for God and faith in your life?
7. Knowing what God’s plan for you is not easy. Knowing what you like to do and knowing what you’re good at can help you discern God’s plan. Sometimes you can be good at something but not like to do it, or you can like to do something even though it’s not your strongest talent. What are some of your talents and some things you like that God might be calling you to use as part of His plan?