



God's Covenant with David

Bible Passage: 2 Samuel 6-7

Memory Verse: ⁶No one is like you, LORD; you are great, and your name is mighty in power. **Jeremiah 10:6**

Bottom Line: I believe in and love Jesus because He always keeps His promise.

Big Picture Question: Is anything or anyone greater than God? No, God is greater than everything.

Christ Connection: *God promised David that every future king of Israel would come from David's family, and David's kingdom would last forever. God kept His promise by sending His Son, Jesus, as one of David's descendants. Jesus is our King who will rule over God's people forever.*

10 Minutes SOCIAL: SETTING THE TONE OF THE EXPERIENCE

Chop to It Minute to Win it

What You Need: 4 small bowls, Fruit loops cereal, 2 sets of chopsticks, zip top bags

What You Do:

- Set out 2 bowls per team. Fill one bowl with fruit loops cereal
- Separate kids into 2 teams.
- Set your timer for 1 minute.
- Kids will use the chopsticks to transfer the Fruit Loops from one bowl to the other.
- Award points if kids are able to move at least 25- 50 fruit loops to the other bowl. Give the number of fruit loops each kid moves to them in a zip top bag and ask them to count them.
- Most players should be able to get 20-35 fruit loops in the bowl.

What You Say "This summer we are playing a different game each time you come to small group. As we play we should get to know each other's names and see if there is a way we can learn from our Bible story as well. It's time for large group, let's clean up and get ready to see what story we have today."

10 Minutes Worship: CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING

SONGS, OFFERING AND PRAYER

15 Minutes LARGE GROUP: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS

CONTEXT

The path to Israel's throne was not easy for David. Saul had tried multiple times to kill him, and David had to flee for his life, leaving behind his good friend Jonathan. But God had appointed David to be king, and God was faithful. Leading up to 2 Samuel 7, Jonathan was killed in battle against the Philistines. Saul fell on his own sword, and David became the king of Israel.

David moved the ark of God to Jerusalem—a cause for joyous celebration—and settled into his palace there. God blessed David and gave him peace from his enemies. But when David looked around, something didn't seem right. He was living in a majestic palace while the ark of God was in a tent! David determined to build God a temple. That night, God gave the prophet, Nathan, a message for David. "Have I ever asked you to build Me a house?" God said. No, for four hundred years—since God brought the Israelites out of Egypt—He had dwelled in a tent.

David had been a shepherd, but God made him a king! God promised to give the Israelites a place to stay so they wouldn't need to move around anymore. God promised to give His people rest from their enemies so they could stop fighting. Though God denied David's desire to build God a house, God promised to make a house for David: a dynasty of his descendants and an everlasting kingdom.

As you teach kids about God's covenant to David, emphasize that God promised David that every future king of Israel would come from David's family, and David's kingdom would last forever. God kept His promise by sending His Son, Jesus, as one of David's descendants. Jesus is our King who will never die; He will rule over God's people forever.

TEACHING FOCUS (2 Samuel 6-7)



God chose David to be the next king of Israel. King Saul had died, and God gave His people a time of peace. **David lived in a beautiful palace in the city of Jerusalem.** One day, David was talking with Nathan the prophet. David said, “I live in a palace of nice cedar wood, but the ark of God sits inside a tent!” It hardly seemed fair. “Shouldn’t God have a nicer house than I do?” David wanted to build a temple for the ark of God.

Nathan said, “God is with you. Do what you want!” But God did not want David to do whatever he wanted. God wanted David to do what God wanted. **That night, God gave Nathan a message for David. This is what God told Nathan to say: “David, are you going to build a house for Me to live in? I brought My people out of Egypt. I gave them leaders to guide them. The entire time I have been with them, My house has been a tent. Did I ever ask anyone to build a temple for Me?”**

“You used to be a shepherd, David, but I made you a king. I helped you defeat your enemies, and My people now live peacefully in their own land. **I promise you, David, that you and your descendants will be kings. When you die, one of your sons will be king.** He will be a strong king, and no one will be able to take his kingdom away from him. **He will build a house for Me.** I will love him, and I will never leave him. **When your son dies, his son will be king. Someone in your family will be king forever.”**

Nathan told David everything God said. David went into the tent he had set up for the ark of the Lord. He sat down and prayed: “God, I don’t deserve anything You have done for me, and You promise to do so much more! You are so great! There is no one like You! You chose the Israelites to be Your own people. You rescued them from slavery in Egypt. God, please keep Your promises. I know Your words are always true.”

Christ Connection: God promised David that every future king of Israel would come from David’s family, and David’s kingdom would last forever. God kept His promise by sending His Son, Jesus, as one of David’s descendants. Jesus is our King who will rule over God’s people forever.

TODAY’S TAKEAWAYS

- God’s plans for David were even bigger than David could have imagined.
- David was a shepherd but God made Him a king.
- David wanted to build a house for God, but God promised to make David’s family great.
- God said He would use David’s family for the most wonderful part of His plan. **God promised that the Messiah would come from David’s family.**
- **BL: I believe in and love Jesus because He always keeps His promise.**

25 Minutes SMALL GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

Discussion Questions:

- Why did David want to build a house for God? *(To David it seemed backwards that he lived in a palace but God’s house was a tent, 2 Sam. 7:2)*
- What did Nathan tell David at first? *(to do as he wanted to, 2 Sam. 7:3)*
- What did God promise David? *(that one of his descendants would be king forever, 2 Sam. 7:12-13)*
- Who fulfilled this promise of God? *Guide kids to understand that Jesus is the fulfillment of God’s promise to David. Explain that Jesus was born into David’s family. Remind them that when Jesus died on the cross and rose again, He defeated sin and death. God gave Jesus all authority, and Jesus is the King of kings. His rule will never end.*

Activity: Before and After

What You Need: “Before and After Plates printables (2 sets printed and cut out, glued to 24 paper plates), 2 baskets(need to be big enough to fit the paper plates), markers, paper, tape

What You Do:

- Set up 2 basket sin thr front of your group area.
- Write I have... on one piece of paper and I will... on another.



- Tape the paper to the baskets.
- Form 2 teams of kids.
- Stack a set of paper plates in front of each team.
- When you say go, teams should work together to sort the plates: Things God has done (I have...) and things God said He would do (I will...)
- Challenge teams to toss their paper plates like flying discs into their corresponding baskets.
- As time allows, review the phrases in each basket.

What You Say God made a covenant with David, a promise that did not depend on David or the faithfulness of Israel. God promised that the Messiah would come from David's family. The Bible show us how God kept His promise. God sent His Son, Jesus, as one of David's descendants. Jesus is our King who will never die. We look to Him for salvation, and He will rule over God's people forever. **BL: I believe in and love Jesus because He always keeps His promise.**

Activity: Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Memory Verse Poster, Memory Verse Word Search Week 6(1 per kid), pencils

What You Do:

- Display the memory verse poster.
- Lead kids in reading aloud together.
- Then distribute copies of the word search for kids to find words of the memory verse.
- As they finish, guide them to turn over their word search and write the memory verse on the back from memory.

What You Say " [Allow volunteers to recite the memory verse when they are ready from memory] The kingdom of God is not like other kingdoms of earthly kings. God's kingdom lasts forever, and He always keeps His promises. Say our big picture question and answer with me: Is anything or anyone greater than God? No, God is greater than everything and everyone.

Pray and Dismiss:

What You Need: no supplies needed

What You Say:

"Lord God, thank You for Your Word! We hear about the covenant with David and are thankful that You kept Your promise. You sent Jesus to rescue us from sin. You are faithful, even when we are not. God, You are our King. We love You. Amen.

5 Minutes HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage your kids to tell their parents about our Big Picture Question. Is anything or anyone greater than God? No, God is greater than everything and everyone. **BL: I believe in and love Jesus because He always keeps His promise.**