



GOD'S COVENANT WITH DAVID



2 SAMUEL 6-7

Instructions

The curriculum we use for elementary aged children goes through the Bible chronologically. Currently we are finishing up the book of Deuteronomy. So that your child can continue their journey through the Bible we will be putting together VERY basic Bible lessons for you to do at home. Below you will find a summary of this week's Bible passage. All you have to do is read it with your kids. Then you will see two different sets of discussion questions. One for older kids (3rd-4th grade range) and one for younger kids (Kinder-2nd grade range). Read the discussion questions with your kids. Remember, discussion is not one sided, it's different people talking together. Give your kids the opportunity to think and speak. I pray the Lord speaks to you and your family as you dive into His word together.

Tell the Bible Story

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.

Discussion & Bible Skills - Older

Explain to your kids that 2 Samuel follows 1 Samuel. Some believe that 1 and 2 Samuel were once one book. SAY • After David became king, he moved the ark of God to Jerusalem. David lived in his palace there. He wanted to build a temple to put the ark of God in, but God didn’t want David to build a temple for Him. Instead, God made a covenant with David. God promised that the Messiah would come from David’s family.

Read aloud 2 Samuel 7:12. Ask the following questions. Lead your kids to discuss:

1. What had God done for David? How do you think that affected David’s ability to trust God’s promise about the future?



Lead your kids to realize that past faithfulness supports future faithfulness. God kept His promises in the past. David trusted that God is faithful. We too can depend on God to be faithful even when His people are unfaithful.

2. Why is God's covenant with David special to us today?

Guide your kids to recognize that by establishing His forever kingdom, Jesus is on the throne over all believers—Jews and Gentiles. Jesus is the head of the church, and as people in God's kingdom, we share the good news of God's promise through Jesus with others and invite them into the kingdom. Jesus is the Son of David who offers life to all who come to Him.

3. Why is it better to live for God's kingdom rather than living for ourselves?

Emphasize that our lives are a mist compared to the eternal kingdom of God. We should want to live for God out of gratitude for Jesus. Only what is done for Christ will last.

SAY:

When the Israelites entered Canaan, they fought many battles to take over the promised land. The major battle in today's Bible story took place in Gibeon, a city north of Jerusalem. God made the sun stand still and gave His people victory.

Discussion & Bible Skills - Younger

Help your kids find 2 Samuel 6–7. Discuss the divisions of the Bible, reminding your kids that 2 Samuel is part of the Old Testament History division. Review how to use the table of contents, chapter and verse numbers to find passages in the Bible. If any of your kids are strong readers, you may consider allowing them to read some of the passage aloud.

Ask the following questions. Lead your kids to discuss:

1. 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

2. What did Nathan tell David at first?

To do as he wanted to, 2 Sam. 7:3

3. What did God promise David?

That one of his descendants would be king forever, 2 Sam. 7:12-13



4. Who fulfilled this promise of God?

Guide your 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.

5. Was it sinful for David to want to honor God with a temple?

Guide your kids to see that David's desire to build a house for God was not sin, but it was also not part of God's perfect plan. If David had continued trying to build after God said no, it would have been sin. David trusted God's timing and obeyed Him.

6. When will Jesus' kingdom be fully established?

Help your kids begin to understand that Jesus' kingdom exists on earth through the people who love and follow Him. Guide them to think about when Jesus will return to earth to fix everything in the world and completely get rid of all sin. Help them see that Jesus will rule for all time.



SAY:

God promised the Messiah would come from David's family. David wanted to honor God, but God was planning to honor David greatly by using His family to carry out His plans.