



God's Promise to David

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Key Theme

- God is faithful to His promises.

Key Passages

- 2 Samuel 7:1–2, 7:12–13; Isaiah 9:6–7; Luke 1:30–33

Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Describe how God delivered the message of promise to David.
- Connect the promise given to David to the kingship of Jesus.



Lesson Overview



Come On In

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Students will place a bookmark at 2 Samuel 7, Isaiah 9, and Luke 1. Students will practice the memory verse by unscrambling the words on the Memory Verse Review Sheet and then reciting the verse to each other or to the class.



Activity 1: God's Promise to David Class Notes

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Students will complete the God's Promise to David Class Notes as you study the lesson. Pass out the class notes before you begin to teach.



Studying God's Word

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David received a promise from the Lord that his throne would be established through his seed forever. That promise pointed to David's heir—the Messiah, Jesus Christ.



Activity 2: David's Forever Throne Review Game

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Students will play a board game in teams to review the lesson material.

Lesson Preparation

WHAT YOU WILL DO

WHAT YOU WILL NEED



COME ON IN

- Cut paper into strips for each student to mark today's study passage in 2 Samuel 7, Isaiah 9, and Luke 1.
- Print one Memory Verse Review Sheet from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.

- Memory Verse Poster
- Paper strips
- Memory Verse Review Sheet for each student



GOD'S PROMISE TO DAVID CLASS NOTES

- Print one God's Promise to David Class Notes from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student. Keep the answer key for your use.

- God's Promise to David Class Notes for each student
- God's Promise to David Class Notes Answer Key
- Pencils



STUDYING GOD'S WORD

- Study the Prepare to Share section.
- Go Before the Throne.

- Student Take Home Sheets



DAVID'S FOREVER THRONE GAME

- Print one David's Forever Throne Review Game Board for every 2–3 students.
- Print one David's Forever Throne Review Questions and Answer Key from the Resource DVD-ROM for your use.
- Print and cut apart one David's Forever Throne Game Points from the Resource DVD-ROM. Put them in a cup or other appropriate container.

- David's Forever Throne Review Game Board for each team of 2–3 students
- Button for each team
- David's Forever Throne Review Questions and Answer Key
- David's Forever Throne Game Points in a cup.



Memory Verse

2 Samuel 7:22 Therefore You are great, O Lord God. For there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

► **Pace your lesson!** Use the clocks to mark the time you want to finish each section. This will help you stay on track and finish on time. You may need to shorten or drop sections as necessary.





Prepare to Share

SCRIPTURAL BACKGROUND

Prepare to teach by preparing your heart. Read the key passages listed above with this background.

Israel had been chosen by God to be a special nation for His glory. Despite Israel's constant complaining against Him, God fulfilled His promise to Abraham (Genesis 15:4–7), and after Moses's death, Joshua finally led the nation of Israel to inhabit the Promised Land (Joshua 3:17)—almost 500 years after God's promise to Abraham.

In their desire to be like the neighboring nations, the Israelites rejected God as King and demanded a man-king to rule them (1 Samuel 8:4–5). God gave them Saul to satisfy their lusts, but Saul failed to obey God. God then chose David to replace Saul as king. David waited for years to take the throne God had granted to him. The account of David and Goliath discussed last week occurred during this period of waiting (1 Samuel 17).

God granted David his kingship after King Saul died. The Lord directed David to take the kingship of Judah, the southern part of the Promised Land, and to establish his capital in Hebron (2 Samuel 2:1–4). This is where David was officially anointed king. However, one of Saul's sons, Ishbosheth, was set up by Abner, the commander of the army, as king over Israel. Because of this opposition, tension prevailed between Judah, under the leadership of David, and Israel, under the leadership of Ishbosheth (2 Samuel 2:8–11). This conflict ended when Ishbosheth was murdered (2 Samuel 4:6–7) and David became king over all of Israel (2 Samuel 5:1–5), just as God had promised to David when he was young (1 Samuel 16:1).

David eventually moved his capital to Jerusalem (2 Samuel 5:7). Through blessings and battles, "David knew that the Lord had established him as king over Israel, and that He had exalted His kingdom for the sake of His people Israel" (2 Samuel 5:12). And soon David brought the Ark of God to Jerusalem with great jubilation (2 Samuel 6:2). All the people celebrated with dancing, singing, and offering sacrifices to God (2 Samuel 6:4–5, 6:13). God had proven faithful to His promises, and David was firmly established as king in Israel where he ruled 40 years.

The Ark of God had been kept in the tent until this time, and David desired to honor God by building a house for the Ark (2 Samuel 7:1–3). While David

planned this house for God, Nathan the prophet, who played an important role in David's life, received a vision from God. It was a message of hope for David and a source of encouragement for him. God reminded David of his humble beginnings as a shepherd and of God's sovereign choice to make him king over Israel.

Although David desired to build a house for God, it was God who promised to build a house for David. In His abundant goodness, God revealed to David that his heir would build the Temple and that David's throne would be established forever. This promise of an enduring throne for David is carried throughout the Old Testament and points, in an ultimate way, to the Savior who would come (2 Samuel 7:8–17).

This news humbled, overwhelmed, and prompted David to worship God before the Ark, extolling His attributes and offering thanks for His goodness (2 Samuel 7:18–19). We know that God was faithful to His promises to David. David's house would continue forever, just as God had spoken. That promise has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the Son of David, our Lord and Savior, who still rules over God's people. We can be sure that this same God who was faithful to the promises made to David will be faithful to us as we put our trust in Him.

Another aspect we don't want to miss is that David is a type of Christ—his life looked forward to the life and person of Christ. We see certain similarities between David and Christ. David was a shepherd; Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11). David was a king; Christ is the King of kings (Revelation 19:16). David subdued his enemies and consolidated a kingdom; Christ is also subduing His enemies and consolidating His Kingdom (1 Corinthians 15:24–26). David offered a sacrifice on Mount Moriah to save Israel, acting as a priest (1 Chronicles 21:18–30; 2 Chronicles 3:1); Jesus Christ, the perfect High Priest, offered Himself as a sacrifice on that same mount (Hebrews 7:27). David was also a prophet (2 Samuel 23:2; Acts 2:29–31); Christ was the Prophet (Luke 13:33; Matthew 13:57). As David served as a prophet, priest, and king, Christ is our Prophet, Priest, and King.

HISTORICAL/APOLOGETICS BACKGROUND

Throughout the history of Israel, the Messiah was expected to come from the line of David and take his

throne. Scripture revealed early on that the throne of David would one day be occupied by Jesus who would be crucified as the King of the Jews but rise again to be seated at the right hand of the Father.

In the book of Genesis, the blessing Jacob pronounced over Judah referred to the Messiah who would come through the tribe of Judah, from which David also descended (Genesis 49:10). Isaiah prophesied the same—the Messiah would come from the line of David.

For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of His government and peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and
justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.
(Isaiah 9:6–9)

When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to announce the coming of the Christ child, he repeated to her the promise given to David in 2 Samuel 7:12.

Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” (Luke 1:30–33)

This truth is also verified in Scripture through the genealogy recorded in Matthew. Matthew begins his writing by identifying Jesus as “the Son of David, the Son of Abraham” (Matthew 1:1). He then shows the line from Abraham in three sets of 14 generations, from Abraham to David, from David to the captivity, and from the captivity to Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus (Matthew 1:1–17).

And in the Gospel of Luke, we see that through the line of His mother, Mary, Jesus is in the line of David (Luke 3:31).

Oh the wonders and the mysteries of our sovereign God who revealed in the book of Genesis that one from Judah’s line would reign forever, and later told David that his descendant would sit upon his throne forever. And God was faithful to fulfill that promise in the birth, life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus, the Son of David. We can’t help but marvel at God’s wisdom and control over the universe and the care that He took to leave us such a detailed record confirming Jesus as the ultimate Redeemer and King.

For more information on this topic, see the Online Resource Page.



BEFORE THE THRONE

Dear God, I rejoice as I read this lesson and remember your faithfulness. You kept your promise to send the Messiah, my Lord, through the line of David. Please anoint me with wisdom and power to teach the truth of your faithfulness this week. As I wrap up this lesson with the plan of salvation, bless the students with understanding, so that they will hear your voice and respond to your call.



COME ON IN

As students arrive . . .

- They will mark their Bibles at 2 Samuel 7, Isaiah 9, and Luke 1 with strips of paper.
- They will unscramble the scrambled words on the Memory Verse Review Sheet and practice reciting the verse to each other, together, and/or to the class.

This time at the beginning of class should be used to review the memory verse. We have provided an activity sheet on the Resource DVD-ROM for you to use. Students should unscramble the letters of the missing words and then recite the verse to you or another student. Each week the verse will get harder to unscramble. You may have other ideas and ways to encourage your students to memorize the verse.



After all the students arrive, pray with them before beginning the lesson.



REVIEW

Using the Lesson Theme Posters provided with each lesson, quickly review the previous lesson(s) with your students. Take 5 to 10 minutes to reinforce the important truths the students have heard so far in your class.

Ask the children questions about the previous lessons as you display the Lesson Theme Posters. Reflect briefly on the passages you read, bringing the objectives and themes back into focus. This will refresh the truths in your students' minds and maintain continuity as you teach through the lessons.



God's Promise to David Class Notes

MATERIALS

- God's Promise to David Class Notes for each student
- God's Promise to David Class Notes Answer Key
- Pencils

INSTRUCTIONS

Print the class notes for each student. Pass them out at the beginning of class. Have students fill in the blanks as you study the lesson.

We will be completing these class notes as we study the Bible passages. Try not to

work ahead. Fill in the blanks as we come to them. I'll let you know when to fill in something.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

As we complete our class notes today we'll find out that there was a very special king who would come from King David's family. His kingdom would last forever.



Studying God's Word

READ THE WORD

► Use the History of Israel Poster included with your teacher kit to show your class where the biblical accounts you study chronologically fit into this timeline.

God had anointed David as king of Israel and David would eventually take the throne. But for now Saul was still the king of Israel. David was faithful to God and God blessed his faith by allowing him many victories. An example was his victory over the Philistine champion Goliath.

As David became more and more popular due to his battle victories, his courage, and his faith, King Saul became more and more jealous. In fact Saul became so jealous that he tried to kill David. Saul chased David for many years. He turned all of Israel against David. And finally, Saul forced David to live in exile. Because of Saul's jealousy, David was always on the run and had to wait many years to take the throne God had granted to him.

After King Saul's death and a few bumps in the road, which included David's son and others rejecting him as king, David was finally accepted as king over all of Israel! He moved his capital to Jerusalem and brought the Ark of God into the city. The Ark of God was considered holy to the nation of Israel. It was where God was worshipped and where He displayed His glory in a shining cloud.

2 Samuel 7:1-2

David wanted to do something very special with the ark. God had plans for the ark and for David as well. That's where we're going to pick up this historical account of David today. Turn to 2 Samuel 7. Let's read verses 1-2 together. *Choose a volunteer to read the verses aloud.*

EXAMINE THE WORD

Let's study this passage carefully by asking some questions to see what God's Word is telling us.

Observe the Text

- ? Who are the characters here? *Nathan the prophet and King David.*
- ? Where did King David live? *A house of cedar.*
- ? What about the ark of God? Where was that kept? *In a tent.*

David lived in a beautiful house. He wondered why he would get to live in such a wonderful home, while the Ark of God was still in a tent. David wanted to build God a permanent temple for the Ark of God. It would be a place where God could be worshipped. But God had other plans. He told David not to build His temple. Instead, God blessed David with a special promise.

Let's jump ahead a little to 2 Samuel 7:12–13 to see what message the Lord had for David. In these verses the prophet Nathan is speaking for God to King David. Let's read. *Assign readers to read 2 Samuel 7:12–13.*

- ? **When was this going to happen?** *2 Samuel 7:12. When your days are fulfilled. After David has died.*
- ? **What was God going to “set up?”** *His seed.*
- ? **Whose seed?** *David's. Have students fill in #1 on their class notes—David's seed.*
- ? **That is the answer for #1 on your class notes. But, what does that mean?** *Allow discussion. Have students fill in #1 on their class notes—David's seed.*

“His seed” refers to one of David's sons. Fill in #2 on your class notes. *Have students fill in #2 on their class notes—David's sons.*

David's son Solomon did build the temple according to God's command and did take over the kingdom when David died. But this verse isn't only referring to Solomon. How do I know that? Listen to this and tell me how I know it isn't only Solomon the Bible is talking about here. *Re-read 2 Samuel 7:13.*

- ? **Any ideas?** *Allow discussion.*

Well. Let's look at 2 Samuel 7:13. How long would the kingdom that God was to establish last? *2 Samuel 7:13. Forever. Fill in #3 on your class notes. Have students fill in #3 on their class notes—Forever.*

- ? **And just think with me. Do you think Solomon, David's son, lived forever? Is he still alive today?** *No.*
- ? **And what does this verse say about the kingdom God is setting up after David?** *2 Samuel 7:13. It will be established forever. The throne will be established forever.*

Discover the Truth

Wow! God made a very special promise through the prophet Nathan. David's son Solomon would build the temple for God and place the Ark of God there. Not only that, but David's seed, or his family—his descendants—would be established forever!

- ? **Who is this promise talking about? Who has come to earth and made a kingdom that will never end?** *Allow discussion.*

This special person—this special promise—this special king . . . all refer to Jesus Christ, our Messiah and Lord. Fill in #4 on your class notes. *Have students fill in #4 on their class notes—Jesus Christ.*

The promise God made was that the kingdom He set up with David, then passed on to Solomon, would last forever. Eventually David's descendants would lead to Jesus Christ, the eternal King of Kings!



➤ After filling in each point on the class notes, have the students re-read the statement together or call on individual students to read it.

Isaiah 9:6–7

READ THE WORD

Let's see more about this King, this promise, and the line of David. Turn to Isaiah 9:6–7. We are going to read there. *Choose a volunteer to read the passage.*

EXAMINE THE WORD

Do those words sound familiar? We often hear them sung or read during Christmas. Let's observe them closely by asking some questions, so we will understand them better.

Observe the Text

? Let's start at the beginning. Who was born according to Isaiah 9:6? *A Child.*

? Does anyone know who this child is? *Allow discussion.*

This refers to Jesus Christ. He was born hundreds of years after Isaiah wrote this. And yet everything Isaiah said about Him was true!

? What are some of the things this says about Jesus? I'm looking for six ways Isaiah described the coming Messiah. Look at the verse and pick them out. *A Son, Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

You'll see that #5 on your class notes is a little different. I want you to circle the six words under #5 that describe Jesus in Isaiah 9:6. *Have students answer #5 on their class notes.*

? Did you find all six of them? Someone read them back to us. *A Son, Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

? Great. Now we'll go on to Isaiah 9:7. Someone else is mentioned. Who? *David.*

That's right. This Child Isaiah is talking about will be in David's family. He will sit on the throne of David.

? How long will this Child sit on the throne? How long will the kingdom or throne last? Look in Isaiah 9:7. *Forever.*

Fill in #6 on your class notes. *Have students fill in #6 on their class notes—Forever.*

Luke 1:31–33

And we'll see something else about the King—something I think we already know. I want to see if you catch it. Go to Luke 1:31–33. *Assign someone to read.*

? Who is this passage about? *Luke 1:31. Jesus.*

Now, if you look a little further in Luke 1, you will find that what we are reading is the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the Son she will have—Jesus. Jesus wasn't born yet.

? What does Luke 1:32 tell us about Jesus? *Luke 1:32. He will be great, the Son of the Highest, He will have the throne of His father David.*

? What throne is God going to give to Jesus? *Luke 1:32. The throne of David.*

Isaiah prophesied it and God promised it to David, now the angel told Mary that Jesus will sit on the throne of David. *Fill in #7 on your class notes—David.*

? How long will Jesus be on that throne? *Luke 1:33. Forever.*

? When will Jesus's reign end? *Luke 1:33. His kingdom will have no end.*

Complete #8 on your class notes. *No end.*

Discover the Truth

This all started when King David wanted to build a temple—a glorious house for the Ark of God! Nathan the prophet, speaking for God, told him no. Instead, David's son Solomon would build the temple. Solomon built the temple and became the next king. But God's promise had been that someone from David's family would one day establish a kingdom that would NEVER end. Solomon died—his kingdom ended. Who would this King of all kings be? It would be someone amazing! He would be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. He would be the long-awaited Messiah, Jesus Christ. And His kingdom will never end. He will rule for all eternity.



David's Forever Throne Game

MATERIALS

- David's Forever Throne Review Game Board for each team
- Button game piece for each team
- David's Forever Throne Game Review Questions, Directions, and Answer Key
- David's Forever Throne Game Points in a cup

INSTRUCTIONS

Students will compete in small teams, moving forward as they get the review questions correct. The first team to the finish line is the winner. Read through the detailed instructions for this game printed on the David's Forever Throne Review Questions and Answer Key to find out how the game is played.

? Is everyone ready for a fun review of today's lesson? *Yes!*

Your team will have a good chance of winning if you were paying attention during the lesson. Try to work together as a team to get the best answer. *Play the game.*

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

God made David a promise that in the future an even greater king would come from his family and reign forever. He was describing Jesus, the King of kings. You did a great job reviewing this lesson. God loves it when we study His Word!





Applying God's Word

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

King David wanted to bless God by building a beautiful house for the Ark of God. But that was not God's plan. God did not want David to build a house for Him, but God was going to make a house for David—a kingdom that would last forever. The King of kings would be from the family of David. This King of kings is the promised Messiah, Jesus Christ—the King whose reign will never end!

God spoke all this to David through His prophet Nathan.

GOD'S WORD IN THE REAL WORLD

What we have talked about today is what we call the Davidic Covenant. It was the promise God made to David through Nathan the prophet that the Messiah (Jesus Christ) would come from David's family and would establish a kingdom forever. And because God is always faithful, this promise was true.

Jesus Christ came as part of King David's family just as God promised. Jesus Christ came to offer sinners—like you and me—forgiveness from our sins.

God is holy and hates all sin. Because we all sin, we could never get to heaven. Our sin separates us from God. We are all bound for hell—an eternity of suffering without God!

But Jesus came, just like God promised King David He would. And because of His life, death, and Resurrection from the grave we can have eternal life with God. The Bible says that everyone who calls on His name, everyone who is sorry for sinning, everyone who turns away from sin and believes and trusts in Jesus Christ will be saved.

All believers will one day be a part of the kingdom that God promised would never end. Jesus is the forever King of that kingdom!



FAITHFUL

(Refer to Attributes Poster)

➤ Pass out the Student Take Home Sheets and remind the students to practice the memory verse this week.



MEMORY VERSE

2 Samuel 7:22 Therefore You are great, O Lord God. For there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears.



GROUP PRAYER TIME

- Praise God because He is faithful to keep His promises.
- Thank God for His plan of salvation, so that through Jesus Christ we might be saved.
- Ask God to bless us as we do our best to obey and love Him this week.