



God's Promise to David

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Key Theme

- God is faithful to His promises.

Key Passages

- 2 Samuel 7:1–2, 7:4–6, 7:12–13; Luke 1:31–33

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

Students will practice the memory verse by spilling out the Memory Verse Cards and putting them in the correct order. Then, they will recite the verse to each other and/or to the teacher.



Activity 1: God's Promise to David Class Notes

Students will complete the class notes to find the lesson message about God's promise to David. Pass out the class notes before you begin to teach.



Studying God's Word

David received a promise from the Lord that his throne would be established through his seed forever. That promise pointed to David's descendants—to his son Solomon, and to the Messiah, Jesus Christ—who would fulfill the promise.



Activity 2: David's Forever Throne Beanbag Toss

Students will play beanbag toss as they answer questions from today's lesson.

Lesson Preparation

WHAT YOU WILL DO

WHAT YOU WILL NEED



COME ON IN

- Print and cut out the Spill the Verse Cards from the Resource DVD-ROM for each group of 2–3 students. Print the cards on cardstock.

- Memory Verse Poster
- Spill the Verse Cards for every 2–3 students
- Containers with a lid or small paper bags to hold the cards



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.
- Print one Ark of God Picture from the Resource DVD-ROM for your use.

- Student Take Home Sheets
- Ark of God Picture



DAVID'S FOREVER THRONE BEANBAG TOSS

- Print one David's Forever Throne Review Questions from the Resource DVD-ROM for your use.
- Make a square with masking tape and connect the opposite corners to make an X. Number each section 2, 3, 4, and 5.

- David's Forever Throne Review Questions
- Masking Tape
- Beanbag for each team

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 lesson key passages along 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 spill the Memory Verse Cards out and put the words from the memory verse in the correct order.
- They will practice saying the verse aloud to their group and/or for the entire class.

This time at the beginning of class should be used to review the memory verse. We have provided an activity, Spill the Verse, on the Resource DVD-ROM for you to use. 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. They will then complete the lesson message using the words they have used.

We will be completing the class notes as we study the Bible passages. We'll use the

words listed on these class notes to fill in the blanks. Try not to work ahead. I'll let you know when to fill in something.

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.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

As we fill in our class notes, we will learn what God promised David and who would fulfill that promise.

➤ Because of the age and ability of 1st and 2nd graders to read and comprehend, we encourage you to read the Scriptures to the students. However, if you have strong readers, by all means have them participate by reading God's Word.



Studying God's 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.

READ THE WORD

God had anointed, or chosen, David as king of Israel, and David would soon be the acting king and take the throne. But for now Saul was still the king. David was faithful to God, and God blessed his faith by allowing him many victories.

? What was the victory God gave David in our lesson last week? *Refer to Lesson Theme Poster 1. David killed the Philistine giant, Goliath.*

But the more victories David had, the more jealous King Saul became. King Saul didn't like that David was winning so many battles. In fact, Saul became so angry and jealous that he tried to kill David. Saul chased David for many years. He made the people of Israel turn against David. And finally, Saul forced David to get out of the country. David had to run and hide from King Saul who was always coming after him to kill him! David had to wait many years to take the throne God had promised him.

But King Saul finally died and David was finally made king over all of Israel! He moved to Jerusalem and brought the Ark of God into the city. The Ark of God is another name for the Ark of the Covenant. It was considered holy and very special to the nation of Israel. It was where God was worshipped and where He displayed His glory in a shining cloud. *Refer to the Ark of God Picture from the Resource DVD-ROM or get one from the internet or a Bible.*

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 7:1-2. That's where I'll read. Listen carefully! *Read the verses aloud.*

2 Samuel 7:1-2

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 was dwelling in a house? *2 Samuel 7:1. The king.*
- ? Who was the king? Do you remember? King Saul had died and God made someone else king. *David.*
- ? What had the Lord given King David? *2 Samuel 7:1. Rest from his enemies.*
- ? What kind of house did King David live in? *2 Samuel 7:2. A house of cedar.*

► Re-read the verses if necessary to get the students to answer from the text.

David lived in a house but it was more like a palace and it was made of beautiful and expensive wood.

- ? What about the holy Ark of God? *Show the Ark of God Picture.* Where was that kept? *2 Samuel 7:2. In a tent.*

David lived in a beautiful house—a palace. But the Ark of God was still in a tent! Remember, the Ark of God was the place where the people worshipped God. This is where God displayed His glory in a shining cloud! And it was in a tent! David wanted to build God a wonderful Temple, or house, for the Ark of God. It would be a permanent place where God could be worshipped. But God had other plans.

- ? Now look at your class notes. Can someone read #1 for me? Look at the words listed on your class notes. Which word goes in #1? *God.*

OK. So King David lived in a house of cedar, and the Ark of God was in a tent. King David wanted to build a temple for God and the Ark of God. But, like I said, God had other plans. Listen as I read 2 Samuel 7:4–6.

2 Samuel 7:4–6

- ? Who was the Lord speaking to? *2 Samuel 7:4. Nathan.*

- ? Who was Nathan? Does anyone remember? *Allow discussion.*

Nathan was a prophet of God. God used Nathan to speak for Him. And the Lord was speaking to Nathan now.

- ? Who did the Lord send Nathan to talk to? *2 Samuel 7:5. King David.*

- ? That's right. Now go to #2 on your class notes. Can someone read that? What word will finish that sentence? *Have a student read the sentence aloud. David.*

That's right God told Nathan the prophet to give David an important message. Nathan told David that God didn't want him to build a house for the Ark. But God had someone in mind to build the house.

I'm going to read 2 Samuel 7:12–13. Listen carefully. This is the prophet Nathan speaking for God. *Read 2 Samuel 7:12–13.*

2 Samuel 7:12–13

The Bible is telling us that after David died God would set up a seed from his body. That means that God would give David's son the kingdom. David did have a son, Solomon. Solomon did take over the kingdom, and he did build the Temple just like God told him to.

- ? But this verse isn't only referring to this son, Solomon. How long would David's throne last? Listen again as I read. *Re-read 2 Samuel 7:13 emphasizing "forever." Forever.*

- ? So God said David's kingdom would last forever? Do you think Solomon, David's son, lived forever? Is he still alive today? *No.*

Discover the Truth

Wow! God made a very special promise through the prophet Nathan. After King David died, his son Solomon would be made king and build the Temple for God. The Ark of God would go into that Temple. Not only that, but David's seed, or his family, would be established forever! David's kingdom would never end.

- ? So, can someone read #3 on the class notes for me? How will you complete that sentence? *Assign a reader. Forever.*
- ? This promise is about a special person—a special King, a King whose kingdom would last forever! Who do you think it might be? *Allow discussion.*

This promise was about Jesus! Jesus was part of David's family. And the kingdom God started with David finally ended up with Jesus Christ. And Jesus is the King of kings! And Jesus's kingdom will last forever!



READ THE WORD

Luke 1:31–33

Turn to Luke 1:31–33. This is in the New Testament. And this is many, many years later—after God told David that his kingdom would last forever! But listen to what God's Word says about a special Son to be born to Mary. *Read the passage aloud.*

EXAMINE THE WORD

Observe the Text

- ? Who is this passage about? Who was the Son to be born? *Luke 1:31. Jesus.*
- ? And what would this Son be? *Luke 1:32. Great.*
- ? Someone read #4 on your class notes. How will you complete this sentence? *Assign a reader. Jesus.*
- ? And what throne would God give this special Son, Jesus? *Re-read Luke 1:32. The throne of David.*
- ? Look at #5 on your class notes. Can someone read that for me? How will you complete that sentence? *Assign a reader. Throne.*
- ? And how long will Jesus be on that throne? *Re-read Luke 1:33. Forever.*
- ? When will Jesus's reign end? *Luke 1:33. Never. His kingdom will have 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. King Solomon died. So who would this King of all kings be? It would be someone amazing. He would be the long-awaited Messiah, Jesus Christ. And His kingdom will never end. He will rule for all eternity.

OK. Let's take a look at the lesson message on your class notes. The words for this message can be found in the words you just filled in. Match the numbers on the lesson message with the words you've written in on that same number on your class notes. For example, the first word you wrote in during class was "God." That was #1 and it goes in the space with a 1 underneath it. Now you do the rest!

? Can I have a few volunteers read their lesson message? *Allow 2-3 students to read the lesson message. God promised David his throne would last forever through Jesus.*

You figured it out! God promised David his throne would last forever, and Jesus would fulfill this promise.



David's Forever Throne Beanbag Toss

MATERIALS

- David's Forever Throne Review Questions
- Masking tape
- One beanbag per team

INSTRUCTIONS

Make at least a 2' square with masking tape on the floor. Divide the inside of the square into sections. An X will make 4 sections. Assign each section a number value.

Divide the class into two or more teams depending on size. Give each team a beanbag.

Teams and students will take turns tossing the beanbag across the room.

Once they toss the beanbag, they will be presented with a question. If they can correctly answer the question, they will be awarded the number of points according to where the beanbag landed.

If the team misses the question, another team may try to answer. If no one gets the answer, give the answer and repeat the question later in the game.

Repeat questions or add others according to your class and your lesson.

We're going to play beanbag toss. You'll get points as you answer questions from today's lesson. Let's start! *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 used His prophet Nathan to deliver the message of promise—the promise that David would have a kingdom—a kingdom that would never end! And David's kingdom will never end . . . because Jesus Christ, the King of kings is from the family of David. He was the promised Messiah, Jesus Christ—the King whose reign will never end!

GOD'S WORD IN THE REAL WORLD

Jesus Christ was the King from David's family who would sit on the throne forever! God promised David that one would come to be the King of kings. God's promise was made over 1,000 years before Jesus was even born. Yet we know that Jesus was the one promised and He is still the King of His kingdom. That is the eternal kingdom.

It is such good news. 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 because our sin separates us from God. We are all set 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 all people who call on His name, who are sorry for their sins, who turn away from their sins and believe and trust in Jesus Christ will be saved.

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



► Pass out the Student Take Home Sheets and remind the children 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.