

Bible Passage: 2 Samuel 6 - 7

CHRIST CONNECTION: God promised that future kings of Israel would come from David's family. God kept His promise. God sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus will be King over God's people forever.

Key Passage phrase: God forgives our wrong choices. Ephesians 1:7

LEADER DEVOTIONAL

David is described in the Bible as a man after God's own heart (1 Sam. 13:14). Though at times David showed the depth of his depravity, he also demonstrated a love for God that was radical. In 2 Samuel 6, we see this take the form of David dancing with all of his might before the Lord.

There was much external evidence of David's love for God, including his praising and rejoicing, dancing, and playing instruments. We also see in David's life a depth of love for God as evidenced in the way that he prayed.

In 2 Samuel 7:18, after David heard from the Lord through Nathan, we find the beginning of an incredibly humble prayer of thanksgiving to God. David's first response to the great things that God had promised Him was to say, "Who am I, Lord GOD, and what is my house that you have brought me this far?"

David didn't stand up taller or display an attitude that suggested he deserved God's blessing. He actually did just the opposite of that. David recognized that he simply didn't deserve the good things that God had done and had promised to do.

When you think about God's great work in your life or when you read His Word and recall His precious and very great promises, what is your response? Do you find yourself believing you deserve it and wishing there was more, or do you rightfully understand that God alone has brought you this far, leading you to respond in praise and thanksgiving?

This week, take the time to remember some of the great things that God has done in your life, how He saved you and others in your life. Remember how He has given you victory over sin. Remember the things you've seen God do in the lives of friends and family members.

Humbly thank God for what He's done, and boldly ask Him to continue to work—not because you deserve it but because you desire to see, know, and love God more.

PEOPLE TO KNOW

Nathan: prophet in royal court during reign of David and early years of Solomon. The name *Nathan* means "gift of God."

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WELCOME

Play music in the background as you greet preschoolers and welcome them to class. Help children transition in and feel welcome.

*** Please remember to reference the class schedules posted in your room for the timing of your class's various activities.

BIBLE STORY

Open your Bible to 2 Samuel 6–7. Tell the Bible story using the provided story below.

GOD MADE A COVENANT WITH DAVID

SAY: *God chose David to be king of Israel. As king, David lived in a beautiful palace. One day, David was talking with Nathan the prophet. "I live in a nice palace," David said, "but the ark of God sits inside a tent!"*

Nathan said, "God is with you. Do what you want!" But that night, God talked to Nathan. God told Nathan what to say to David.

God said: "David, are you going to build a house for Me? I brought My people out of Egypt. The whole 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, but I made you a king. I helped you win battles, and now there is no more fighting. One day, your son will be a strong king. He will build a house for Me. I will love him, and I will never leave him. Then, his son will be king. The king will always be someone in your family."

Nathan told David what God said. David prayed: "God, I do not 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!"

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ACTIVITY

BUILD A PALACE

Place plastic interlocking blocks in the block area. Suggest that preschoolers use the blocks to build a palace. Encourage boys and girls to work together to build a large structure.

SAY: *I like the palace you built. Tell me about the different rooms. God chose David to be king of Israel. As king, David lived in a beautiful palace. Would you like to live in a palace? David told Nathan, 'I live in a nice palace, but the ark of God sits inside a tent.' David wanted to build God a temple. God told David that He did not want David to build a temple for Him. That would be a job for David's son. David was happy that his son would be the one to build the temple. God promised that future kings of Israel would come from David's family. God kept His promise. God sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus will be King over God's people forever.*

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CRAFT

GOD'S COVENANT WITH DAVID CRAFT

See the example in your bin and help children make the craft. Using the provided heart, choose items provided or draw pictures from today's lesson that will remind children of God's covenant promise. (house, throne, crown, sheep, cross, etc.)

SAY: David had a heart to build God a house. Even though God said no, He still made a forever covenant with David.

SNACK AND PRAYER

Take a restroom break and wash hands or use hand sanitizer. Choose volunteers to help set up for the snack. (Crackers and cups for water located in the cabinet above the sink.) Pray and thank God for the snack.

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Before doing closing activities, please have the children help you clean up the toys and materials that have been used today. After the room is cleaned up, set out markers or crayons and let kids work on today's **Bible Story Coloring Page** until their parents arrive. You can also choose a book to read to the children as they color or for those who don't want to color. Please make the effort to have the children quietly engaged when parents arrive.

When parents arrive to pick up their children, tell them something that their child enjoyed doing or did well today.

BEFORE YOU GO...

Please clean up by doing the following:

- 1) Leave toys set up on tables so they can be sanitized.
- 2) Use surface spray to wipe down tables.
- 3) Sweep up any cracker crumbs or dirt.