



UNIT 11 | SESSION 3

GOD MADE A COVENANT WITH DAVID

2 SAMUEL 6-7

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus will be King over God's people forever.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: God forgives our wrong choices. Ephesians 1:7

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- God made a special promise to David.
- God promised to make David's family kings.
- God sent Jesus through David's family.

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS:

God made David king of Israel. One day, King David said to Nathan the prophet, "I live in a nice palace, but God's ark is in a tent!" Nathan said, "God is with you. Do what you like." But later, God gave Nathan a different message for David. God said, "I did not ask you to build Me a house. You were a shepherd, but I made you a king over My people. Your son will be king after you. He will build My temple. A son from your family will be King forever." David praised God. He said, "Who am I, God, that You are so good to me? There is no one like You!"



BABIES ACTIVITIES

LEARNING Activities

Engage babies in the following activities during the session. In each activity, provide handheld Bibles for babies to handle. Open a Bible to 2 Samuel 6. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage phrase card. Pray for the babies.

1 SING A SONG

Sing to the tune of “Are You Sleeping (Brother John)?”

“God forgives us, God forgives us,

When we’re wrong, when we’re wrong.

God forgives wrong choices, God forgives wrong choices.

God is good. God is good.”

SAY “God chose David’s son to build His temple. God always makes right choices. Sometimes people make wrong choices. God forgives people for making wrong choices.”

2 CRUNCH CRACKERS



Place a few crackers in a ziplock bag (one per child). Seal with duct tape. Place bags in front of the babies on the table or tray. Allow babies to crunch the crackers with toy hammers or their hands. Provide extra crackers as a simple snack for babies to enjoy.

SAY “People use hammers to build. David wanted to build a temple for God. God chose David’s son to build His temple. David was happy about God’s choice. God sent Jesus through David’s family. God’s choices are always good.”

3 PULL A RIBBON

Cut a long piece of ribbon. Push the ribbon into a plastic bottle. Leave one end of the ribbon sticking out of the bottle. Help a baby grasp and pull the end of the ribbon out of the bottle. Read the Christ connection (“Jesus will be King over God’s people forever.”) as the babies pull the ribbon. Call attention to how long the ribbon is and how long forever is.

SAY “This is a long ribbon. The Bible says that Jesus will be King over God’s people forever. Forever is a very, very long time. God promised to make David’s family kings. God sent Jesus through David’s family. Our ribbon ended, but Jesus will never stop being King.”

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s big picture card. Repeat the Christ connection, gospel gems, and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

LEARNING Activities

Engage toddlers in the following activities. In each activity, show the Bible story picture as you review the Bible story. Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle.

1 CIRCLE TIME

Open your Bible to 2 Samuel 6. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the provided toddlers' Bible story. Read the key passage phrase card and guide toddlers to say it with you. Pray for the toddlers.

2 MAKE A CROWN

Cut 3-inch wide strips from heavyweight paper (two strips per child). Tape two strips together to fit each child's head. Print Jesus will be King over God's people forever on each strip. Size crowns to fit toddlers' heads and tape in place. Retell the Bible story.

SAY “David was king. God promised to make David's family kings. God sent Jesus through David's family to be King over God's people forever.”

3 MATCH TOOLS TO THEIR SHAPES

Gather toy tools, crayons, and large heavyweight paper or poster board. Trace the tools on the paper. Tape the paper to the floor and place the toys around it. Invite the children to match the tools to their outlines.

SAY “People use tools to build things. David wanted to build a house for God. God chose David's son to build His temple. David thanked God for being good to him.”

4 PLAY WITH A DOLLHOUSE

Place a dollhouse and people figures on the floor near the toddlers. Make a chenille stem crown for one of the people figures. Suggest toddlers pretend one figure is Nathan and another is King David. Talk about the Bible story as the toddlers play.

SAY “David lived in a nice palace, but God's ark was in a tent. David wanted to build a temple for God, but God had other plans for David and his family. God made a special promise to David. God sent Jesus through David's family.”

5 CHOOSE A COLOR

Fill clear plastic bottles (one per child) half full of water. Cut a paper towel into 4-inch squares. Provide washable markers. Allow toddlers to choose a color and color on their paper towel squares. Assist as necessary. Talk about the color choices as you fold and push the squares into the bottles and seal. Close the bottles and seal with duct tape to prevent leaks. Invite the children to shake the bottles and watch the water change color.

SAY “You made a choice today. You each chose the color in your bottle. All people make choices—big or small, right or wrong. Our key passage phrase says, ‘God forgives our wrong choices.’”

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1 TRANSITION ACTIVITY: BUILD WITH BLOCKS

Use foam or cardboard blocks to build a church. Remind toddlers that in the Bible story, David wanted to build a temple, or house, for God. Allow toddlers to build as you tell the Bible story.

SAY “David wanted to build a temple for God. God told David he could not build the temple. God promised that David’s son would be king after him and build the temple. David thanked God for being good to him.”

2 SING TO A FAMILIAR TUNE

Sing to the tune of “The Farmer In the Dell”:

“Yes, Jesus is the King,
Yes, Jesus is the King,
Over all God’s people, yes,
Jesus is the King.”

3 MATCH CROWNS

Print and cut apart two copies of “Crowns” printable on heavyweight paper. Lay the cards faceup in front of you. Invite toddlers to take turns matching the crowns. Assist as needed. Replay as time permits.

SAY “David was king. God promised to make David’s family kings. God sent Jesus through David’s family to be King over God’s people forever.”

4 CARE FOR DOLLS

Set plastic baby dolls in a chair. Provide washcloths, baby spoons, and other feeding utensils. Demonstrate how to feed and wipe the dolls’ mouths with a washcloth. Allow toddlers to feed, dry off, and wrap the doll in a blanket. Encourage the children to look at and read books about Jesus to the doll.

SAY “God cared for David. God promised David that his son would be king after him. David was very happy. He thanked God for being good to him. David said, ‘There is no one like You, God.’”

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church’s security procedures. Give parents today’s big picture card to reinforce today’s Bible story, Christ connection, or gospel gems throughout the week.