

## Grades 1-3 Lesson Template

Where	Who and What	What you Need
Classroom	Teacher takes attendance Give students a sticker	Paper on table, check off who is here, put onto the clipboard
	Dream House Drawing: Draw your dream house! See instructions on page 77	Worksheet Markers
Large Group	<b>Large Group Time:</b> Leader is Amanda. She will get you when ready	
Classroom:	Page 62: Group Discussion Questions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the Kingdom of God?</li> <li>2. How can we be a part of God's Kingdom?</li> <li>3. How can you praise God?</li> </ol>	Bible Ask Questions
	Worksheet: Word Scramble  Play path of promises see page 83 for details	Worksheet  Worksheet Game Coins Buttons as tokens to move



## WELCOME Kids

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out attendance sheets, build relationships, and help new kids connect to your group.

**SAY** “What’s the greatest promise someone made to you? Maybe he or she promised to go to an important event you performed at. Did the person keep his or her promise?”

### 1 ACTIVITY PAGE (5 minutes)

Invite kids to complete “Promised Word Scramble” activity page.

**SAY** “Today, we will see how God made a promise to David and how God always keeps His promises.”

### 2 SESSION STARTER (10 minutes)

#### OPTION 1: ENTER IN



Instruct kids to hold hands and form a circle. Choose one kid to remain outside of the circle. Explain that everyone in the circle needs to get close together, leaving no gaps or holes in between each person. Challenge the kid outside the circle to attempt to break into the middle of the circle. Encourage the kid trying to break in to not be too rough or forceful. He can only enter if he finds a gap. Remind kids that the tighter they squeeze together, the less likely it will be that someone can get through. Repeat this activity until each kid has had a chance to try to get into the circle.

**SAY** “How difficult was it to break through the circle? [Allow responses.] It was impossible to enter the circle when there was nowhere to enter! God has promised a wonderful kingdom that His people can enter into. Today, we will learn that **GOD PROMISED TO BUILD A FOREVER KINGDOM THROUGH DAVID’S FAMILY**. We’ll also see that the only way to enter into this kingdom is through faith in Jesus.”

#### OPTION 2: DREAM HOUSE



Provide kids with paper and markers. Prompt kids to think about their dream house or maybe even a special fort or playhouse. Invite kids to draw a picture of their house, adding as much detail as they can. Then invite kids to share their drawings with the group.

**SAY** “We might have an idea of what the perfect house would be. Maybe it has a pool, 10 bedrooms, a tennis court, and a large movie room. Today, we will see how David wanted to build a house for God called a temple. However, God told David He would build a forever kingdom for David. The kingdom of God is better than any earthly house. In God’s kingdom, there is no more sin, no sadness, and no pain. Let’s learn more about the forever kingdom God promised.”

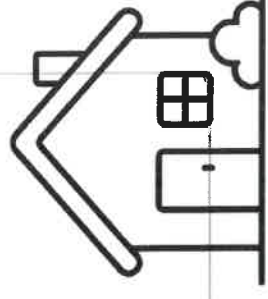


Name:

Class:

# Draw your Dream House

Draw what you would love to be a part of your dream house! How many bedrooms does it have? What do you have outside Today, we will see how David wanted to build a house for God called a temple However, God told David He would build a forever kingdom for David. The kingdom of God is better than any earthly house. In God's kingdom, there is no more sin, no sadness, and no pain. Let's learn more about the forever kingdom God promised.





## THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

# LOVE God by Applying the Story

### 1 REVIEW & BIBLE SKILLS (5 minutes)

Distribute Bibles, and display the Old Testament Kingdoms Map. Guide kids to open their Bibles to 2 Samuel 7. Explain that 2 Samuel comes after 1 Samuel in the Old Testament. The book of 2 Samuel is found between 1 Samuel and 1 Kings and is part of the history division.

Consider pointing out Jerusalem (H5) on the Old Testament Kingdoms Map. Choose a volunteer to read aloud 2 Samuel 7:22 or ask the kids to follow along as you read the verse aloud.

**SAY** 🙏 After **GOD PROMISED TO BUILD A FOREVER KINGDOM THROUGH DAVID'S FAMILY**, David said a prayer of thanks to God. David said that God is great and there is no one like Him. God had done so many wonderful works for His people, including saving them from slavery in Egypt and fighting all their enemies.

Only God has the power to save people from sin. Like David, we can show our thanks to God for His greatness to provide the way for us to be saved. 🙏

### 2 GROUP DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

| **SAY** 🙏 What is the kingdom of God? 🙏

Tell kids that the kingdom of God is not a literal house but is the place where God rules and reigns. Share how God's kingdom came through Jesus but it is not complete. Explain that God rules and reigns in the hearts of those who have trusted in Jesus. Tell kids that God's kingdom is growing in the world and one day will be complete.

| **SAY** 🙏 How can we be a part of God's kingdom? 🙏

Discuss how everyone is invited into God's kingdom but only those who trust in Jesus can be a part of God's kingdom. When we repent of our sin and place our faith in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God welcomes us into His kingdom forever.

| **SAY** 🙏 David praised God for His greatness and His good promises. How can you praise God? 🙏

Answers will vary. Remind kids that praising God comes from our hearts. When we love God and trust in Him above everything else, we are praising Him. Discuss how the love we have for God will affect our words, our actions, and our thoughts. When God is our greatest treasure, we will want to live in ways that show He is. Kids can praise God by obeying their parents, working hard in school, showing kindness to others, serving in their church or home, and sharing the gospel.

Transition from **LOVE** to **LIVE**





## THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

### LIVE the Mission

#### 1 ACTIVITY CHOICE (10 minutes)

##### OPTION 1: SPINNING SCEPTER

Choose one kid to hold the “scepter” (pool noodle) and place a blindfold on her. Lead the remaining kids to form a large circle around the kid with the “scepter.” Direct the kid holding the “scepter” to spin around three to five times and then point the “scepter” toward the kids in the circle. Whoever the “scepter” points to must say the story point: **“GOD PROMISED TO BUILD A FOREVER KINGDOM THROUGH DAVID’S FAMILY.”** If the kid holding the “scepter” correctly identifies who spoke, he continues holding the “scepter.” If not, the kid who spoke now holds the “scepter.” Play as time allows. After the game, read Hebrews 1:8 aloud.

**SAY** “ Today, we learned that Jesus is the King who came from David’s family, and He will rule forever and ever. King Jesus is the perfect King who saves people from sin and invites them into His kingdom where they will live with Him forever. ”

##### OPTION 2: PATH OF PROMISES



Form kids into pairs and provide them with a “Path of Promises Game” printable. Distribute a coin to each group and a game piece to each kid such as a bead. Lead kids to follow the directions on the game board. Remind kids of God’s promises He made to His people and how God’s promises can always be trusted because God is faithful.



**SAY** “ Is anything or anyone greater than God? [Allow responses.] No, God is greater than everything and everyone. God isn’t just greatest in strength and power, He is also the greatest because He always keeps His promises. Every time God made a covenant or promise with His people, He stayed true to His Word. **GOD PROMISED TO BUILD A FOREVER KINGDOM THROUGH DAVID’S FAMILY.** He kept His promise to send Jesus into the world to build His forever kingdom. We can always trust God and His promises. ”

#### 2 REFLECTION AND PRAYER (5 minutes)

Distribute a sheet of paper and pencil to each kid. Ask kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does the story teach me about myself?
- Who can I tell about this story?

Be sure to send the sheets home with the kids along with the activity pages so parents can continue to discuss the Bible story with their kids. If time remains, take prayer requests or allow kids to complete the Bible story coloring page. Pray for your group.

# PATH OF PROMISES

**START**



God promised to build a forever kingdom through a descendant from David's family. (2 Samuel 7)



God promised the forgiveness of sin and a new heart indwelt by the Holy Spirit for anyone who trusts in Jesus. (Jeremiah 31:31-34; Luke 22:14-20)



God promised to never again destroy all life by a flood. (Genesis 8:20-22)

**FINISH**



God promised to bless the whole world through Abraham's descendant. (Genesis 12:1-3; 15:4-5)

1. With a partner, take turns flipping a coin. If you flip "heads," move 1 space. If you flip "tails," move 2 spaces.
2. If you land on a promise picture, take another turn.
3. Whoever reaches the finish first wins.