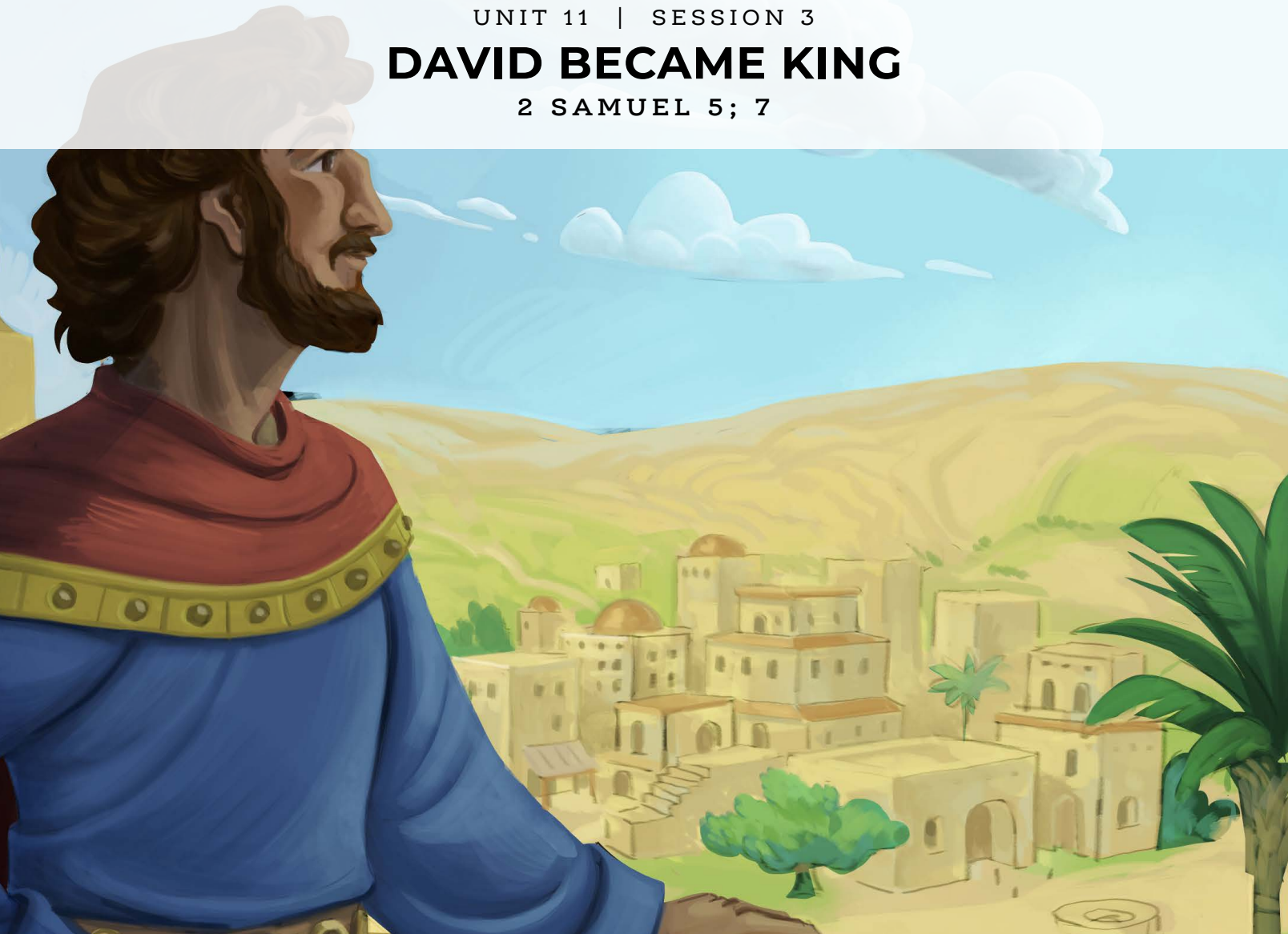


DAVID BECAME KING

2 SAMUEL 5; 7



CHRIST CONNECTION: God promised that David's family would have kings forever. Jesus came from David's family. Jesus is the King of everything forever.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: LORD, no one is like You. You are great. Jeremiah 10:6

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- King David lived in a big palace, but God's special box, the ark, stayed in a tent. David wanted to build a house for God.
- God did not want a big house. He promised David that his family would be kings forever.
- David told God how awesome, amazing, powerful, and loving He is to His people.

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS: David became king over Israel. David lived in a palace; there was no more fighting for his army. David told Nathan, the prophet, "Look at my palace! But God's special box, the ark, is in a tent. I want to build a house for God!" That night, God told Nathan, "Tell David, 'I never asked for a big house.' I promise David's family will have kings forever." Nathan told David what God said. David said, "You are so good to me! Your promise is amazing! You are awesome, God! You saved Israel and showed everyone how powerful and loving You are. Please make Your promise come true so everyone will know how great You are forever."



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 5. Show the Bible Story Poster as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the Key Passage Phrase Card. Pray for the babies.

1 SING AND MAKE MUSIC

Sit on the floor with babies in leaders' laps or in horseshoe-shaped pillows. Provide several toy music instruments (maracas, bells, and small tambourines) to babies and other leaders. Sing the words below to the tune of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Allow babies to shake and play their instruments as you sing.

"LORD, there is no one like You.
There is no one like You.
There is no one like You.
LORD, You are great!"

SAY "God promised David that his family would have kings forever! What did David do? He praised God for how awesome, amazing, and loving He is!"

2 WEAR A CROWN AND SCEPTER

Obtain nonbreakable handheld mirrors, plastic crowns, and toy scepters. If a toy scepter is not available, use cardboard tubes as scepters. Sit babies in leaders' laps, hand each baby a scepter, and place a crown on each baby's head. Allow babies to see their reflections in the mirrors. Say, "Kings can wear crowns and hold scepters." Allow the baby to explore the crown and scepter as you read the Christ Connection. Be sensitive to babies who do not want to wear crowns. Instead, place the crowns on leaders' heads for babies to see in the mirror.

SAY "David was the king of Israel. He lived in a big house called a palace. Did God promise David that his family would have kings forever? Yes, He did!"

3 PLAY WITH FAMILY FIGURES

Sit babies in leaders' laps or supported beside leaders in horseshoe-shaped pillows. Place toy people figures or peg people within the baby's reach. Hand her a toy figure. As she holds and plays with the toy figures, say, "God promised David that his family would have kings forever!" as babies play.

SAY "God promised that David's family would have kings forever. Jesus came from David's family. Jesus is the King of everything forever. Does God keep His promises? Yes, He does!"

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.



LEARNING Activities

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

1 CIRCLE TIME

Open your Bible to 2 Samuel 5. Show the Bible Story Poster 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 DECORATE AN ARK

Wrap a medium- to large-size box in yellow or gold colored wrapping paper. Show toddlers the box, and invite them to decorate it. Provide washable markers and stickers for toddlers to draw on and decorate the box. Say, "King David lived in a beautiful palace. But God's special box, the ark, lived in a tent!" Review the Bible story as the toddlers decorate their "ark."

SAY “ David wanted to build a house for God. But did God want a big house? No! God promised that David’s family would have kings forever! God kept His promise. Jesus is from David’s family, and He is the King of everything forever! ”

3 FIND THE KEY PASSAGE

Place Key Passage Phrase Cards in several different Bibles at Jeremiah 10:6. Invite toddlers to choose a Bible, and open it to the paper. Point to the verse, and read it aloud. Sing to the tune of “For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow”: “LORD, there is no one like You. / There is no one like You. / There is no one like You. / LORD, You are great!”

SAY “ When we sing our key passage phrase, we are praising God. King David praised God for God’s power and love. ”

4 PLAY WITH A TOY FAMILY

Show several toy people figures or peg people and a toy house to the toddlers. Let them play with the figures and pretend they are a family. Retell the Bible story as the toddlers play. Say, “God said, ‘I promise David’s family will have kings forever.’” as the toddlers play.

SAY “ God promised that David’s family would have kings forever. Did God keep His promise? Yes! God sent Jesus! Jesus came from David’s family. Jesus is the King of everything forever. ”

5 BUILD DIFFERENT HOMES

Provide foam blocks. Invite the toddlers to build different homes with the blocks. Be sensitive to toddlers from various living situations. Compliment and encourage all toddlers on their “homes.” Review the Bible story as the toddlers build. Say, “King David lived in a palace, but God’s special box, the ark, lived in a tent. God never asked for a house. God loves His people.”

SAY “ God promised that David’s family would have kings forever. Who came from David’s family? Yes! Jesus came from David’s family. Jesus is the King of everything forever. ”

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1 TRANSITION ACTIVITY: WORK A CROWN PUZZLE

Cut a piece of yellow paper in half longways. Cut out and discard several triangles from one of the long sides to leave a crown shape. Cut the crown into several different pieces with zigzag and heavy lines. Invite the toddlers to put the crown puzzle together. Retell the Bible story as the toddlers work the puzzle.

SAY “Who was David? Yes, David was the king of Israel. What did God promise David? God promised David that his family would have kings forever!”

2 SING TO A FAMILIAR TUNE



Place a tablespoon of dried beans in a plastic egg (one per toddler). Wrap tape around the seam to secure the opening. Invite toddlers to shake their egg shakers while you sing to the tune of “For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow”: “LORD, there is no one like You. / There is no one like You. / There is no one like You. / LORD, You are great!”

SAY “Our key passage phrase says, ‘LORD, no one is like You. You are great.’ David praised God for how awesome, amazing, and loving He is, and we can too!”

3 EXPLORE DIFFERENT BIBLES

Slide Big Picture Cards in several different picture Bibles (one per toddler). Place the Bibles in a large gift bag. Top with sheets of tissue paper. Invite toddlers to take out the tissue paper to reveal the Bibles. Challenge toddlers to open the Bibles and find pictures of David. Show the Bible Story Poster as you review the Bible story.

SAY “God promised that David’s family would have kings forever. Jesus came from David’s family and is the King of everything!”

4 BUILD A PALACE AND TENT

Gather scarves and foam or cardboard blocks. Engage toddlers in building a palace from the blocks and a tent using the blocks and the scarves. Retell the Bible story as the toddlers build.

SAY “David wanted to build a house for God, but God did not ask for a house. God wanted David to follow him. God promised David that his family would have kings forever! God keeps His promises!”

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.