

UNIT 11 | SESSION 3

# DAVID BECAME KING

2 SAMUEL 5; 7



**KEY PASSAGE:** Jeremiah 10:6-7a

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** Is anything or anyone greater than God? No, God is greater than everything and everyone.

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** God promised to build a forever kingdom through David's family. This promise is fulfilled in Jesus, a descendant of David. Jesus is King over everything, and anyone who trusts in Him is welcomed into His forever kingdom.

**STORY POINT:** God promised to build a forever kingdom through David's family.



## PRIOR TO TEACHING THE SESSION

### LEADER Bible Study

God is always faithful to His word, and David became king over Israel just as God promised. During the initial reign of King David, he voiced his desire to build a house for God. And yet, David was not permitted to build a temporal house for God. Rather, God promised an everlasting covenant where He would establish His kingdom through David's descendant.

How would God establish this everlasting kingdom? What does it mean to be brought into God's family?

God promised He would raise up a descendant from David's family, and that He would establish his kingdom forever. While this promise had a near fulfillment in David's son, Solomon, it also had a distant and complete fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Solomon would build the temple, but Jesus would tabernacle on earth as God in flesh. Jesus would announce the kingdom of God had come and call people to repent. Jesus taught that to enter the kingdom of God we must be born again. Through David, God continued the promise He first made to Abraham: "I will make you extremely fruitful and will make nations and kings come from you" (Genesis 17:6).

Through His life, death, and resurrection, Christ made the way for people to be reunited with their Father in heaven. By placing faith in His Son for salvation, anyone who trusts in Jesus will find their place in God's family—a legacy that started with Abraham, continued through David, and ultimately came to pass through Jesus.

Lead boys and girls to see the wonder that we might be brought into God's family on no merit of our own, but because God loved us enough to send us His Son. Christ paid the debt we owed and welcomed us into His free gift of eternal life. Pray for kids to see the wonder of God's kingdom being extended to us as His children.



#### PREPARE

##### THE WEEK PRIOR

Prepare your heart to teach; plan the session



#### WELCOME

##### 10–15 MINUTES

Greet kids and open the session



#### LEARN

##### 25–30 MINUTES

Teach kids the story of the gospel



#### LOVE

##### 15–20 MINUTES

Lead kids to love the God of the gospel



#### LIVE

##### 15–20 MINUTES

Lead kids to live out the mission of the gospel



## PREPARE

### PRIOR TO TEACHING THE SESSION

## GATHER Supplies

Keep a regular supply of the following items available at all times: Bibles, pens or pencils, markers, crayons, colored pencils, scissors, glue or tape, paper.



### WELCOME

#### Activity Page

- ☐ "Promised Word Scramble" activity page



### LOVE

#### Review & Bible Skills

- ☐ Small Group Timeline and Map Set (optional)



### LEARN

#### Introduce the Session

- ☐ countdown video
- ☐ Story Point Poster

#### Big Picture Question

- ☐ Big Picture Question Poster

#### Review the Timeline

- ☐ Giant Timeline

#### Tell the Bible Story

- ☐ "David Became King" video
- ☐ Bible Story Picture Poster
- ☐ ark of the covenant model (optional)
- ☐ David's family tree (optional)

#### Questions from Kids

- ☐ "Unit 11, Session 3" Questions from Kids video

#### Missions Moment

- ☐ "Atlanta Ministry Center" missions video

#### Key Passage Activity

- ☐ Key Passage Poster
- ☐ "You Are Great, You Are Great (Jeremiah 10:6-7a)" song
- ☐ worship song of your choice (optional)
- ☐ index cards



### LIVE

#### Activity Choice (Option 1)

- ☐ pool noodle
- ☐ blindfold

#### Activity Choice (Option 2)

- ☐ "Path of Promises Game" printable, 1 per pair
- ☐ beads or other game pieces, 1 per kid
- ☐ coins, 1 per pair

#### Reflection and Prayer

- ☐ Bible story coloring page



## 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.”

Transition from **WELCOME** to **LEARN**





## INTRODUCE the Bible Story

### 1 INTRODUCE THE SESSION (3 minutes)

Show the countdown video as you transition to introduce the Bible story. Set it to end as the session begins.

**SAY** “Hi, kids! My name is [your name], and I’m glad you are here. The Bible is full of God’s promises, and God always keeps His promises. If you have a Bible with you, will you take it out? [Distribute Bibles to kids who need one.]

When David was a shepherd boy, God promised he would be king over Israel. But David had to wait awhile before becoming king. Today, we’ll learn how God made another promise to David. **GOD PROMISED TO BUILD A FOREVER KINGDOM THROUGH DAVID’S FAMILY.** [Display the Story Point Poster.] Let’s pray and ask God to prepare our hearts to hear from His Word: ‘Lord, thank You for keeping Your promises and for Your faithfulness. Help us trust You and wait for Your perfect timing. We praise You for being a God who is always trustworthy. Amen.’ ”

### 2 BIG PICTURE QUESTION (1 minute)

Display the Big Picture Question Poster.

**SAY** “What is our big picture question? [Allow responses.] **Is anything or anyone greater than God?** [Allow responses.] What is the answer? [Allow responses.] **No, God is greater than everything and everyone.** Let’s say the answer again: **No, God is greater than everything and everyone.**

God is so great because He always keeps His promises! No one else is perfectly true to his or her word all of the time. When God says He will do something, we can know He will do it. Not only is God great because He keeps His word, but He also has the power to make what he says come true. Today, as we learn about the kingdom God promised would come from David’s family, we will see how God made the promise come true through Jesus. ”

### 3 REVIEW THE TIMELINE (1 minute)

Show the Giant Timeline. Point to individual Bible stories as you review.

**SAY** “God sent Samuel to anoint David as the next king of His people. But David did not become king immediately. He had to wait over 10 years until he finally took the throne. During those years of waiting, David was on the run from Saul. Eventually, Saul died while fighting the Philistines. Today, we will see that David became king. ”





## LEARN the Bible Story

### 1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to 2 Samuel 5:1-4; 7. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “David Became King.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

#### DAVID BECAME KING

“All the tribes of Israel came to David and said, “Even while Saul was king, you were our true leader in battle. **We know that the LORD said you would be king over Israel.**” So, they anointed David king over Israel.

When King David made himself at home in his palace and there were no more battles to fight, he said to the prophet Nathan, “Look, I am living in this amazing palace, while the ark of God sits inside a tent.” He wanted to build a permanent house or temple for God.

That night, the Lord said to Nathan, “Go to my servant David and say, ‘You want to build me a house? But from the time I rescued the Israelites from Egypt until now, I have been living with a tent as My dwelling. I have never once asked anyone to build Me a permanent house.

“So now tell David, ‘Instead of you building Me a house, I will build you a house. I will give My people a permanent place to live and will keep their enemies away from them. I will raise up a descendant from your family, and I will establish his kingdom. He will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

When David heard these words, he went and sat in the Lord’s presence and said, “Who am I that You have brought me this far, God? You have done great things, but they are nothing compared to what You will do in the future.

“You are great, and there is no one like You. You rescued Israel to make a great name for Yourself and performed great and awesome acts to show Your power and love for Your people. May Your words to me come true, just as You have promised, so that Your name will be exalted forever.”

Christ Connection: God promised to build a forever kingdom through David’s family. This promise is fulfilled in Jesus, a descendant of David. Jesus is King over everything, and anyone who trusts in Him is welcomed into His forever kingdom. ”

#### STORYTELLING TIPS

**Make a model:** Use a cardboard box to make a model of the ark of the covenant. Let the kids pass the model around as you tell the story. Remind kids that the ark of the covenant represented God’s presence with His people. Tell kids that God cannot be contained in a box.

**Show David’s family tree:** Display a map of David’s family tree. Help kids trace David’s family through the generations leading up to Jesus. Remind kids that God provided a forever kingdom through Jesus, a descendant of David.



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**2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY**

**SAY** “ After David became king, he built a palace to live in. David felt bad that he had a big palace but the ark of the covenant was in a tent. So, David told the prophet Nathan that he wanted to build a house for God. Did God want a house? **[Allow responses.]** God told Nathan that He never asked for His people to build Him a house. God doesn’t need anything—everything is His!

What did God promise to do for David? **[Allow responses.]** **GOD PROMISED TO BUILD A FOREVER KINGDOM THROUGH DAVID’S FAMILY.** God promised that one of David’s distant family members would be King over the forever kingdom. Who was the descendant that would build a house for the name of God? **[Allow responses.]** Jesus came from the family of David, and He would build a forever kingdom. Jesus is the forever King because He defeated sin and death.

How did David feel when God made this promise? **[Allow responses.]** David felt like he did not deserve God’s grace. God had done great things for His people, but David understood that these good gifts were nothing compared to what God would do in the future. Have you ever received a gift that you didn’t deserve? **[Allow responses.]** Receiving a gift we don’t deserve makes us grateful to the person who gave us that gift. No one deserves the grace of God. But God freely invites anyone who trusts in Jesus to become part of His kingdom forever. ”

**3 GOSPEL DISCUSSION**

**SAY** “ God promised to build a forever kingdom through David’s family. This promise is fulfilled in Jesus, a descendant of David. Jesus is King over everything, and anyone who trusts in Him is welcomed into His forever kingdom. Do you want to be part of God’s kingdom? ”

(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Create an environment where kids are welcome to ask questions about what it means to follow Jesus.)

**4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)**

Show the “Unit 11, Session 3” Questions from Kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. What does the kingdom of God look like?
2. How can we live forever in God’s kingdom?

**5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)**

Tell kids that God’s kingdom will be filled with people from every nation, tribe, people, and language who have trusted in Jesus as their Savior. Share how the Atlanta Ministry Center in Clarkston, Georgia, is inviting people to trust in Jesus and be welcomed into His kingdom forever. Discuss how the center focuses on helping refugees while also sharing the hope of the gospel. Play the missions video.

**SAY** “ Many refugees come from countries that do not allow religious freedom. Some of the refugees living in Clarkston are from countries like Afghanistan where the government does not allow Christians to share the gospel or Christian worship in public. As these refugees come to



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| America, they may be hearing about Jesus for the first time through the volunteers at the Atlanta Ministry Center. ”

Pray for the refugees who have come to America, asking God to meet their needs and for them to hear the gospel and believe in Jesus.

### 6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Before the session, write each word of the key passage on individual index cards. Show the Key Passage Poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Jeremiah 10:6-7a together.

| **SAY** “ God is King of everything and nothing is greater than Him. Let’s continue learning our key passage to remember this truth. ”

Shuffle the cards and place them in a pile. Instruct kids to each select one card. Lead them hold the card up in front of them. Assist kids in reading the card and placing themselves in the correct order of the key passage. Once they have ordered themselves correctly, invite kids to read their word of the key passage.

Lead kids to sing “You Are Great, You Are Great (Jeremiah 10:6-7a).” You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

### 7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

| **SAY** “ God, thank You for promising us a forever home through David’s family. Thank You for Jesus who makes it possible for us to enter Your kingdom. Help us share the good news of Jesus with others. Amen. ”

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**







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**





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### 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.