

Unit 11, Session 3

David Became King (2 Samuel 5; 7)



Dear families,

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. Anyone who trusts in Jesus for salvation will find his or her place in

God's family—a legacy that started with Abraham, continued through David, and ultimately came to pass through Jesus.

Lead the children in your care 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 your kids to see the wonder of God's kingdom being extended to us as His children.

Check out *The Gospel Project At Home* for resources designed to help you lead a family worship experience as well as suggestions for morning and evening prayer times and family activities.

FAMILY TALKING POINTS

CHRIST CONNECTION

This is the big idea of how this week's Bible story points to Jesus.

- **Babies & Toddlers:** God promised that David's family would have kings forever. Jesus came from David's family. Jesus is the King of everything forever.
- **Younger Preschool:** God promised that David's family would have kings forever. Jesus made God's promise come true. Jesus came from David's family. He is the King of everything forever.
- **Older Preschool:** God promised that David's family would be full of future kings forever. God's promise came true in Jesus. Jesus came from David's family and is the King of everything forever.
- **Kids:** 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.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION & ANSWER

This is an important biblical truth that your child will encounter each week of this unit.

- **Younger Preschool:** Is anything greater than God? No, God is greater than everything.
- **Older Preschool:** Is anything greater than God? No, God is greater than everything.
- **Kids:** Is anything or anyone greater than God? No, God is greater than everything and everyone.

KEY PASSAGE

This is a Bible verse that relates to what your child will encounter each week of this unit.

- **Babies & Toddlers:** LORD, no one is like you. You are great. Jeremiah 10:6
- **Younger Preschool:** LORD, there is no one like you. You are great. Jeremiah 10:6

- **Older Preschool:** LORD, there is no one like you. You are great; your name is great in power. Jeremiah 10:6
- **Kids:** LORD, there is no one like you. You are great; your name is great in power. Who should not fear you, King of the nations? It is what you deserve. Jeremiah 10:6-7a

**** Next week:** David Sinned and Was Restored (2 Samuel 11-12; Psalm 51)