

UNIT 11 | SESSION 3

DAVID BECAME KING

2 SAMUEL 5; 7



CHRIST CONNECTION: God promised 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.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Is anything greater than God? No, God is greater than everything.

KEY PASSAGE: Jeremiah 10:6

STORY POINT: David believed God's promises.



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 establish His kingdom forever. While this promise had a near fulfillment in David’s son, Solomon, it had a 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 boys and girls to see the wonder that we can 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 preschoolers 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 preschoolers and open the session



LEARN

25–30 MINUTES

Teach preschoolers the story of the gospel



LOVE

15–20 MINUTES

Lead preschoolers to love the God of the gospel



LIVE

15–20 MINUTES

Lead preschoolers to live 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, Allergy Alert, construction paper, copy paper, washable markers, crayons, blunt-tipped scissors, glue sticks, glue, tape, blocks, baby dolls, play dough, world map, snacks, paper cups, napkins.



WELCOME

Welcome

- “You Are Great (Jeremiah 10:6)” song

Activity Page

- “Connect the Dots” Activity Page, 1 per child

Form crowns

- large plastic gems

Transition

- countdown video (optional)



LOVE

Snack and talk

- hand sanitizer (optional)
- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Big Picture Question Poster

Make a crown snack

- waffles, 1 per preschooler
- paper plates
- whipped cream
- candy-coated chocolate pieces, 6 per preschooler



LEARN

Learn about the Bible

- bookmark
- Giant Timeline or Small Group Timeline

Tell the Bible story

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- “David Became King” video (optional)
- storytelling tips props (optional)

Review the Bible story

- toy crown

Practice the key passage

- Key Passage Marker
- Key Passage Poster
- “You Are Great (Jeremiah 10:6)” song

Learn the Big Picture Question

- Big Picture Question Poster

Missions moment

- “Atlanta Ministry Center” missions video



LIVE

Read God’s promises

- gift bag

Find tools and build a house

- toy tools

Design buttons

- Big Picture Question Poster
- heavy weight paper cut into three-inch circles, 1 per child
- colored pencils
- masking tape

Play “pinky promises”

- device that plays music

Transition

- coloring page, 1 per child
- “You Are Great (Jeremiah 10:6)” song
- Big Picture Cards for Families



WELCOME Preschoolers

Post an Allergy Alert, if needed. Set out supplies to engage preschoolers as they arrive. Play music as you welcome preschoolers. Greet children by name at eye level. Follow your church's security procedures.

1 ACTIVITY PAGE

Lead preschoolers to complete “Connect the Dots” on the Activity Page.

SAY “Great job connecting the dots! Why did you choose that color for your crown? [Allow responses.] Today, we will hear the story of when David became king! David wore a crown when he became king.”

2 SESSION STARTER

Use one or both of the following options to engage curiosity about today's Bible story.

REPEAT “GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES”



Arrange the preschoolers into a circle. Tell preschoolers to say “God keeps His promises,” one word at a time (one child says one word, and the following child says the next word). Repeat until you have gone around the circle several times.

SAY “We worked together to remember that God keeps His promises! Today in our Bible story, David became king, just like God promised. **DAVID BELIEVED GOD'S PROMISES.**”

FORM CROWNS

Give each child some play dough, and scatter large plastic gems across the table for them to share. Encourage the preschoolers to form a crown shape out of their play dough and add the gems.

SAY “You all made beautiful crowns! In our Bible story today, David became king. God promised David that his family would have a kingdom that would last forever. **DAVID BELIEVED GOD'S PROMISES** because God is good and always keeps His promises.”

3 TRANSITION TO LEARN

Gain preschoolers' attention by showing the countdown video, turning the lights off and on, or clapping a simple rhythm for children to copy. Invite preschoolers to walk like royalty as they transition to Learn.





LEARN the Bible Story

1 INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Ask preschoolers what they would do if they were king or queen for the day.

SAY “It would be fun to be king or queen and rule over a kingdom. Today in our Bible story, David became the king of Israel. God made an big, amazing promise to David—let’s find out what God told him!”

2 LEARN ABOUT THE BIBLE

Place a bookmark at 2 Samuel 5 in your Bible. Invite a preschooler to open it. Reverently display the open Bible.

SAY “Today we will read a Bible story in 2 Samuel. 2 Samuel is a book in the Old Testament of the Bible. Listen closely to hear what happened in our story today.”

Point to the Bible story picture on the Giant Timeline or Small Group Timeline. Remind children that all the stories in the Bible fit together to tell an even bigger story. The Bible tells us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

3 TELL THE BIBLE STORY

Tell the following Bible story using the provided storytelling tips or show the video. Use the bold version of the Bible story for younger preschoolers.

DAVID BECAME KING

“The people of Israel went to David and said, “Even when Saul was king, you were the best leader in battle. We know God said you would be king over Israel.” So they **made David the king of Israel.**

When King David was living in his palace and there were no more battles, **he told the prophet Nathan, “Look at my fancy palace! But God’s special box, the ark, is still in a tent. I want to build a house—a special place for God!”**

That night, God talked to Nathan. God said, “Tell David, ‘Do you want to build Me a house? I have been living in a tent since I rescued the Israelites from Egypt. **I never asked for a big house.’**

“Instead, I will make a promise to David. I will give his family a kingdom that will last forever. They will always be safe, and David’s family will have kings forever.”

When Nathan told David what God said, David sat down and talked to God. David said, “**Wow! Who am I that You are so good to me? You have done amazing things, but what You’re promising for the future is even better!**”

David praised God. He said, “You are so awesome, God! You rescued 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.””



4 CHRIST CONNECTION

SAY “ God promised 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. ”

5 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Wad a piece of paper into a ball. Set a toy crown on the floor. Invite children to take turns tossing the paper ball into the crown as they share something they remember from the Bible story.

SAY “ David became king! What did God promise to do for David? (to give David’s family a kingdom that lasts forever) **DAVID BELIEVED GOD’S PROMISES.** Can we trust that God will keep His promises? Yes! God always keeps His promises. God kept His promise to David by sending Jesus from his family. Jesus is the King of everything, and His kingdom will last forever. ”

6 PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Place the Key Passage Marker at Jeremiah 10:6. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the key passage aloud. Place a chair in the middle of the room. Explain to preschoolers the chair is a throne, like King David’s. Choose one preschooler to be the king or queen. Direct them to sit in the chair and say the key passage. Allow every child to have a turn being king or queen. Assist children with the verse as needed.

SAY “ When David became king, he wanted to serve God and do great things for Him. However, God told David that He was going to do even greater things for David. No one, not even David, is greater than God. God promised David great things, and **DAVID BELIEVED GOD’S PROMISES.** ”

Sing the key passage song, “You Are Great (Jeremiah 10:6).” You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

STORYTELLING TIPS

Wear a paper crown: Start the story by wearing a paper crown. Pass the crown to each child as you tell the story.

Pray Scripture: When you read the portion of the story where David talks to God, sit down or get on your knees and bow your head. Guide preschoolers to kneel and bow their heads with you.



LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

7 LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY “ Our big picture question asks, **Is anything greater than God?** Does anyone remember the answer? The answer is, **No, God is greater than everything.** David knew that God is greater than anything, so he knew God would keep His promises, just like He said He would. And He did! God sent Jesus from David’s family, and now through Jesus, God’s kingdom will last forever! ”

8 MISSIONS MOMENT

Tell preschoolers the Atlanta Ministry Center helps people by providing English classes, after-school programs, and job training. Show the “Atlanta Ministry Center” missions video.

SAY “ The Atlanta Ministry Center workers want to welcome people moving from other countries and help them with their needs. The Atlanta Ministry Center hopes to offer more services to the people soon, including opening a bike shop. They are working with a missionary to open an education wing at the building and planning to start other projects. ”

Pray that God will provide what is needed for the ministry center to begin additional services that will give them opportunities to tell more people about Jesus.

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





THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

LOVE God because of what we learned

1 PRAY

Invite preschoolers to close their eyes and think about God as they talk with Him.

SAY “ God, thank You for loving us and for always keeping Your promises. Help us trust what You say and know that You are greater than anything. Thank You for sending Jesus to save us from our sins, just like You promised. Amen. ”

2 SNACK AND TALK

Post an Allergy Alert. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer. Serve a snack. Show the Bible Story Picture Poster as you ask the following questions. Retell parts of the Bible story as needed.

SAY “ What was your favorite part of today’s Bible story? ”

SAY “ What did you learn about God in today’s Bible story? ”

SAY “ What did God promise to David? ”

SAY “ Is anything greater than God? No, God is greater than everything. ”

3 MAKE A CROWN SNACK

Post an allergy alert. Give each preschooler a waffle on a paper plate. Put six small dollops of whipped cream around the perimeter of the waffle. Distribute six candy-coated chocolate pieces to each preschooler. Encourage them to put one candy on each of the dollops of whipped cream. Allow children to eat their waffle crowns once they have been assembled.

SAY “ These crowns look delicious. In today’s Bible story, who became the new king of Israel? (David) God promised David that his family would be full of future kings forever. **DAVID BELIEVED GOD’S PROMISES.** God’s promise came true in Jesus. Jesus came from David’s family and is the King of everything forever. ”

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





THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

LIVE for God out of love

- 1 Choose the activities that best fit your group, space, available resources, and time constraints. Set up activities in one of these ways: as a group—all at the same time, in small groups that rotate through each activity, or set up as centers—allowing preschoolers to browse and choose.

READ GOD'S PROMISES



Before the session, locate the following Bible verses that tell different promises of God:

- Joshua 1:9
- Isaiah 41:10
- Philippians 4:19
- 1 John 1:9
- Revelation 1:8

Cut out bookmarks from various colors of construction paper, two bookmarks per color. Write each Scripture reference on the two matching bookmarks per color. Fold one bookmark of each color, and place them in a gift bag. Place the other bookmarks in a Bible at the noted Scripture references. Ask a preschooler to select a bookmark from the gift bag. Then, invite her to open the Bible to the matching color bookmark. Read the verse. Lead preschoolers to say, “God keeps His promises” after each verse is read. Continue the game, guiding each preschooler to select a paper from the gift bag and open the Bible to a verse.

SAY “ God always keeps His promises. God promised David that future kings of Israel would come from David’s family. **DAVID BELIEVED GOD’S PROMISES**, and God kept His promise. God sent His Son, Jesus, as part of David’s family. Jesus is our King. Jesus is alive, and He will be King over God’s people forever. ”

FIND TOOLS AND BUILD A HOUSE

Before the session, use a marker to trace around toy tools, making outlines on paper. Hide the toy tools around the room. Direct preschoolers to find the tools. Instruct preschoolers to bring the tools they found to the block area. Assist preschoolers with matching the tools to the correct outline on the paper. Use the tools and blocks to work together to build a house.

SAY “ You found some really important tools to build a house! How could this (say the name of a tool) help us? [Allow responses.] Today in our Bible story, David told God he wanted to build Him a house. David wanted to do great things for God. But, God had even greater plans than David and his family. **DAVID BELIEVED GOD’S PROMISES** because God is greater than everything! ”



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

DESIGN BUTTONS

Cut heavyweight paper into three-inch circles, one per child. Set the Big Picture Question and Answer Poster on a table for preschoolers to copy. Encourage preschoolers to use colored pencils to write, *God is greater*, on their circle and use markers to decorate around the words. When preschoolers have finished their buttons, give each child a loop of masking tape to stick the button to her clothes. (Note: Write the words on the buttons prior to the session if needed.)

SAY “ These buttons remind us God is greater than everything. **Is anything greater than God? No, God is greater than everything.** David knew this truth, and that is why **DAVID BELIEVED GOD’S PROMISES**. 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. ”

PLAY “PINKY PROMISES”

Play worship music or the key passage song, “You Are Great (Jeremiah 10:6).” Instruct the preschoolers to walk around the room while it plays. Stop the music, and help each preschooler find a partner, lock pinkies, and say “God keeps His promises.” Play as many rounds as time permits.

SAY “ Sometimes when people make promises, they will lock pinkies as a reminder of their promise to one another. God always keeps His promises. He told David that his family would have a kingdom that lasts forever! **DAVID BELIEVED GOD’S PROMISES**. Jesus came from David’s family, and His kingdom will last forever. When we believe in Jesus, we will be a part of His kingdom forever, too! ”

2 TRANSITION

Invite preschoolers to complete their coloring pages. Consider leading preschoolers to sing the key passage song or involving them in a simple game to practice the key passage or big picture question. If parents are picking up children at this time, tell them something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session. Give parents the completed Activity Page. Distribute the Big Picture Cards for Families. Encourage parents to review the Bible story and engage with the family discussion starters during the week.