



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson for Sunday, 22 October 2006
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"God Made a Promise to David"

SCRIPTURE LESSON TEXT: 2 Samuel 7:8-17

8 Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel:

9 And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth.

10 Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,

11 And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house.

12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

GOLDEN TEXT:

"Thine house and thy kingdom shall be established forever before thee: thy throne shall be established forever" (2 Samuel 7:16).

LESSON OBJECTIVES:

The lesson will help the children to understand that God's plans are better than their plans. The lesson will stress how (1) David accepted God's plan in place of his own; and (2) God has a plan for each life in His covenant dealings.

LESSON BACKGROUND:

After the death of Joshua, God ordained leaders called judges who acted as military leaders or national deliverers in times of national crisis. This type of leadership, however, did not offer a central government for the people of Israel; participation in national events was dependent upon the cooperation of the various leaders of the individual tribes. The people of Israel rejected this form of leadership and demanded a king, like the other nations around them (I Samuel 8:5). Israel's first king was Saul who did not live up to the responsibilities of making Israel a godly kingdom. Saul's disobedience resulted in God's rejection of him as king (I Samuel 15:26; I Chronicles 10:13, 14). While Saul was still reigning, God directed Samuel to anoint the person that would succeed Saul – a new king, not from Saul's house. This person was David.

David did not have any royal qualifications to be king, but the word of God calls him a man after God's own heart (I Samuel 13:14). Although David would make his mistakes – would fail and commit sin – his response was not like Saul's. Saul responded to sin with arrogance and stubbornness; David came to God in humility and repentance (Psalm 51:10) and was spiritually submissive to God. In this week's lesson, the prophet Nathan delivers the message of David's covenant with God and reminds David of God's care throughout his life.

TEACHER PLANNING AIDS:

For help with the lesson and to help the children understand the timing of events discussed so far this quarter, continue to use the timeline that has been constructed and added to with each lesson. If you have not used a timeline this quarter, a sample of a timeline is included at the end of this lesson summary. The timeline notes the major events or major characters and the book of the Bible where you can find the related story.

BEGINNING THE LESSON:

This week's lesson is in the book of 2 Samuel. Direct the children to read the books of the Bible from the timeline or from the table of contents of their Bibles – stopping at 2 Samuel. Allow time for the children to locate 2 Samuel in their Bible. Find chapter 7, verse 8 to see who the main character in this week's lesson will be (David). What do we know about David?

TELLING THE LESSON:

In 2 Samuel 7, David wanted to build a temple for God (read also 1 Chronicles 17:4-27). Nathan the prophet approved of the plan, but God had another plan. Nathan was sent to deliver to David the message of God's covenant.

Questions and answers can be used as a guideline for children's teacher.

1. How does Nathan describe God's preparation of David (2 Samuel 7:8, 9)?

Nathan reminds David that God has been looking out for him since his days in "the pasture." God raised David up from being a shepherd tending to his flock to be the king of God's chosen nation. God had been with David in every situation and had protected him from danger and from his enemies.

2. What plans did God have for David (2 Samuel 7:9-11)?

God promised that David would have a great name. He would be known and respected throughout Israel and the other nations. David's fortunes would be tied to the fate of the nation of Israel. The accomplishments and the strength of David's kingdom would allow Israel to become more established and planted in the land of promise. The land would become their permanent home and a place of safety and the people would gain relief from all their enemies.

3. What did God mean by the "house" He would establish for David (2 Samuel 7:11-12)?

The text uses "house" to refer to a promise of a royal dynasty that will begin with David. The future kings will be descendants of David. These future kings will be David's son, grandson, great grandson, and so on.

4. Who will build the temple? What will be God's relationship to him (2 Samuel 7:13-14)?

David's son that would succeed him would be the one to build the temple. David did not know at the time which of his son's would succeed him, but despite attempts by his sons Absalom (2 Samuel 15) and Adonijah (I Kings 1:5), David was able to ensure that Solomon would be the next king (I Kings 1:28-37). David was prohibited from building the temple because he had been a man of war and had blood on his hand (1 Chronicles 28:3).

The king of Israel would be considered to be a son to God. God would take a special, personal interest in them. As a father, he would show love, as well as discipline them.

5. How long would David's kingdom last (2 Samuel 7:16-17)?

God's covenant promised David an eternal house, an eternal kingdom and an eternal throne. David's house, his kingdom and his throne would last forever. This three-part promise to David is completely fulfilled in the Lord Jesus. Jesus is the eternal one who conquered death to ascend to Heaven and take His throne at the right hand of God (Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Hebrews 1:3).

TELLING HOW TO LIVE:

Just like God had a plan for David's life, He also has a plan for each of our lives. His plans are better than the plans that we make. The covenant promises that God will bless us, since we are His children. Since we love God, we will do our part and follow His plans. God's plans will give us the best possible life.

David's covenant with God is a very important theme in the Old Testament. We are able to see how David's descendants continued to reign as kings in Israel and how the prophets began to look ahead to a future king (also of David's family) that would be the King of Kings, Redeemer and Savior of the world.

We are blessed to see that our eternal salvation is grounded in God's promise to David. God's covenant with David is fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus Christ was no accident of history; nor does He simply fulfill and continue David's heritage. God's covenant with David shows us that God planned the church and sent his Son, Jesus to help us and to forgive our sins when we trust in Him. Jesus in our lives helps us obey God and to follow God's plans.

EXPLAINING THE GOLDEN TEXT:

"Thine house and thy kingdom shall be established forever before thee: thy throne shall be established forever" (2 Samuel 7:16).

Jesus is called the Son of David many places in the New Testament. He came from the family of David. That is why Jesus is also called the Seed of David (Acts 13:23). God promised David that Jesus' kingdom would last forever.

LESSON ACTIVITIES:

Encourage your student to learn the golden text – use this as the memory verse for the lesson. Two additional activities are included at the end of the lesson: Word Search and Create an Acrostic.

PRAYER:

Father God, thank You for Your many promises. We thank You that you planned and made provision for our salvation. Help us to trust You, to do Your will, and to live to please You. In Jesus' name, amen.

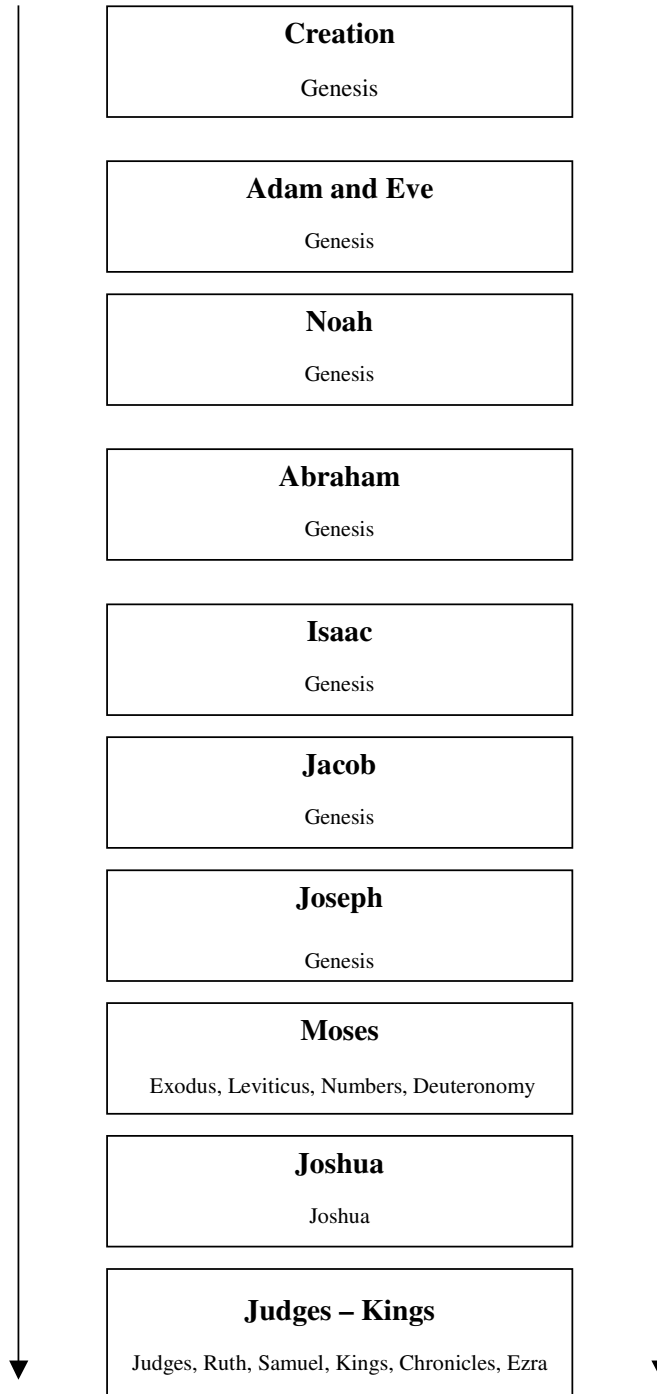
ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK'S LESSON:

Next week's lesson is "God Made Solomon Wise" from 1 Kings 3:3-14 and will focus on the importance of asking God to help us to do good work.

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Timeline



WORD SEARCH: God Made a Promise to David (2 Samuel 7:8-17)

Find each of the following words.

ESTABLISHED

NATHAN

VISION

SHEEP

SAUL

KINGDOM

KING

FOREVER

SERVANT

HOUSE

DAVID

ISRAEL

THRONE

LORD

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Word Search: Answer Key (God Made a Promise to David)

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K S H L S I
I S F O R E V E R N
N I R G
G L V
H O U S E D B A P E E H S
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Create an Acrostic

An acrostic is similar to a poem – has a series of lines or verses that use the first letters to form a word or phrase. Create your own acrostic using the phrase “House of David”. Each letter is used to create a new line. See the example below.

H
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Example:

Heavenly Father, we thank you!
Over and over again you keep blessing us,
Under your wings we are kept and protected.
Salvation you have promised to all who believe,
Everlasting life and to be with you is our prayer.
Of your kingdom there will be no end!!
Faithful are you to all your promises
David, Deborah, Moses, Abraham, Noah
All of these and more are witnesses to your faithfulness.
Victory we claim over every enemy, for
In your Son, Jesus all your promises are fulfilled.
Day by day will we praise and glorify your name!!