

## Unit 11, Session 5: God Made a Covenant with David

2 Samuel 7



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**Christ Connection:** God made David a promise. He told David that every future king of Israel would come from David's family, and David's kingdom would last forever. God kept His promise by sending His Son, Jesus, to be one of David's descendants. Jesus is our King who will never die; He will rule over God's people forever.

### Adult Connection Point:

For Jesus to be one of David's descendants, He had to be a man (Heb. 2:14-18). Over 80 times in the Gospels, Jesus referred to Himself as the "Son of Man." In fact, this was His preferred way of referring to Himself. Not only did Jesus claim humanity with His

words, but He demonstrated it with His actions too. According to the Scriptures, He grew tired (John 4:6), increased in wisdom and stature (Luke 2:52), thirsted (John 19:28), grew sorrowful and troubled (Matt. 26:37; John 11:35), hungered (Luke 24:41-43), and slept (Mark 4:38). The humanity of Christ shows that human nature was created good, but sin corrupted it. Jesus was the perfect human sacrifice for sin, and He now intercedes for us as we live for Him in the world.

### **Family Devotion:**

Proclaim one of your children to be king or queen for the day. Allow her to make simple edicts that others should follow. Talk about the function of a king or queen. Ask: "What would make someone a good king or queen? What do you think made David a good king?"

Read 1 Samuel 13:14 aloud. The Bible describes David as someone loyal to God, or a man after God's own heart. When you think of that description, what comes to mind? Help your children understand that someone who desires to be loyal to God is to be commended.

Ask: "Is it possible for you to live a perfect life? Do you know anyone who lived a perfect life?" Of course the answer is Jesus. Make the connection that the only way Jesus could have died in our place for sin is if He was human, but did not sin. Choose some of the verses mentioned above in the Adult Connection Point to show kids how Jesus displayed His humanity.

Pray, thanking God that Jesus came to earth as a human to die the death we deserve. Pray that your family would always desire to do things that please and honor God.

## Unit 11, Session 6: David Sinned and Was Restored

*2 Samuel 11:1–12:14; Psalm 51*

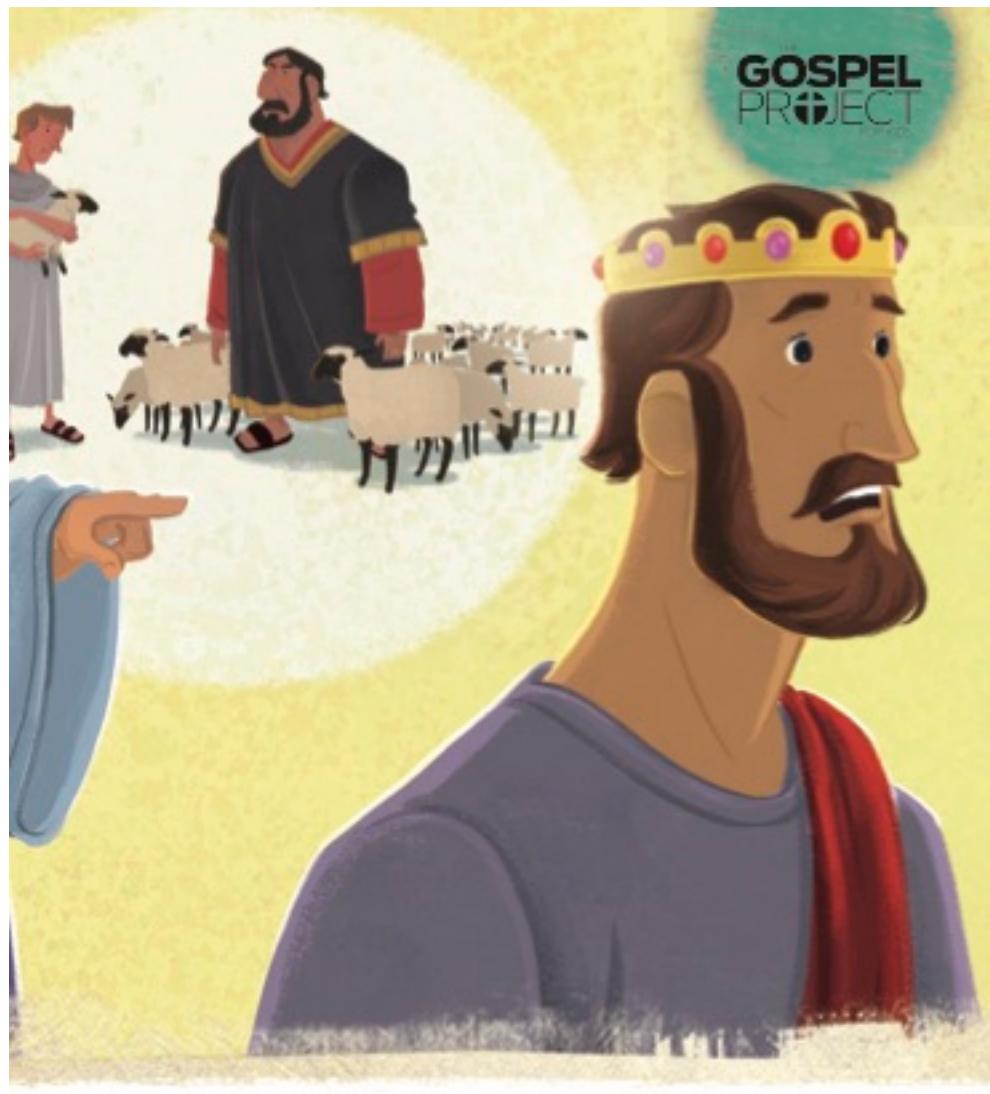
**Christ Connection:** When David sinned against God, God forgave him, but sin always comes with a price. God spared David's life, but David's son died. When we sin, we can receive God's forgiveness because God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay the price for our sin. Jesus died the death we deserve so that we could be made right with God.

### Adult Connection Point:

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the fulfillment of the Old Testament priesthood. Whereas the former priestly ministry was temporal, the ministry of Christ is eternal (Heb. 7:23-25). Whereas the blood of bulls and goats could never atone for sin, the blood of Christ was sufficient (10:4,10).

Whereas the Levitical priests stood daily to signify that their work was never complete, Christ sat down at the right hand of the Father (10:11-12). Whereas sacrifices were offered daily, Christ has offered one full and final offering (10:14).

As Christians, we are called to mirror Jesus in His priestly role. The Bible calls us a royal and holy priesthood (1 Pet. 2:5,9). We do not function as priests by offering sacrifices but rather by carrying out two duties: reconciliation and intercession.



As the Levitical priests would lift up the sacrifice of a beast for all to see, so we lift up the gospel and proclaim the sufficiency of Christ for a lost and dying world. Additionally, as Christ intercedes for the people as the great high priest, so we are called to a life of intercession for the world. We pray for others, weep for their salvation, and run with arms outstretched to the places where humans need God's merciful response.

**Family Devotion:**

Play a game of "David Says" in which participants only do what "David" says to do. They do not do it if an instruction does not begin with "David says." Recall last week's devotion in which David was called a man after God's own heart. Help your family recall that David was loyal to God.

Say: "Even though David wanted to obey God, he did not live a perfect life. David sinned. He needed God to take away his sin. In our game we followed the person giving the instructions. Did you always obey perfectly? We all have sinned, but Jesus died on the cross to take away our sin. When we trust in Him, God forgives us."

Play the game again, and end with a responsive prayer; say a word or phrase and your family echoes your words and phrases.

Sing a praise song of your choosing or use the key passage song from the family app.

## **Unit 12, Session 1: Solomon Asked for Wisdom**

*1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; 3:1-15*

### **Christ Connection:**

King Solomon could have asked for earthly treasures, but he asked for wisdom to lead God's people. God created people to do His will. Jesus provided the ultimate example by completely trusting God with His life. Jesus gave up His own life to die on the cross for our sins so that God could bring us back to Himself.



### **Adult Connection**

#### **Point:**

"And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. He is the Spirit of truth." (John 14:16-17)

Jesus completely trusted God with His life and obeyed Him perfectly, even to the point of death on the cross. Jesus told the disciples that the

Father would send a Counselor—the Holy Spirit—to be with them, and with us, forever.

This Spirit of truth, who gives wisdom, is in the “renovation” business. God the Spirit is the One who is making us new. He is the One who is forming us into the image of Christ.

**Family Devotion:**

Materials: paper, marker, envelope,

Before you begin your devotion time, write the phrase *Wisdom comes from God!* on a piece of paper. Place it in an envelope, and hide the envelope in a place no one would ever look.

As you begin your devotion, tell your family that you have hidden a message somewhere and they need to find it. Allow them to look for a few minutes, and then secretly tell one of your children where to find the envelope. Instruct her to bring it back to the room.

Once she returns with the envelope, ask her to open the envelope and read the message. Define *wisdom* as “learning how to live each day in a way that is pleasing to God.”

Say: “God gives us wisdom to live in ways that please Him. When Solomon prayed for wisdom, Solomon wanted God to teach him how to make good choices for the kingdom —choices that would please God. When people have wisdom, they trust God completely to meet their needs and to guide them on the right paths.”

Pray, asking God to give your family wisdom. Pray that everyone in your family would use his God-given wisdom to honor God.

## Unit 12, Session 2: Solomon Built the Temple

1 Kings 6:1–8:66



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**Christ Connection:** Because God is holy, only the priests could approach God—and only if they followed specific instructions. Ordinary people had no direct access to the holy presence of God. Jesus changed all that. By His death on the cross, Jesus took away our sin. We can approach God intimately and individually when we trust Jesus as Lord and Savior.

### Adult Connection Point:

First Corinthians 6:19-20 says that our bodies are a sanctuary, or temple, of the Holy Spirit. What does the Holy Spirit do? The Holy Spirit will not leave the Christian alone. He promises to purify us, to clean up our mess, and to get rid of the garbage polluting our lives. (See 1 Cor. 6:9-11.) Before we came to Christ, we chose our own way. The only way for us to be made clean is through the blood of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Family Devotion:

Materials: cereal boxes, index cards or playing cards, drinking straws, or other items that could be used for construction

Place the supplies in the middle of a table or on the floor. Challenge your family to build a structure that will stand on its own. Once the family builds the structure, talk about what items make it strong or able to stand on its own.

Discuss various elements of worship. Talk about singing. Sing the key passage song from the family app. Talk about giving. Share your family's strategy for giving back to God through your local church. Talk about listening to a pastor's sermon, which helps people understand the Bible. Encourage your kids to have a daily time where they read their own Bibles.

Say: "In the Old Testament, the temple was a very important place because God's presence was there. Churches are important today because believers meet together to worship God there. But God is with believers everywhere. When you trust in Jesus, the Holy Spirit is with you always."

Finally talk about prayer as being a part of worship. Say: "Prayer is talking and listening to God. We can talk to God anytime and anywhere." Invite your family to pray silently.