



MOSAIC Gospel Project

Volume 4, Unit 11, Lesson 3: God's Covenant with David

Bible Passage: 2 Samuel 6-7

Personal Preparation

The path to Israel's throne was not easy for David. Saul had tried multiple times to kill him, and David had to flee for his life, leaving behind his good friend Jonathan. But God had appointed David to be king, and God was faithful. Leading up to 2 Samuel 7, Jonathan was killed in battle against the Philistines. In his grief and despair, Saul fell on his sword, and David became the king of Israel.

David moved the ark of God to Jerusalem—a cause for joyous celebration—and settled into his palace there. God blessed David and gave him peace from his enemies. But when David looked around, something didn't seem right. He was living in a majestic palace while the ark of God was in a tent! David determined to build God a temple. That night, God gave the prophet, Nathan, a message for David. "Have I ever asked you to build me a house?" God said. No, for four hundred years—since God brought the Israelites out of Egypt—He had dwelled in a tent.

David had been a shepherd, but God made him a king! God promised to give the Israelites a place to stay so they wouldn't need to move around anymore. God promised to give his people rest from their enemies so they could stop fighting. Though God denied David's desire to build God a house, God promised to make a house for David: a dynasty of his descendants and an everlasting kingdom.

As you teach the individuals about God's covenant to David, emphasize that God promised 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, as one of David's descendants. Jesus is our King who will never die; he will rule over God's people forever.

Thank God for sending Jesus to reign forever as the perfect king. Pray that the individuals would know Jesus and obey him.

Memory Verse

Begin the lesson by sharing the memory verse with the group.

Psalm 145:13

"For your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. You rule throughout all generations. The Lord always keeps his promises; he is gracious in all he does."

Points of Emphasis

1. God promised that the Messiah would come from David's family.
2. Jesus perfectly rules over the universe as the King of Kings.

Activity #1

Lead the group to begin working on the activity sheet. Feel free to let the individuals continue working as you teach the lesson.

Video

We learned God's people were supposed to obey God and follow him as their King. They rejected God and asked for a human king. God gave them Saul, who disobeyed God and was not a good king. That's why God chose David to be king instead of Saul. Because

of this, Saul wanted to kill David, but David showed mercy even though Saul hated him. As we know, God's promises always come true. When Saul died, David became king, just as God planned. Today, we will learn about an amazing promise that God made to David and his family.

Play the video for the lesson titled "God's Covenant with David."

Bible Lesson

I love how God responded to David's desire to build a temple. God reminded David that he doesn't need anything from people. He made David into a mighty king, and he never asked for a temple to replace the tabernacle. In a way, it is kind of like God said, "I appreciate your concern, but if I needed a temple, I could make one myself." God did not need David, but he had chosen to use David anyway. And God's plans for David were even bigger than David could have imagined.

God said that instead of David making a house for him, he would make a house for David. But God wasn't talking about a physical building to live in. God meant that he was going to give David's family an important and everlasting purpose. God explained that he would use David's family for the most wonderful part of his plan. God promised that the Messiah would come from David's family. When God told David that one of his descendants would be king forever, God was talking about Jesus! How is Jesus the perfect king? Jesus perfectly rules over the universe as the King of Kings.

Activity #2

Guide the group to finish working on the activity sheet. Review the memory verse with the group and help them learn it. Encourage the individuals to write the verse using the Velcro pictures.

Christ Connection

God promised 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, as one of David's descendants. Jesus is our King who will never die; he will rule over God's people forever.

Many years after David died, God the Son entered the world, born into David's family as a human baby boy named Jesus. Jesus grew up and never sinned. At just the right time, he gave up his life, dying on the cross so that we could have forgiveness for sin and eternal life with God. Jesus rose from the dead, and now Jesus is alive in heaven with God. One day he will return as the King of Kings and complete God's promise to get rid of sin. Jesus will fix everything broken in the world and set up a perfect kingdom.

Review Questions

(Optional: Play the Questions from Kids (QFK) video to continue the discussion on God's covenant with David. Today's episode asks what we can do for God.)

Group A

Early Learner

Encourage the individuals to point to the pictures provided or to draw in order to answer these questions.

1. **Point to who wanted to build a house for God.** David
2. **Did God want David to build him a house?** No
3. **Point to what God promised that David's descendants would be.** King
4. **Point to which of David's descendants is king forever.** Jesus

Group B

1. **Why did David want to build a house for God?** To David, it seemed backwards that he lived in a palace but God's house was a tent.
2. **What did Nathan tell David at first?** Nathan told David to do as he wanted to.

3. **What did God promise David?** God promised that one of David's descendants would be king forever.
4. **Who fulfilled this promise of God?** Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to David. Jesus was born into David's family. When Jesus died on the cross and rose again, he defeated sin and death. God gave Jesus all authority, and Jesus is the King of Kings. His rule will never end.
5. **Was it sinful for David to want to honor God with a temple?** David's desire to build a house for God was not sin, but it was also not part of God's perfect plan. If David had continued trying to build after God said no, it would have been sin. David trusted God's timing and obeyed him.
6. **When will Jesus' kingdom be fully established?** Jesus' kingdom exists on earth through the people who love and follow him. Guide the individuals to think about when Jesus will return to earth to fix everything in the world and completely get rid of all sin. Help them see that Jesus will rule for all time.

Group C

1. **What had God done for David? How do you think that affected David's ability to trust God's promise about the future?** Past faithfulness supports future faithfulness. God kept his promises in the past. David trusted that God is faithful. We too can depend on God to be faithful even when his people are unfaithful.
2. **Why is God's covenant with David special to us today?** By establishing his eternal kingdom, Jesus is on the throne over all believers—Jews and Gentiles. Jesus is the head of the church, and as people in God's kingdom, we share the good news of God's promise through Jesus with others and invite them into the kingdom. Jesus is the Son of David who offers life to all who come to him.
3. **Why is it better to live for God's kingdom rather than living for ourselves?** Our lives are a mist compared to the eternal kingdom of God. We should want to live for God out

of gratitude for Jesus. Only what is done for Christ will last.

Group D

Advanced Learner

1. **What does this story teach us about God?** God did not want David to build a temple for him. God cannot be contained in a building. God promised that the Messiah would come from David's family, and he always keeps his promises.
2. **Which of David's descendants is King forever?** God kept his promise by sending his Son, Jesus, as one of David's descendants. Jesus is our king who will never die; he will rule over God's people forever.
3. **What kinds of things can we do for God?**
4. **How can we show thankfulness to God for his good gifts?**

Prayer

Lord, you are wonderful and your promises cannot be stopped. Thank you for sending Jesus through David's family. Thank you that Jesus died for us even though we did not deserve it. Help us to trust and obey Jesus. He is the King of Kings. Amen.

