

The Beginning of the Promise of a King

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STUDY TEXT: 2 SAMUEL 7:8-16; LUKE 1:32-33

Discuss the following BIG IDEAs and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.

Big Idea 1: God Promised David an Eternal King ([2 Samuel 7:8-16](#))

Live It Out: Thank God that His promises are trustworthy, even when you cannot yet see how He will fulfill them.

- *Why did God decline David's desire to build the Temple? What greater promise did He make instead?*
- *What does God's promise to establish David's "house" teach us about His purposes and faithfulness?*
- *When have you seen God answer a prayer or accomplish His purposes in a way that was different and better than you expected?*
- *How does knowing that God keeps His promises strengthen your faith when His plans unfold more slowly than you would like?*

Big Idea 2: God Renewed His Promise Through the Prophets ([Isaiah 9:6-7](#); [Jeremiah 23:5-6](#))

Live It Out: Trust God's timing, knowing He always keeps His promises even when the waiting is long.

- *Why did God continue to repeat His promise through prophets like Isaiah and Jeremiah?*
- *What do Isaiah and Jeremiah teach us about the character of the promised King?*
- *Why is it often difficult to trust God's timing when His promises seem delayed?*
- *How does God's faithfulness over many generations encourage you to trust Him with your future?*

Big Idea 3: God Fulfilled His Promise Through Jesus Christ ([Matthew 1:1-17](#); [Luke 1:32-33](#))

Live It Out: Worship Jesus this Christmas as your promised King, thanking God for His faithfulness to keep every promise He has made.

- *Why was it important for Matthew to begin his Gospel with Jesus' genealogy?*
- *What does Gabriel's announcement teach us about Jesus' identity and mission as the promised King?*
- *Why does it matter that Jesus is both Savior and King?*
- *How does God's faithfulness in keeping His promises strengthen your confidence in the promises He has yet to fulfill?*

 WORK TOGETHER TO MEMORIZE THE FAMILY SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Luke 2:11

Build a Foundation

Discussion questions for elementary age students.

1. *What promise did God make to David?*
2. *Who is the forever King that God promised to send?*
3. *How does this encourage you to trust God's faithfulness to His promises?*

Faith Connections

Write some of God's promises on colored slips of paper and place them in a jar. At different times throughout the week, choose one or more and read them aloud. Talk about times when we can use that promise to help us in our daily lives. Discuss how waiting (whether it's for a promise to come true or for something to happen) can be really hard. Remind family members of the timeline from when God made His promise to David to when Jesus was born. End with prayer that your faith in God's promises will remain strong and you will trust in God's faithfulness in every situation.

Stand Strong
How do we know Jesus is the promised King?

Answer: God promised David that one of his descendants would establish an eternal kingdom. No ordinary human king could fulfill that promise forever. Jesus was born from David's family line and reigns as God's eternal King. His life, death, resurrection, and future return demonstrate that He is the promised King God foretold long ago.

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:12-16; Luke 1:32-33

Preschool Highlights

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