

**Story Time - Read the story to the children**  
**Lesson 85: GOD'S COVENANT WITH DAVID**  
**2 SAMUEL 7:1-17**

King David moved into his new palace, and the LORD let his kingdom be at peace. Then one day, as David was talking with Nathan the prophet, David said, "Look around! I live in a palace made of cedar, but the sacred ark of the LORD has to stay in a tent." Nathan replied, "The LORD is with you, so do what you want!" That night, the LORD told Nathan to go to David and give him this message: David, you are my servant, so listen to what I say. Why should you build a house for me? I didn't live in a house when I brought my people out of Egypt, and I don't live in one now. A tent has always been my home wherever I have gone with them. I chose leaders and told them to be like shepherds for my people Israel. But did I ever say anything to even one of them about building a cedar temple for me? David, this is what I, the LORD of Hosts, say to you. Then say these words to my servant David, The Lord of Hosts says, I took you from the fields, from keeping the sheep, so that you might be a ruler over my people, over my people Israel: Wherever you went, I helped you and destroyed your enemies right in front of your eyes. I have made you one of the most famous people in the world. I have given my people Israel a land of their own where they can live in peace, and they won't have to tremble with fear any more. Evil nations won't bother them, as they did when I let judges rule my people. And I have kept your enemies from attacking you. Now I promise that you and your descendants will be kings. I'll choose one of your sons to be king when you reach the end of your life and are buried in the tomb of your ancestors. I'll make him a strong ruler, and no one will be able to take his kingdom away from him. He will build a house for my Name, and I will establish his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he will be my Son. When he does wrong, I'll see that he is corrected by men, just as children are corrected by their parents. But I will never put an end to my agreement with him, as I put an end to my agreement with Saul, who was king before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever. Nathan told David exactly what he had heard in the vision.

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Then say these words to my servant David, The Lord of armies says, I took you from the fields, from keeping the sheep, so that you might be a ruler over my people, over my people Israel: **2 SAMUEL 7:8**

"And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever." **2 SAMUEL 7:16**

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### **MEMORY VERSE:**

"And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever." **2 SAMUEL 7:16**

### **TRUE OR FALSE**

1. David was talking to Nathan the Prophet one day and said he lived in a house of cedar but the sacred ark of the LORD lived in a tent. TRUE or FALSE
2. The LORD told Nathan to tell David that He wanted him to build a big mansion for Him to live in. TRUE or FALSE
3. The LORD said to David, "I took you from the fields, from keeping the sheep, so that you might be a ruler over my people, over my people Israel." TRUE or FALSE
4. The LORD told David that he would end His agreement with him, just like He ended his agreement with Saul. TRUE or FALSE
5. Nathan told David everything the LORD told him to say. TRUE or FALSE

### **ANSWER THE QUESTIONS**

1. Do you think David thought it was right that he lived in a nice cedar house, but the ark of the LORD was in a tent?
2. Did the LORD want David to build him a house?
3. Who was Nathan? Was he a prophet?
4. What did prophets do in those days? Did they tell the people and kings what the LORD wanted to say to them?
5. Who did the LORD say would build a house for His Name? Was it going to be a descendant of David's? Who do you think that was going to be? Was it Jesus? Yes!

## Lesson 85 Optional Craft

### Faithfulness Mobile

God always kept His promises to David. God has been faithful to us in every area of our lives! When God spoke to Nathan, He listed some of the ways He had been faithful to David. What are some ways that God has been faithful to you? Think of some things that God has provided or done in your life to show His faithfulness. Use this craft as a reminder of God's faithfulness in our lives.

Photocopy onto cardstock enough of the "Faithfulness Mobile" templates as the number of children in your class. Cut out the large scroll and the three smaller scrolls. On the large scroll, write in big letters "God's Faithfulness." Tell each child to write down on each of the three small scrolls, in a few words, a way that God has been faithful to them. Using a hole punch, make holes in each of the areas marked. With string, tie the three smaller scrolls to the larger scroll attaching at the marked holes. Because of the size of scrolls, you will have to stagger the length of string you use. In other words, you might want to have the two outer scrolls four inches from the larger scroll and the middle scroll, two inches. Be creative. Allow the children to color or decorate their craft.

### PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to trust in the Lord no matter what His answers are to us (yes or no). God always has our best in mind, and we can always trust in Him. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.

