

DAVID – Lesson #8

God's Forever Promise

- SCRIPTURE:** 2 Samuel 7; 1 Kings 1:32-40; 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chronicles 22:2-19; 23:1; 28 – 29; Luke 1:32-33
- MEMORY VERSE:** Romans 10:9 - That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”
- VISUALS:** Flashcards: 8-1 – 8-6
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I. INTRODUCTION

A. BEGINNING STATEMENTS

I wonder if anyone has ever made you a promise.

Maybe mom promised to take your family out for ice cream when dad got home from work, but dad had to work late and by the time he got home, the ice cream shop was closed. Broken promises, even when they are out of our control, can bring great disappointment.

B. TRANSITION

God made several promises to King David. Do you think that God will keep all of His promises? Listen to today's Bible lesson and see what happens.

II. PROGRESSION OF EVENTS

FLASHCARD 8-1

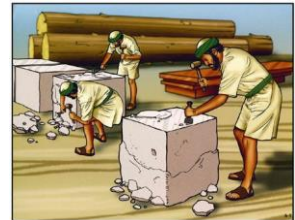
Scrape-scrape-scrape went the worker's chisels against the hard stone.

"Lower those logs down gently!" someone shouted.

Busily, men also stacked huge slabs of bronze into piles.

What was going on? Years earlier, David explained to the workers, "My son, Solomon, who will build this Temple, is still a young man. The House that will be built for the Lord must be magnificent, so that it is famous throughout all countries; I am getting everything ready for it now."

David was gathering everything that would be needed to build a beautiful House. This House wasn't for him. It was a House to worship God, called the Temple. Collecting these materials was David's last job as king and one he had worked at for many years.



IH Say, as you and the children perform the tasks, *"Let's help David's workers. Scrape across the hard stone to smooth it. Pick up a heavy piece of bronze. Place it carefully on the pile."*

David's workers were cutting stone into smooth blocks. He ordered men to bring logs of beautiful, strong wood, called cedar, from a nearby country so they would be ready to use. He gathered huge amounts of iron to use for the nails and for the hinges to hold pieces together. He stored up valuable metals like brass, silver, and gold. These metals would be used to cover the wood, make the furniture used to worship God, and buy whatever else was needed.

David had wanted to build this Temple for the Lord, but God sent word to David that he would not be the one to build the Temple. David was a man of war. God said that His House would be built by David's son, Solomon, who would be a man of peace.

God promised that Solomon would become king after David and that He would give him rest from all the enemies of Israel. He also promised that He would never take His loving kindness away from Solomon like He had taken it away from Saul.

God made one more promise to David—the most amazing one of all. God promised David that his kingdom would go on *forever*. That means he would always have a member of his family who would rule as king over Israel.

IH Every time you say “*forever*” or “*forever promise*,” have the children say it with you and spread their hands far apart.

David was very special to God. God showed His goodness in ways that David didn’t deserve. God loved David.

G God loves you and me too. We don’t deserve God’s goodness, yet He shows His love to us over and over again.

God loved David and showed His love to him by making this amazing, **forever promise**.

FLASHCARD 8-2

David told Solomon about this **forever promise** from God. He showed Solomon all the special things he had gathered for the Temple, the workers who knew how to build it, and the plans that God had given him for exactly how it should be built.



“Now, my son,” David said, “may the Lord give you wisdom and understanding so you can keep the law of God, for you will succeed if you will pay attention to His laws.”

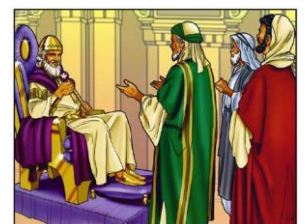
David knew that if Solomon disobeyed God, it would ruin everything. The one thing that would cause Solomon to fail was sin.

S, PAU Sin is the one thing that will ruin everything for you and me too. You and I choose to sin.
1 Kings 8:46 We think, say, and do things that God says are wrong. We do not do the things that God says are right. The Bible says, “. . . **For there is no man that sinneth not.....**” (Ex. *Maybe a rule at school is “no hoodies” but you refuse to pull your hoodie down because you are hiding your ear buds which also aren’t allowed in school.*) Sin not only brings us trouble now, it also separates us from God. When we choose to sin, it means we cannot go to Heaven to live with God when our life here on earth is over. Sin ruins everything.

Sin had brought trouble to David’s life, and he didn’t want that to happen to his son Solomon. So, he encouraged Solomon to obey God’s laws.

FLASHCARD 8-3

David knew that Solomon could not do this big, important job all by himself. He commanded the leaders of Israel to help him. “God has given you rest from your enemies, so arise and build the Temple of the Lord God,” David said.



IH Like David, have the children say to their neighbor, “*Arise and build the Temple of the Lord God.*”

By now, David was an old man, and he began to be weak and tired. Even though he had promised Solomon that he would be the next king, one of David's other sons began to act like he was going to be the next king. When David heard that, he worked quickly to make sure everyone in Israel knew whom God had chosen. He called for the priest, Nathan the prophet, and another important man in his kingdom and gave them instructions. David told them to have Solomon ride on the king's own mule through the streets of Israel. Then the priest and Nathan should anoint Solomon with oil in front of everyone, announcing that he was the next king. They should blow the trumpet and say, "God save King Solomon!"

FLASHCARD 8-4

And so the leaders did what David said. They put Solomon on David's mule and traveled with him through Israel. Then the priest poured oil over Solomon's head, blew the trumpet, and all the people shouted, "God save King Solomon!" The people played music and celebrated with great joy.



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Have half of the class pretend to be Solomon riding David's mule. Have the other half shout, "God save King Solomon!" Switch roles and repeat.

They were rejoicing because God was keeping His promise to David.

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God wants you to rejoice because He keeps His promises.

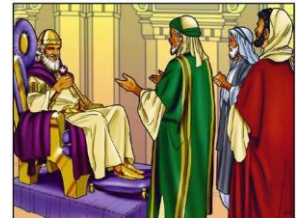


If Jesus is your Saviour, you can rejoice too. God wants you to rejoice because He keeps His promises. These boys are smiling because the Bible promises that God will always love them and that God will always be with them. God has made many wonderful promises to you and He always keeps His promises. That is something to be happy about!

The people who watched Solomon be anointed king that day rejoiced that God was keeping His promise to David.

FLASHCARD 8-3 (Repeated)

Sometime before David died, the Bible doesn't tell us exactly when, he gathered Solomon and the leaders of Israel together again. He must have known that he did not have much longer to live.



Though David was weak now, he stood up to speak. "Hear me, my brethren, and my people," said the king. "Obey all the commandments of the Lord your God so that you may stay in this good land **forever.**"

David also reminded Solomon one more time about his important job. "God has chosen you to build a House for Him. Be strong and do it."

He turned to the crowd of Israelite leaders. "I have prepared with all my might for the House of my God, and I have given my own gold and silver so it can be built. Who then is willing to give this day to the Lord?"

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Have the children joyfully say, "I am willing to give to the Lord!"

The rulers of Israel were willing to give with all their hearts. They gave gold and silver, iron and brass, and valuable jewels to be used for God's Temple. They rejoiced to be able to give so much. It was something they wanted to do. David rejoiced to see this happen.

He was rejoicing because of how good God had been to him and his people.

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If you know Jesus as your Saviour, God wants you to rejoice because He keeps His promises. The Bible says in **Psalm 16:11**, *“Thou wilt show me the path of life. In Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore.”* Knowing God gives you more to rejoice about than anything else in the world. (Ex. *God promises that He will never leave you alone or turn His back on you. You can rejoice—be happy—about that promise because you know God will keep it.*) You can be sure He will do what He says.

David was sure God would keep His promise, and he was rejoicing in it.

At last, in front of his people, David prayed for all to hear. “Blessed are You, Lord God of Israel, **forever** and ever. All that is in Heaven and earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord. Who am I, and what are my people that we should be able to give these things to You so willingly? All things come from You, and we have given Your own things back to You. I know, my God, that You see the heart and that goodness makes You glad. As for me, I have willingly offered these things with a good heart, and I have seen Your people, who are here today, giving willingly to You also. O Lord God, give to Solomon, my son, a perfect heart to keep Your commandments and to build this Temple that I have prepared for.”

David had ruled as king for forty years, but now it was time for him to go to be with God. He died peacefully as an old man, with riches and honor. They buried him in his city, Jerusalem.

Solomon now ruled over Israel instead of his father, David, and all the people obeyed him. God helped Solomon in every way, and he became richer and wiser than any king in Israel before or after him. And he did build that beautiful Temple to worship God.

But what about God’s **forever promise** to David? Years went by, and David’s grandson, great-grandson, and great-great grandson ruled as kings over Israel. But soon, the Israelite people stopped obeying God, and, after many warnings, God punished them by ending their kingdom and allowing them to be taken captive by other kings and other countries. God’s people no longer had a king. It looked like God’s promise was broken; however, God’s people did not know what God had planned.

Many, many years after David died, an angel came with a special message to a young, Israelite girl named Mary, who was from the family of David. The angel told her that she would have a baby Boy, and that He would be a king. “God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over Israel **forever**. His kingdom will never end,” the angel said.

Who was this One that the angel spoke of—the One who would be a king? His name is Jesus.

O You and I know that Jesus is the only Son of God. Jesus is also perfect. He has never sinned. He always does what is right.

Yes, Jesus, God’s perfect Son, is the One who came to earth as a baby. Mary was His mother.

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Have the children, as Mary, gently hold and rock baby Jesus.

Could it be that God was finally going to keep His promise to David through this Baby that was born?

Although we do not know much about Jesus as a child, the Bible tells us that when Jesus was 12 years old He went to the Temple, God's House. Day by day, "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature." We're not told much more of His life until years later.

FLASHCARD 8-5

When He was about 30 years old, Jesus told the people that God was His Father and because He did many miracles (things that only God can do), many people hated Him. They hated Him so much that they wanted to kill Him. In fact, they did nail Jesus to a cross made out of wood.



Jesus was willing to die on the cross in our place.

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1 Peter
1:18-19

Jesus did this so He could take the punishment for the wrong things you and I have done. He gave His precious blood and died so that you and I don't have to be punished for our sin. The Bible says, "... *Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, . . . but with the precious blood of Christ*" Only the precious blood of Jesus can pay for sin.

Jesus willingly died on that cross for you and me.

But remember, God promised David that his kingdom would go on *forever*, that he would always have a member of his family who would rule as King over Israel. How will God keep His **forever promise** to David now that Jesus has died?

Jesus died on the cross, but His life didn't end there!

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His friends took Jesus' body down from the cross and buried Him in a tomb. But three days later, He came out of that tomb alive!

Jesus' life was not over. He lived here on earth for 40 more days, and many people saw Him. Then He went back to Heaven to live with God.

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Ask, "*How long did Jesus live on the earth after He came alive again? Show me with your hands.*" Count by 10's.

FLASHCARD 8-6

But someday, Jesus will come back to this earth again. When He comes for the second time, He will reign here on earth.



III. CLIMAX

God will keep His **forever promise** to David's family because someday soon Jesus will be King over Heaven and earth **forever** and ever.

IV. CONCLUSION

A. CLOSING STATEMENTS

All those who have ever believed in and received Jesus as their Saviour will be there with

Him, including David.

B. BRIDGE

Isn't it wonderful how God will keep such an amazing promise? Will you be there to see it?

C. INVITATION

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John 3:36

The Bible says, ***“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life...”*** You need to admit to God that you have sinned and that you deserve to be punished for your sin. You need to believe that Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for your sin, so you don't have to be punished. You need to believe that He came alive again and that Jesus is the only One who can save you. Everyone, please bow your head and close your eyes. If you are ready to do this, would you please show me by raising your hand? Thank you. You may all look up. Even if you didn't raise your hand, if you change your mind, you may come to talk with me. *(Tell them when to come and where to go for counseling.) Close in prayer.*

D. CHALLENGE

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Perhaps you have already received Jesus as your Saviour, and you know that He has forgiven you of all your sin. Then remember, God wants you to rejoice because He keeps His promises. Remember the verse in the Bible, Psalm 16:11 that says, ***“Thou wilt show me the path of life. In Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore.”*** Remember God's very special promise to you that He will never leave you. God will keep every promise He makes. You can rejoice in that! Let's take a moment to thank God for keeping every one of His promises to us. *(Close in prayer.)*

