



K - 2ND



CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids:

Has someone ever made you a promise? Maybe they promised to come to your soccer game, dance recital, or birthday party. Did they keep their promise?



DREAM HOUSE

Start by 9:20/10:45

Give each child a piece of paper and crayons or markers. Invite them to draw the house, fort, or playhouse they would most like to live in. Encourage kids to add fun details, then let a few volunteers share their pictures with the group.

What would make your dream house special? Maybe it has a giant slide, a treehouse, or a room full of toys!

In today's Bible story, David wanted to build a special house, called a temple, for God. But God had an even bigger plan. God promised one of David's family members would be King forever. That King is Jesus! Jesus is our forever King, and everyone who trusts in Him will live with Him forever in His perfect kingdom.

**START BY
9:30/10:55**

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Distribute Bibles and guide kids to open their Bibles to 2 Samuel 7. Read 2 Samuel 7:22 aloud. **2 Samuel comes after 1 Samuel in the Old Testament. The book of 2 Samuel is found between 1 Samuel and 1 Kings and is part of the history division.**

- What did David want to build for God?
- What did God promise David instead?
- Why did David thank God?
- What is one way you can thank God this week?

David wanted to build a special house, called a temple, for God because he loved Him. But God had an even bigger plan. God promised one of David's family members would be King forever. That King is Jesus! David thanked God because God is great, always keeps His promises, and takes care of His people. We can thank God too because He sent Jesus to save us and be our forever King.



DISCUSSION

Have kids discuss these questions with a partner sitting close to them first to encourage participation. Then discuss as a whole group.

What is God's kingdom? God's kingdom is not a building or a house. God's kingdom is everywhere God rules as King. Jesus is the forever King, and everyone who trusts in Him is part of God's kingdom. Right now, God is helping His people love Him and follow Him. One day, Jesus will come again, and God's kingdom will be perfect. There will be no more sin, sadness, or pain.

How can we be part of God's kingdom? God invites everyone to be part of His kingdom. We become part of God's kingdom when we turn from our sin and trust in Jesus. Jesus died on the cross and rose again to save us from our sin. When we trust in Him, God forgives our sin, welcomes us into His family, and promises we will live with Him forever.

David praised God for His greatness and His promises. How can you praise God? We praise God because He is great, He loves us, and He always keeps His promises. We can praise Him by thanking Him, singing songs to Him, praying, obeying Him, and showing kindness to others. We can also praise God by telling others about Jesus. When we love God and trust Him, our words and actions can help others see how great He is.



PROMISE PATH

Place the game squares on the floor with painter's tape. Have all the kids stand behind the first space. Flip a coin. If it lands on heads, everyone moves forward two spaces. If it lands on tails, everyone moves forward one space. After each move, use the questions on the Promise Path sheet which matches the number on the space where the kids landed. Continue until everyone reaches the end of the path.

Today we learned God always keeps His promises. God promised one of David's family members would be King forever, and He kept that promise by sending Jesus. Jesus is our forever King, and everyone who trusts in Him can be part of God's kingdom. We can always trust God because He always does what He says He will do.



As time allows, pass out crayons and pencils for kids to work on the activity sheet.



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.
Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.