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A Promise to David

Reference: 2 Samuel 7

Main Point: God promised David, that someone from his family would live forever as God's king. God keeps that promise in Jesus.

Activities to do together:

1. Make a crown out of paper, thin card or playdough together. Decorate it with any collage materials you have on hand, such as silver or gold foil, brightly coloured wrapping paper, feathers, etc. As the children craft, ask, **Who wears a crown?** *(a king. There was a very good king that we can read about in the bible. His name was David. David was a shepherd boy who God chose to be the king of Israel and to look after His people. Because David loved and trusted God he did what was just and right for God's people. David liked making up songs about God and singing them to Him. They were thanking, praising and asking songs. God made a special promise to David. He promised David that He would make him a great and famous king and that someone from his family would live forever as God's king. God always keeps His promises.)*

Which member of David's family do you think is God's mighty king who will rule forever? *(Jesus).*

2. Use Playdough, building blocks, Duplo or Lego, to build David's palace or the "City of David" together. As the children build the city or David's palace, talk to them about King David. *Tell them that God chose David to be King. David loved and trusted God. He was filled with God's power. God watched over David. He was a man who was dear to God's heart. David tried to obey God with all his heart. When he did wrong he said sorry and God forgave him. A palace was built in Jerusalem for King David. Jerusalem was called the "City of David". David reigned for 40 years and then he died. But, God had made a special promise to David. He told David that He would make him a great and famous King and that someone for his family would live forever as God's king. God always keeps his promises.*

Which member of David's family do you think, is God's mighty king who will rule forever? *(Jesus).*

3. Bake and decorate some 'Crown Cookies' together: You will find the recipe that Jo and Toby use on page 3. As you make them, talk about how David was a good King. He was Israel's King, but Jesus is God's promised forever King who rules over everything!

Bible: Retell the account of God's promise to David found in 2 Samuel 7

Or, reread the account of David's life and God's promise to David, to your child, from "The Big Picture Story Bible".

Discussion:

Who was David? *(David was a shepherd boy. He fought and killed Goliath. God chose him to be the king of Israel and to look after His people. Because David did what was just and right for God's people. David reigned for 40 years and then he died.)*

Was David God's friend? *(Yes. David loved and trusted God. God watched over David. He was a man who was dear to God's heart. David tried to obey God with all his heart. When he did wrong he said sorry and God forgave him. David liked making up songs about God and singing them to Him. They were thanking, praising and asking songs and we can find them in the Bible in the book of Psalms.)*



What was the promise God made to David? *(He promised David that He would make him a great and famous king. God also promised that someone from David's family would live forever as God's King and would make God's name great through the whole earth.)*

Who is that mighty king from David's family who will rule forever? *(The bible tells us that it is Jesus. Jesus came a long time after David, but he was a part of David's family. Jesus didn't live in a palace and have lots of servants like other kings. The bible tells us that Jesus was a King who served and helped others.)*

Can you think of some of the things that Jesus did when he was here on earth to help others? *(Jesus healed people, he taught people about God and God wanted them to live.)*

What is the greatest thing that Jesus did for others? *(Jesus, God's Son died on the cross to take away our sin so that we can be friends with God. But Jesus didn't stay dead. He rose again. Jesus is alive and now sits on his throne in heaven. God has made him King forever. If we love and trust and live with Jesus as our king, one day we will go and live with him in heaven forever too. God kept his promise to King David. David was a good king but Jesus is the best King. He's the forever King.)*

What do you think it means for us to live with Jesus as our King? *(We need to listen to Jesus, to trust Jesus and to Obey Jesus.)*

Pray together:

Dear God,

Thank you for keeping your promise to King David and for giving us Jesus. Thank you that Jesus fixed our sin problem when He died on the cross and rose again. Thank you that he rules as King forever. Please help us to live with Jesus as our king.

Amen

Memory verse: John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Ideas for sermon time:

1. Watch this week's video for under 5's.
2. Click [Here](#) for the link to the colouring page for King David
3. Click [Here](#) for the link to another colouring page for King David
4. If you made a **paper or cardboard crown** with your child earlier, but did not get time to decorate it, now would be a good time for him or her to do that with collage materials you have on hand, such as silver or gold foil, brightly coloured wrapping paper, feathers, etc.
5. If they have not done this activity yet, now would be a good time for your child to **Use Playdough, building blocks, Duplo or Lego, to build David's palace or the "City of David"**.



'Crown Cookies'

Ingredients:

2 cups plain flour
3/4 cup caster sugar
250g soft butter
1 large egg yolk
2tsp vanilla essence
1/2 tsp salt

To decorate

1 quantity of Royal icing
Food colouring of choice
Sprinkles, icing pens.

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180*c.
2. Beat the butter and sugar together in a bowl.
3. Add the vanilla essence and egg yolk and beat until smooth.
4. Add the flour and salt and mix it all together until it becomes dough.
5. Use your hands to shape the dough into a ball. Wrap in plastic wrap and put it in the fridge for 30minutes.
6. Sprinkle a clean surface with flour and roll out your dough until it is approx. 1/2cm thick. Then use a knife to cut out crown shapes. (you may find it easier to make a template cut from paper to use as a guide first)
7. Cook in your preheated oven for 12 minutes then allow to cool on a rack.
8. Once cool, you can decorate your cookies with icing and sprinkles of your choice.

