



# Lesson Twelve

## God Makes a Promise to David

### Heart Preparation & Bible Background



#### Bible Truth

*God promised that the Savior would be born into David's family, and David responded to God's grace in humble thankfulness.*

#### Scripture

2 Samuel 7



#### Lesson Focus

*Learn to accept God's promises in faith, and thank him for loving us.*

#### Goals for the Children

- Tell what God promised David.
- Show and tell what David did in response.
- Learn to trust God to keep his promises.
- Thank God for keeping his promises.



#### Memory Minute

*Review memory work.*

David had fought many wars in Israel, but now there was peace in the land. David knew that God was with him, leading him and helping him, and he wanted to honor God by building a temple, a permanent home for the ark of God in Jerusalem.

God, however, sent the prophet Nathan to tell David that the time had not yet come for construction of a “house” for God. Instead, God said he was going to build a “house” for David—not a real house or a temple, but a kingly line. God promised that David's own son would become king after him. This was a special blessing, because God did not allow the son of Israel's first king, Saul, to follow him to the throne. Instead, God rejected Saul and chose David.

But God's promise to David was even more special. God pledged to make David's kingly line last forever. In 2 Samuel 7 God said, “Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.” There was only one way this promise could be fulfilled—the long-promised Messiah would be a descendant of David and would sit on David's throne someday. Thus, David, who went from tending his father's sheep to ruling Israel, would also become an ancestor of the Savior.

David was overwhelmed by the Lord's covenant promise, and he went before him in prayer. “Who am I,” David humbly declared, “and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?” David knew that it was the sovereign God who had reached out and brought his servant to this point. David's heart was filled with humble thankfulness to God for his amazing goodness and grace.

David accepted God's promise in faith, declaring, “And now, LORD God, keep forever the promise you have made concerning your servant and his house. Do as you promised so that your name will be great forever” (2 Samuel 7:25–26a).

God kept his promise to David, sending Jesus, from David's line, to be our Savior and Lord. Luke 1:32–33 tells of the fulfillment of God's covenant promise, made many years earlier. “He will be great,” Gabriel tells Mary, speaking of the coming Savior, “and he will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.”

Praise God for keeping his promise to David and to us in such a wonderful way. Praise him that Jesus Christ, the offspring of David, is now our eternal King!