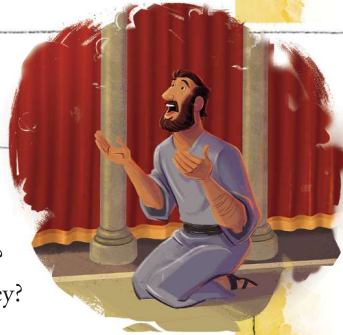


Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What ways has God shown grace and mercy in your family?
- How does the knowledge of God's everlasting kingdom affect your priorities in life?
- Who or what can you always count on?

God's Covenant with David

2 Samuel 6-7

STORY POINT: GOD PROMISED THAT THE MESSIAH WOULD COME FROM DAVID'S FAMILY.

God chose David to be the next king of Israel. David lived in a beautiful palace in the city of Jerusalem.

One day, David was talking with Nathan the prophet. David said, "I live in a palace of nice cedar wood, but the ark of God sits inside a tent! Shouldn't God have a nicer house than I do?" David wanted to build a temple for the ark of God.

That night, God gave Nathan a message for David. This is what God told Nathan to say:

"David, are you going to build a house for Me to live in? My house has been a tent. Did I ever ask anyone to build a temple for Me?"

"You used to be a shepherd, David, but I made you a king. I promise you, David, that you and your descendants will be kings. When you die, one of your sons will be king. He will build a house for Me. When your son dies, his son will be king. Someone in your family will be king forever."

Nathan told David everything God said. David prayed: "God, I don't deserve anything You have done for me, and You promise to do so much more! You are so great! There is no one like You! God, please keep Your promises. I know Your words are always true."

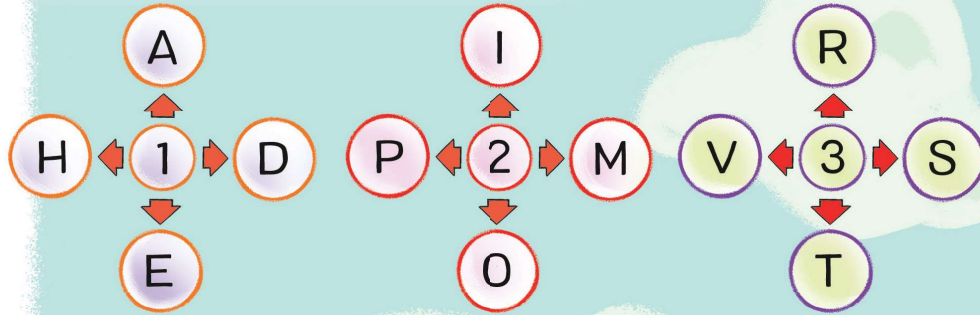
Christ Connection: God promised David that every future king of Israel would come from David's family, and David's kingdom would last forever. God kept His promise by sending His Son, Jesus, as one of David's descendants. Jesus is our King who will rule over God's people forever.



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A Future Promise

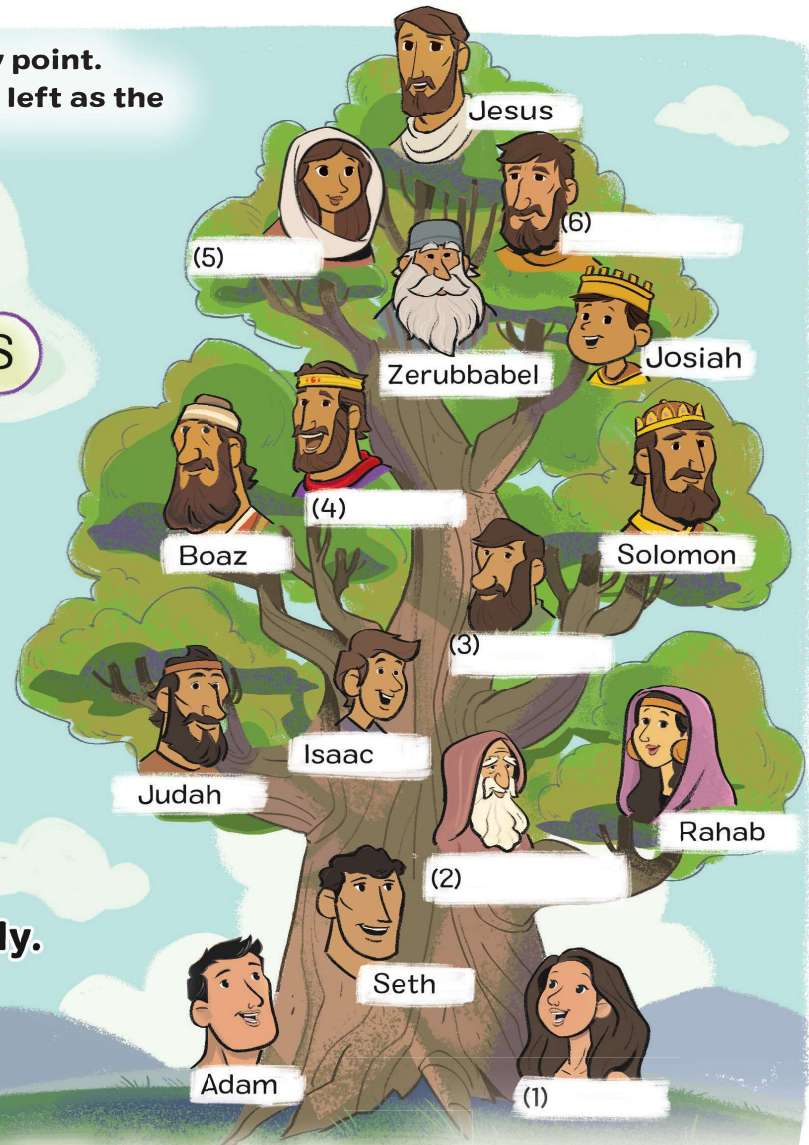
Use the code to fill in the missing letters from today's story point.
Find the numbered group and then move up, down, right, or left as the arrow indicated to choose a letter.



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David's Family Tree

Find the references in your Bible to fill in the missing names on the family tree. (Name list: Abraham, David, Eve, Jacob, Joseph, Mary)

- (1) Genesis 3:20 (4) Matthew 1:6
- (2) Matthew 1:2 (5) Matthew 1:18
- (3) Genesis 25:26 (6) Matthew 1:20