

SESSION 28 PARENT CONNECTION

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TODAY'S POINT: GOD'S PLANS FOR US ARE BEST AND CAN ALWAYS BE TRUSTED.

BIBLE STORY

The Nation Wanted a King (1 Samuel 8–9)

KEY POINTS

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- God's people thought their ideas were better than God's plan.
- God allowed them to have a king, but this king would disappoint and hurt them.

KEY VERSE: 1 Samuel 12:24

FAMILY READING

1 Samuel 8:6-9; 9:22

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How did Samuel feel about the people's request for a king? Why? (It displeased him because he knew that a king was not God's plan, and that would disappoint them.)
- Why do you think God allowed the people to have a king, even though it wasn't a part of His original plan?
- How does God's patience with His people help us know more about who God is?

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BIBLE STORY

Saul Was Anointed and Disobeyed God
(1 Samuel 10–13)

KEY POINTS

- Saul was anointed as the first king of Israel.
- Saul failed God's people by disobeying God.
- Instead of waiting on the priest, Samuel, to bless the sacrifice as he was instructed, Saul took matters into his own hands and offered the burnt offering himself.

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FAMILY READING

1 Samuel 12:19-24

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why were God's people afraid and asking Samuel to pray for them? (The people had disobeyed God by asking for a king.)
- In your own words, explain what Samuel said to the people.
- Based on this passage, what do you think you should do when you realize that you have disobeyed God? (We should repent—admit to disobeying and change our behavior. God loves us even when we disobey.)

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GOD CHOSE A NEW KING

TODAY'S POINT: GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT US.

BIBLE STORY

God Rejected Saul and Chose David to be King (1 Samuel 15–16:13)

KEY POINTS

- God knew Saul disobeyed Him.
- Saul was sorry for what he had done—he cared about what other people thought of him more than obeying and honoring God.
- Because of Saul's disobedience, God rejected him as king of Israel and chose David, whose heart was pleasing to God.

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FAMILY READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

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- What was Saul's consequence for disobeying God? (God rejected Saul as Israel's king. God chose a new king.)
- Based on this passage, how do you think David would be a different kind of king than Saul?
- How does 1 Samuel 16:7 encourage you and strengthen your faith in God?

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BIBLE STORY

God Established David's Kingdom
(2 Samuel 2:1-4; 5:1-10; Luke 2:1-14)

KEY POINTS

- God established David's kingdom and made David king of Israel.
- Because God was with David, David was a very successful king.
- David conquered and took over Jerusalem. Jerusalem would be known as the city of David. Hundreds of years later, Jesus, God's Son, would be born in the city of David.

KEY VERSE: 2 Samuel 7:28

FAMILY READING

2 Samuel 5:1-10

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- How long did David rule? (40 years)
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BIBLE STORY

God Made a Promise with David
(2 Samuel 7)

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BIBLE STORY

David Sinned and Repented (2 Samuel 12; Psalm 51)

KEY POINTS

- Nathan, the prophet, confronted David for his sin, and David repented.
- There were consequences for David's sin, but God forgave David.
- David wrote a song asking God to restore him and to create a new and clean heart within him.

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2 Samuel 12:1-7, Psalm 51:10-12

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- How was David like the rich man in the story? (David was rich in power and wealth, but he took something that did not belong to him.)
- In your own words, explain what it means to repent of sin.
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BIBLE STORY

God Fulfilled His Promise to Solomon
(1 Kings 5-9:9)

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- God passed the promise He made to King David to his son, Solomon.
- King Solomon built God's temple.
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KEY VERSE: 1 Kings 8:60

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1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:14-21

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- What promise did God make to David that was fulfilled by Solomon? (that David's son would build the temple)
- Solomon was known as a very wise king. How can we see evidence of his wisdom in today's Bible passage?
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BIBLE STORY

God's Fulfilled His Promise through Jesus
(Matthew 1-2; Luke 2)

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- Jesus came so that we could have a relationship with God.
- God kept His promise so that He could be with His people (all believers) forever!

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FAMILY READING

Luke 2:4-11

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- Who was the Promised One that fulfilled God's promise to David? (Jesus)
- In your own words, why was Jesus sent to earth?
- Imagine you were in the field the night Jesus was born. How would you have felt, knowing that the Promised One had been born and you would be among the first to worship Him?

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