

K-Ist Lesson

Review

Before class, prepare three or more objects in a bag or box so students can't see them. Bring dish towels or scarves for blindfolds.

Refer to Lesson 81 Flip Chart. In our last lesson, we learned how David and his men worked for the Philistine king Achish. When David's city of Ziklag was attacked by the Amalekites, David prayed to God for strength. God helped David and his men rescue all their wives and children and everything that had been stolen.

While that was happening to David, King Saul and the Israelites were fighting against the Philistines—and they lost the battle. Saul and his three sons were killed, and David was very sad that Saul and his friend Jonathan had died.

David went back to the land of Israel, and his family's tribe, called Judah, crowned him as their king. One of Saul's sons, Ish-bosheth, became king over the other part of Israel. But after Ish-bosheth was killed, David became king over all Israel. He chose Jerusalem as his capital city.

To start today's lesson, I need several volunteers to help with an experiment! Choose several volunteers based on the number of items you brought. Have volunteers stand up front and tie blindfolds over their eyes.

I have some things in this box/bag. These volunteers will try to guess what they are only by touching them. Don't tell them or give any hints. One at a time, hand each volunteer an object from the bag/box. Let them feel the object and try to guess what it is. Remove the blindfold and let them see the item. Continue until all items are guessed. Have volunteers return to seats.

Our volunteers did a great job! It's hard to know what things are when we can't see them. God gave us an amazing sense of touch! We know when something is hot, cold, prickly, or smooth. In our lesson, we'll hear about someone who reaches out to touch something that he shouldn't-and it ends in disaster!

The Ark Comes to Jerusalem

David was finally the king over Israel just as God had promised he would be. David loved God with all his heart, but he knew something was missing. He wanted to bring the ark of the covenant to his city, Jerusalem.

Show Illustration #1. The ark of the covenant was a wooden box covered in gold with two cherubim angels on top. It was made during the time of Moses after God rescued the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. This ark was holy and was to be treated with great respect because it reminded the people that God was with them. Wherever the ark was, that's where the Israelites worshipped and offered sacrifices to the Lord—except when the ark was captured by the enemy Philistines.

Refer to the Exodus to Malachi Timeline at the time of Samuel in Judges. Many years before David became king, the Philistines captured the ark and took it back to their city. But God caused the Philistines to get sick, and they became afraid of the ark. They didn't want it anymore, so they put it on a cart and sent it back to Israel. Now, David wanted the ark to be in Jerusalem where the people could come and worship God together.

Show Illustration #2. So, David decided to move the ark. He and the people got a brand-new cart and placed the ark on it. This was so exciting the ark was coming to Jerusalem! But then something terrible happened along the way. A man named Uzzah was driving the cart, and some oxen were pulling it. But the oxen stumbled, the cart rocked, and Uzzah reached out to keep the ark from falling off the cart.

Can you guess what happened when Uzzah touched the ark of the covenant? Allow guesses.

When Uzzah touched the ark-he died! God struck Uzzah down because he touched the holy ark of God.

Show Illustration #3. Wow! This was serious! When the ark was first built, God gave Moses special instructions for the right way to move it. The Levites were supposed to walk with it, using poles to carry it. And no one was supposed to touch the ark because it was holy.

Uzzah did not show proper fear and respect for God when he reached out to steady the ark the way he would for any regular thing. God punished Uzzah to teach the Israelites to obey his commands and respect his holiness.

David was so upset that Uzzah died, he was afraid to move the ark anymore. So, he left it at a house nearby. But after three months, it was time to try again. This time, David followed God's instructions exactly.

2 Samuel 6:14-15

Refer to the Books of the Bible Poster. Let's find out how it all turned out this time. We'll read from **2 Samuel.** Have the student bring up the Bible and open it to the sticky note. Read 2 Samuel 6:14-15.

- What did David do before the Lord? Danced with all his might.
- What else did the people do as they brought the ark to Jerusalem? Shouted and blew horns.

Show the Lesson Flip Chart. This was a great celebration with music and singing! God helped David and the people bring the ark to Jerusalem because they were careful to follow God's directions this time.

After they set the ark inside a tent, David offered sacrifices to God. Then he blessed the people and gave them all gifts of bread, meat, and raisin cakes to eat.

God's Promise to David

It wasn't long before David got another idea! He told his friend Nathan the prophet about it. "I live in a beautiful house," David explained, "but why should I get to live in such a wonderful home while the ark of God is still in just a tent? I want to build a temple for the ark where people can come and worship God together."

Nathan said, "That's a great idea. Go ahead and do it."

Refer to the Flip Chart. But God had other plans. That night, God gave Nathan a message for

David. He said David would not be the one to build his temple. Instead, God would bless David with a special promise. First, God promised that David's son would be the next king—and this son would do something special.

2 Samuel 7:13

Let's find out what this son would do from 2 Samuel 7:13. Read the verse.

What would David's son build? Remember, God was speaking in this verse. A house for my (God's)

Refer to the Flip Chart. David's son would be the one to build a house, called a temple, where God's name would be worshipped and honored.

But wait. Let's take a closer look at this verse. This isn't just talking about David's own son. Listen to verse 13 again. Reread 2 Samuel 7:13 emphasizing "forever."

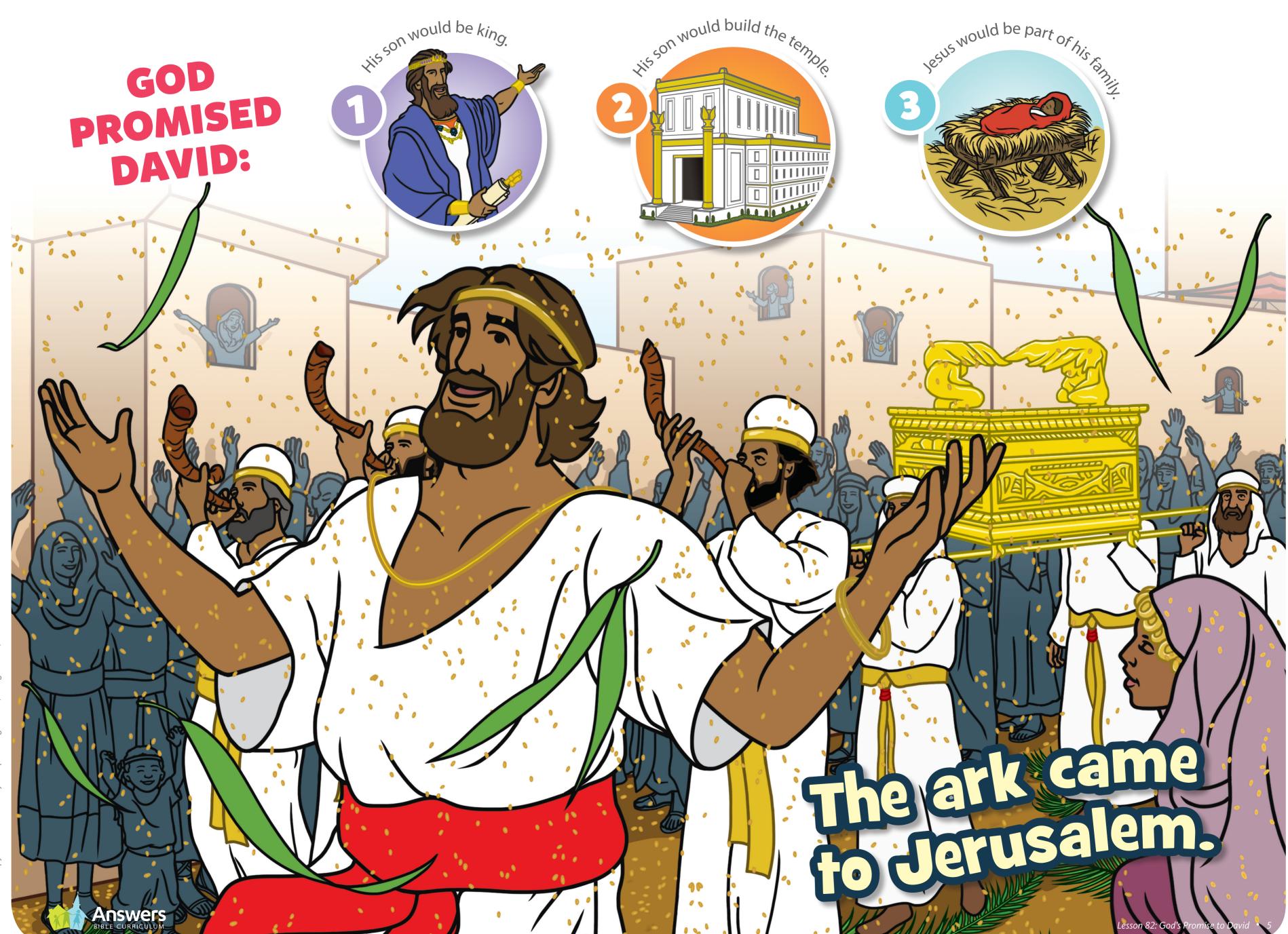
- This says God would establish, or set up, the throne of this kingdom for how long? Forever.
- So, would David's son be a king that lived forever? Is he still alive today? No.

Refer to the Flip Chart. No, this is talking about someone else. You see, there are three parts to God's promise here. First, David's son would be king after him. Second, this son would build the temple for the ark of God. But the third part of God's promise was even better! God said someone from David's family would be a king forever!

Who could this promise be talking about? Who has come to earth and built a kingdom that will never end? Jesus.

This special person from David's own family is Jesus Christ. God promised that the kingdom he set up with David would be passed to David's son. And after many years, Jesus would be born into David's family and be the King of kings forever!

David was overjoyed by this promise! He praised and thanked the Lord. David believed what God said because God is faithful to always keep his promises.



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