



13 Very Awesome Promises

#4- God's Promise to David

God knows the future. (2 Samuel 23:5; 2 Chronicles 13:4-5; Matthew 1:1-17)

Note to Families: This is the fourth of a thirteen week series we will be doing on the awesome promises we find throughout The Big God Story (the Bible). Come back each week to learn and grow in His promises for you!

Step 1: Watch Video (located on website)

Step 2: Choose an activity or two to do (you can do these throughout the week!!)

Activity #1:

KING/QUEEN FOR A DAY

Time: about 10 minutes

Supplies: paper, optional: crown template (on website), markers, tape, safety scissors (several pairs)

Give each family member a sheet of paper or a crown template you have printed off. Place the markers, tape, and scissors where children can share them.

Have everyone create crowns for themselves or decorate crowns any way they wish.

Please do this activity yourself too. By wearing a crown, you'll send the signal that it's okay to look a bit silly for this activity!

Have everyone put on their crowns. Put on yours as well and gather everyone together. **Say: When we see someone wearing a crown, we know that person is royalty—often a king or queen. Let's take a moment and tell one another what's special about our crowns, what decorations we used, and why. My crown is special because ...**

After you explain your crown, say: Your turn now. Go around, having each person share what's special about their crown.

After you are finished, encourage everyone to keep their crowns on as you discuss together:

- If you were really a king or queen, what's a rule you'd want to make?
- Who would you choose to give you advice on how to run the country? Why?

Say: Today we heard about someone who was really a king— a king who was promised that his family would rule the country forever. So did God keep his promise? We'll find out, but first let's practice being royalty ourselves!

Activity #2

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Time: about 10 minutes Supplies: none

Explain the concept of a family tree, if your kids are unfamiliar.

Then say: Jesus could trace his family tree right back to King David. What do you know about our family? Let's answer some questions—if we know the answers.

Where are your grandparents from?

What country is our family from?

Are there physical characteristics that run in our family? For instance, is everyone short? Does everyone have brown eyes?

Does our family celebrate any unusual holidays? If so, what are they?

Do we have any special family photos or Bibles that have been passed down in our family?

Say: It's good to know our past, but God also knows our future! God promised David that his family would rule forever, and God kept his promise. God promised us that we can choose to be a part of his kingdom, and God will keep that promise too!

Activity #3

FAMILY PRAYER

Time: about 5 minutes Supplies: none

Take a moment and have each family member tell something God has done for them in the past. *For instance, God has let you have some good times with friends.*

Pray: God, we know you're the same yesterday (in the past), today, and tomorrow (in the future). You're our king. Thank you for being with us in the past.

Share something God is doing for you now. *For instance, maybe he's helping you be a better friend.*

Pray: God, thank you for what you do for us now.

Then have each family member share something they are trusting God will do for them in the future. *For instance, maybe you're trusting that God will let you grow up and learn to drive a car—a cool car!*

Pray: Thank you for what you'll do for us in the future too. You are a good king, and we love you. In Jesus's name, amen.