

2 SAMUEL 4-9

WEEK IN REVIEW + FAMILY GUIDE

WEEK IN REVIEW

In these chapters, we see how God continues to **establish** (set up in a lasting way with God's help) David as king over all Israel and how David leads with **justice** (doing what is right and good according to God's standards), kindness, and worship. After King Saul died, one of his sons, (Ishbosheth), tried to rule part of Israel. But when he was killed by two men hoping to gain favor with David, David did not reward them—he punished them for murder. David showed he respected God's timing and justice, not violence or shortcuts. This showed the people that David was a king who honored God and valued life.

All the tribes of Israel finally came together and made David their king. He was 30 years old and would reign for 40 years. David captured the city of Jerusalem, made it his capital, and called it the "City of David." God helped David win many battles, and David grew stronger because the Lord was with him. David gave God credit for his success. David wanted to bring the **Ark of the Covenant** (a special place that represented God's presence) to Jerusalem. At first, they did it the wrong way, and a man named Uzzah died. David was afraid, but then learned the right way to honor God. When the Ark was finally brought into the city with great joy, David danced and celebrated. His wife, Michal, thought he looked foolish, but David said he was willing to be even more foolish to honor the Lord. This teaches us that true worship comes from the heart, not what others think.

David wanted to build a temple for God, but God said no—his son would build it. Instead, God made a special promise called the **Davidic Covenant**. A **covenant** is a really strong promise that should not be broken. He told David that his family line would last forever and that one of his descendants would rule forever (a promise fulfilled in Jesus!). David humbly thanked God, praising Him for His goodness and faithfulness. David led Israel with fairness and strength. He won many battles, and God gave him victory wherever he went. But David was not just a warrior—he was also kind. In chapter 9, David remembered his friendship with Jonathan and showed kindness to Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth. He brought him to live at the palace and eat at the king's table like one of his own sons. David showed God's love through compassion and loyalty.

FAMILY GUIDE

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| BIG IDEA: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● God keeps His promises! |
| KEY STORIES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● David becomes king of Israel ● Moving the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem ● The Lord's covenant promise to David ● David's kindness to Mephibosheth |
| KEY VERSES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 Samuel 5:10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him." ● 2 Samuel 6:14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "And David danced before the Lord with all his might." ● 2 Samuel 7:16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever." |
| WORDS TO KNOW: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Set up in a lasting way with God's help ● Ark of the Covenant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A special place that represented God's presence to Jerusalem ● Covenant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A really strong promise that should not be broken ● The Davidic Covenant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A promise to David from God of a House (Dynasty of David), Kingdom (Political Reign), and Throne (Kingdom Forever) |

Reflection Questions

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| 1. | How did God show His faithfulness to David? |
| 2. | What is a covenant? What did God promise David in the Davidic covenant? |
| 3. | Who would eventually come from the line of David? |
| 4. | Why did David dance in front of everyone when the Ark came into Jerusalem? Have you ever felt shy about showing your love for God? |