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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- **Mornings**: Ask God to help you discover His plans for your life. Ask Him to remind you that His plans are better than your plans. How can knowing God better—who He is and what He has done—help you trust His plans for your life?
- **Evenings**: Praise God for always keeping His promises! Thank Him for the ways His faithfulness increases your faith in Him. How was God faithful to David? How has God been faithful to you?

>>> MAIN IDEAS:

CHRIST CONNECTION THIS IS THE BIG IDEA OF HOW THIS WEEK'S BIBLE STORY POINTS TO JESUS:

GOD PROMISED DAVID THAT FUTURE KINGS 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.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What is grace?

Grace is when God gives us something good even when we do not deserve it.

>>> CONTINUE THE STORY AT HOME

Dear Families,

Hoshi Ryokan, a hotel in Japan, is the oldest family business in the world. The hotel was started in 718, and it has been owned and operated by the same family every day since. The business has now been passed down through 46 generations!

It's rare to see something like a home or business pass from generation to generation without interruption. David probably felt shocked and honored when God promised that someone from his family would be king forever. In an age when kings would rise and fall, God's promise shows how faithful He is to keep the family of David on the throne forever. Only God can keep such a promise!

God made another promise. He promised to send a Savior who would rescue people from sin. The promised Savior is Jesus, who just happened to be the 25th great-grandfather of David. Jesus came from the family of David and is now the King of kings who sits on the throne forever!

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.

Pray: God, You always keep Your promises. You kept Your promise to David, and You kept Your promise to the world by sending Jesus as the Savior. Help us to believe in Your promise of eternal life for all who believe in Jesus.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES <<<

For Fun: Look at your wedding pictures. If you are not married, show wedding pictures of close friends or extended family members. Explain that in a wedding, the husband and wife make a lifelong promise to each other and God to be faithful. Discuss how God made an everlasting promise to David that was fulfilled in Jesus.

<u>To Serve</u>: Volunteer to serve in a new ministry of your church for the next four weeks. As a family, discuss the volunteer opportunity and how important it is to honor the commitment made to the church. Talk with kids about how God is always faithful to keep the commitments He makes to His people. We can always trust God to keep His promises!



UNIT MEMORY VERSE:

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

-Ephesians 1:7-8