

GOD'S PROMISE TO DAVID

2 SAMUEL 7:12-13; ISAIAH 9:6-7; LUKE 1:31-33

LEARN THE WORD

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

- David brought the ark of God to Jerusalem and placed it in a tent.
- David wanted to build a house for the ark, but God sent him a message through the prophet Nathan that one of his sons would build it. God promised that David's throne would be established forever through a special descendant, who was the Savior, Jesus.

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

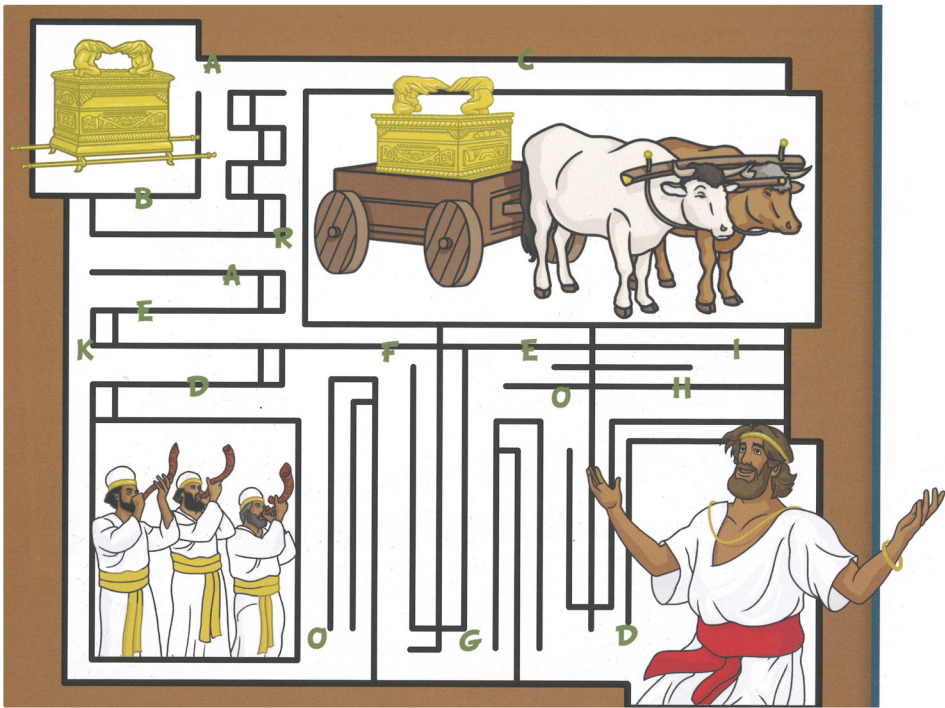
OUTWORD FOR FAMILY DISCUSSION

Suppose your friend says that the Old Testament characters aren't important. We only need to read about Jesus in the New Testament.

What could you say?

Jesus is the most important person in the Bible. He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for us, and rose from the grave to conquer death. But the Old Testament and the history it tells us is really important! Skipping the Old Testament is like skipping the first half of a storybook; you won't know the characters or the story line. In the Old Testament, God explained the problem of sin and showed His plan to send the Savior, Jesus. God promised men including Abraham, Jacob, Judah, and David that the Messiah, Jesus, would come from their family. The Old Testament gives prophecies about who Jesus would be and where He would be born! All these prophecies came true when Jesus came. God gave us the whole Bible for a reason, so we should read and study all of it.

Activity: Take the ark to David. Pick up the letters along the correct path and fill in the blanks under the maze.



David rejoiced when the _____
_____ came to Jerusalem

HOMESWORD
FOR PARENTS

Once David's reign was established, he wanted to bring the ark of God to Jerusalem. But he and the people failed to follow God's instructions when they placed the ark on a cart pulled by oxen. Uzzah, one of the men driving the cart, reached out and touched the ark when the oxen stumbled, and he died. David feared the Lord and left the ark for three months before he gathered the Israelites and this time followed God's instructions to move it. The Levites carried the ark on their shoulders using poles as Moses had commanded (1 Chronicles 15:14-15). God blessed the journey, and the ark was brought into Jerusalem amidst dancing, celebration, and joyful music (1 Chronicles 15:26-28; 2 Samuel 6:14-15). The ark was placed in the tent David had prepared, and David offered sacrifices to the Lord (2 Samuel 6:17).

David wanted to honor God by building a house for the ark (2 Samuel 7:1-3). Nathan the prophet received a vision from God and delivered the message to David. God revealed that one of David's sons would build the temple and that David's throne would be established forever. This promise of an enduring throne for David is carried throughout the Old Testament and points to the Savior who would come (2 Samuel 7:8-17). That promise has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the Son of David, who will reign forever (Revelation 11:15). We can be sure that this same God who was faithful to the promises made to David will be faithful to us as we put our trust in Him.