

“Forever” (March 12)

Main Verses: 2 Samuel 7:11b-16

Key Verse: 2 Samuel 7:16

TAKEAWAY: Because God promised King David a forever throne, we can have a forever home with King Jesus.

Getting Started: What makes a home?

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Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- What is God going to do for David?
- How long will David's kingdom last?
- What will God be to David and David's descendants?
- What does that mean for us?

Elementary:

- What four things will God do for David and David's descendants? (rest, a house, a kingdom established forever, be his Father)
- Why is it important that God tells David His faithful love will never leave his descendants?
- What do these things mean for us?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

Toddler/PreK:

- God is faithful. He always does what He says He will do.
- David wanted to build God a house. But God promised to build him a house(hold).
- God promised David his kingdom/throne would be forever.
- As a descendant of David, and God in human flesh, Jesus gives us a forever home with Him.

Elementary:

- God is faithful. He always does what He says He will do.
- David wanted to build God a house. But God promised to build him a house(hold).
- God promised David his throne would be forever.
- God also promised David's descendant a relationship—God would be His Father, and he would be God's son.
- Jesus is a descendant of David, and God in human flesh.
- Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, by believing in Him through faith, we can have a forever home with God, where He is our Father and we are His children.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God, thanking Him for being faithful always. Thank Him that His promise to David to be His Father. Thank Him that through faith in Jesus, we too can have a forever home with God.

(Elementary)Talk to God, thanking Him for being faithful always. Thank Him for always keeping His promises, and for making a way for us, through faith in Jesus, to have a forever home with God. As you think about what faith in Jesus means, and Jesus' death and resurrection, reflect on your own heart. Who is in charge of your life? Are you living a me-centered life or a life surrendering to God's loving leadership? As you think about these things, you might want to do the following: Admit you are guilty of living a me-centered life instead of a God-centered one. Believe that Jesus is your only hope for forgiveness, freedom, and forever with God. With your whole heart and being, commit yourself to following Jesus' loving leadership. If you pray this, or have questions about what it means, talk to a trusted adult in your life about it.