

**David's Final Triumph**

**Outline**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

What was the one most important lesson of David's life? He would pass that advice along to the new king. Listen and see if you guessed correctly!

**II. PROGRESSION OF EVENTS**

- A. David wanted to build a temple for God, but God said David's son would build it. (2 Sam. 7:1-17)
- B. David accepted God's word, rejoicing in His promise to establish David's house forever. (7:18-29)
- C. David made plans and gathered materials for the temple his son would build. (1 Chron. 22:1-5)
- D. David charged Solomon with the responsibility of building the house of God. (22:6-10)
- E. David urged Solomon to be obedient to God. (22:11-13)
- F. David listed the materials and workers he had arranged for the building. (22:14-16)
- G. David commanded others to help in the building project. (22:17-19)
- H. David defeated the plot of Adonijah, making Solomon king over Israel in obedience to God. (23:1; 1 Kings 1:1—2:9)
- I. David died and Solomon reigned as the first in the line of David. (1 Kings 2:10-12)
- J. The Lord Jesus came to fulfill the covenant God made with David. (Lutke 1:26-33)



**III. CLIMAX**

One day all the world will obey the Lord Jesus as the King of Kings whose reign will never end! (Rev. 11:15)

**IV. CONCLUSION**

You and I can be included in God's final triumph.

**Invitation (unsaved child):** Believe and have everlasting life. [John 3:16]

**Challenge (saved child):** Commit yourself to obey God. [1 Chron. 22:19]

Scripture verses in parentheses are background text. Bracketed verses should be quoted or read from God's Word.



Lesson Overview		75-min	60-min
<b>Scripture</b>	2 Samuel 7:1-29; 1 Chronicles 22:2—23:5; 1 Kings 1:1—2:12; Luke 1:26-33; Revelation 11:15	—	—
<b>Memory Verse</b>	1 Chronicles 22:19 "Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God."	—	—
<b>Teaching Objective</b>	The saved child will commit to grow in his obedience to God.	—	—
<b>Main Teaching</b>	Commit yourself to obey God.	—	—
<b>Teaching Statement</b>	Decide now—Obey God!	—	—
<b>Emphasis for Unsaved</b>	Believe on the Lord Jesus for everlasting life.	—	—
<b>Visual Aids</b>	Flashcards 6-1—6, map	—	—
Schedule			
Before Club	Complete attendance record as children arrive, listen to each child recite previous verse	4	4
Opening	Welcome "Good News to All the World" Review rules, "David's Crown" attendance incentive	3	3
Prayer	Prayer requests and praise reports from the children	2	2
Song	"Let the Lord Have His Way"	4	4
Gospel Activity	"God's World" (review)	10	10
Missions	Song: "Children All Around the World" Story: <i>Mountain Pathways</i> , part 6 "Flight to the Field" missions chart, emphasis, prayer	8	8
Memory Verse	(Review previous verses) 1 Chronicles 22:19 Repetition: Cover-a-Word	2	2
Song	"John 1:12"	20	20
Bible Lesson/Invitation	(Review previous lesson) <b>David's Final Triumph</b>	0	6
Review	Review game and/or growth activity	6	15
Wonder Time	"God Wants to Spend Time with Just You" (visualized song) or "Get It Read" p. 52, quiet time teaching and <i>Wonder Devotional Book</i> review, awards	1	1
Closing	Announcements, prayer, verse/teaching tokens, <i>Wonderzone</i> bookmarks, <i>Truth Chasers Club</i> starter lessons	—	—

**Extended Class Time:** Use additional sidebar activities.

## Teaching the Memory Verse

### Preschool Memory Verse

Teach John 3:16 throughout the series. See p. 7 for teaching instructions.

The memory verses in this series are taken from the King James Version of the Bible. If you are using another version, you may need to adapt the explanations slightly.

### Preschool Repetition

"Follow Footsteps"

Repeat the verse as children step along a path of footprints on the floor.

Showing the numbers 70 and 40 will help the visual learner.

**Memory Verse:** 1 Chronicles 22:19  
"Now set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God."

**Introduction:** Have you ever been so determined to do something that nothing could stop you? That's what our memory verse tells us to do.

**Presentation:** *(Read the verse from your Bible—or have an older child do so—then have the children read with you from the verse visual.)*

**Explanation:** "Now set your heart and your soul"—Determine with your whole self—your will, mind and emotions—to do something. Don't allow anything to stop you.  
"to seek"—To diligently follow or commit yourself to someone.  
"the Lord your God"—Lord (Jehovah) is the Hebrew name for God meaning "self-existent one." He can exist on His own. God was the name used to indicate supreme or highest. This is the one we are to commit ourselves to follow and obey.

**Application:** *Saved:* If you have believed on the Lord Jesus as your Savior, you are to commit yourself to follow and obey God. This is something you do with your whole self, allowing nothing to stop you. Where do we find out how to follow God? *(Allow children to respond.)* Yes, in the Bible, God's Word.  
*Unsaved:* In order to commit yourself to obey God, you need to first believe on the Lord Jesus as your Savior. If you have not yet done this, you will have an opportunity to do so at the end of our Bible lesson today.

**Repetition:** Cover-a-Word  
*(Repeat the verse together using the visual several times. Then begin covering one word at a time with a strip of construction paper, repeating the verse after each new word is covered.)*

## Gospel Activity

### God's World (Review)

*(Review the Gospel activity on p. 37.)*

## Lesson

### INTRODUCTION

What do you think was the one most important lesson King David had learned during his exciting life? *(Acknowledge responses, but don't give away the answer—to obey God.)* Now he was growing old and a new king would reign over Israel. David wanted to pass on to that new king the one most important thing he had learned. Listen to see if you guessed correctly!

### PROGRESSION OF EVENTS

King David was nearly 70 years old. He had reigned as king in Israel for 40 years. During those years David fought many battles. Can you remember some of the enemies David fought? *(Let children respond.)* Who helped David to be strong and courageous in his battles? Yes, God did!

During the last ten years, God gave David rest from his enemies. It was a peaceful time for David to think back over the many joys and sorrows of his life and praise God for all He had done. But David wasn't bored during those peaceful days! There was a lot of activity going on in Jerusalem.

### Slide 6-1

David assigned a group of men to cut beautiful stones. Others made iron into thousands of nails. There were great piles of cedar logs—too many to count. There were stacks of bronze—too much to weigh. Why did he need all this material?

Many years before this when David had first become king, he decided that he would build a temple for God. He loved the Lord very much.

Up until that time, God's people worshiped Him in a tabernacle—a huge tent. God had instructed them to make the tent as a place where He met with His people. But now that David was settled in Jerusalem and living in a fine palace, he felt it was only right to build a great temple for God. David shared his idea with the prophet Nathan, who agreed with him. But then God gave Nathan a message for David.

God said, "Are you the one to build me a temple for my dwelling place?" God reminded David of all He had done for him. Then He said, "When your days are over, I will raise up your son to be king. He may build a house for me." David had been a man of war, and God wanted His temple built by David's son, who would be a man of peace.

Then God made an exciting promise to David. God said that He would, through David's family, establish his throne forever.

David believed God's promise, even though it was almost too wonderful for him to understand. He was satisfied that his son would have the honor of building a house for God.

David had several sons after that, but God had said that Solomon was the one to be king after David. He was the one who would build the temple.

### Slide 6-2

Much later, when Solomon was about 20 years old, David felt he needed to help him by making preparations for the temple.

"The temple to be built for the Lord is to be made most magnificent. Its fame and glory will be known everywhere," David said.

He told Solomon how God had chosen him to build the temple. "God told me, 'A son will be born to you who shall be a man of peace. I will give him rest from his enemies. Solomon will be his name. There will be peace and safety over Israel as long as he lives. He will build a house for me.'"

As Solomon thought of the great honor and responsibility that had been given to him to build a temple for God, he must have been a little afraid. How could he ever take charge of such an important project?

David encouraged his son saying, "The Lord be with you so that you may prosper and build the temple as He has said. The Lord grant you understanding so that when He makes you king over Israel you may keep the law of the Lord your God."

David was sharing with Solomon the one most important thing he had learned. He was instructing Solomon to obey God! God had told David that if the kings in his family disobeyed, He would discipline them. David knew that the times he was most troubled and had the greatest difficulties in his life were the times he did not obey God. When he obeyed God, he was blessed with joy and victory. This was the most important lesson King David wanted Solomon to know.

### Slide 6-3

This is the most important lesson God wants you to know, too. If you have believed on the Lord Jesus as your Savior, commit yourself to obey God. When you choose to disobey God, your life will be troubled. Your joy will be gone because you'll know you're not pleasing God. Even your service won't please Him. You cannot expect His power to work in and through you while you are disobeying Him. You won't be able to tell others about God because no one will want to listen to you if your life shows you are not following Him. Worst of all, you won't be showing your love to God for all He's done for you.

Preschoolers would enjoy gathering materials—large boxes or blocks, toy hammers, nails and logs—for the temple.

A collection of small-scale objects of the various kinds will help children identify with the type of things David gathered. The tactual learner would appreciate feeling the smooth stones and smelling the cedar logs.

Read the question from 2 Samuel 7:5.

Show card with the word *Promise* written on it. God's promise to David can be found in 1 Kings 2:4.



#### Teaching Card and Statement

Show card and have children shout "Decide now—Obey God!" (See GNC resource pack.) This teaching statement—a shortened version of the teaching emphasis for the saved child—will be easy for kids to repeat. Tell the kids that anytime you call out "Word Up!" they are to shout the phrase back. Call it out during transition times, times when kids are restless or anytime!

It's not easy to always obey God. You may see others who don't obey and things may seem to go well for them. You might have friends who don't understand the importance of obeying God and they may encourage you to disobey. It takes real courage and commitment—firm determination—to obey God. What do you need to do? Let's say it together. (*Repeat 1 Chronicles 22:19.*) This is God's word urging you to commit yourself to obey Him. It is the most important lesson God wants you to know.

#### Preschool Song

Sing "Have You Any Fear?"

Help children find the book of Psalms in the middle of the Bible.

Adonijah (add-oh-NYE-juh)  
Adonijah was the fourth son of David and the oldest living son at this time. He probably thought he should inherit the throne by order of birth since there were five more sons between him and Solomon.

Preschoolers will understand the feast as you supply a snack and let the "king" serve them.

Gihon (GIH-hon)

Make a pretend trumpet sound then let the children shout: "Long live King Solomon!"

It was also the most important lesson King David wanted Solomon to know. In fact, those are the very words David said to Solomon!

David went on to encourage his son. "Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid." He listed for Solomon all of the materials he had gathered. Besides the stone, iron and bronze, there was gold and silver, too. There was so much that if we counted the amount in our money today it would come to more than five billion dollars! This would be the finest temple in all the world!

Solomon wouldn't have to do the work alone. Skilled men had been gathered to help. There were experienced woodcutters and stonemasons and men skilled in working with gold and silver, bronze and iron.

#### Slide 6-4

David then called the leaders of Israel together. He told them he expected them to help Solomon build the temple. As they listened to their beloved king, he reminded them that God was with them. The Lord had given them a time of peace with their enemies, and therefore they needed to get busy and build the temple for Him.

David also planned how the people would worship God in the wonderful temple that would be built. He appointed thousands of people to look after the temple and lead worship times. Others were appointed to play instruments and sing praises to the Lord. David himself had written many songs of praise that would be sung in the temple. We have many of his songs written in our Bible in the book of Psalms.

Before David died, he wanted to make sure that Solomon would take his place on the throne of Israel as king. But David had another son named Adonijah, who disagreed. Adonijah was older than Solomon. He was very good-looking like his brother Absalom had been. He was also very popular and proud. In his pride Adonijah said, "I will be king!" He knew that God had chosen his brother Solomon, but he was not interested in obeying God. He was determined to take the throne instead of Solomon. Several of David's important people left David to join Adonijah's side. Even David's long-time army commander, Joab, decided to join Adonijah.

Adonijah held a great feast, inviting all of his loyal supporters. He planned to gather as many people to his side as he could, then declare himself Israel's new king.

Nathan heard about Adonijah's feast and he quickly visited David's wife Bathsheba to tell her about Adonijah's plan to become king instead of Solomon. Nathan encouraged Bathsheba to go and talk to David about it.

Bathsheba told David of the plot, then Nathan came and also encouraged David to take action. David must have been saddened to hear that yet another of his sons had rebelled. But David knew that nothing could stand in the way of obedience to God. Solomon must be made king as God commanded.

#### Slide 6-5

David called his leaders together. He ordered them to put Solomon on his royal mule and lead the animal through the streets of Jerusalem. Since only the king was to ride this mule it would be a sign to the people that Solomon was to be king. They were to then take him to the spring of Gihon. This was just a short distance from where Adonijah was having his feast. At the spring, Solomon was to be anointed as king.

They did exactly as David commanded. After Solomon was anointed king, a trumpet was blown and the people shouted, "Long live King Solomon!" Then there was dancing and music and great rejoicing that could be heard for miles around. The noise of the

celebration could easily be heard a short distance away at Adonijah's feast. Adonijah and his followers knew that their plan was defeated. The people returned to the city and Solomon took his place on the throne of David.

David rejoiced to see Solomon on his throne. He was so pleased and thankful to God that he had lived long enough to see this day.

David knew he would soon die. He wanted to give Solomon a few last words of advice. Can you guess what he encouraged Solomon to do? Yes, obey God! One more time, David reminded Solomon to walk in God's ways and keep His commandments. He knew this was how Solomon could show that he loved God and the only way he could be truly happy.

### Slide 6-6

If you have believed on the Lord Jesus as your Savior, commit yourself to obey God. That is how you show that you love God, and the only way you, too, can be truly happy. To commit yourself means to be firmly determined to do it. Don't let anything or anyone keep you from obeying God. Let's say our verse. (*Repeat 1 Chronicles 22:19.*) That means to determine in your mind, your heart and your "want to" to seek (obey) God. When you are tempted to disobey, say this verse out loud. Ask God to give you the desire on the inside to obey—then do it! You can depend on God's strength to obey Him. If you faithfully commit yourself to obey God, others will see that you love Him, and you will have true joy in your heart.

David wanted Solomon to have the true joy in his heart that comes from loving and obeying God. David told Solomon that if he obeyed God, God would bless him.

### Slide 6-7

David died shortly after Solomon became king. Did Solomon obey God? Sadly, the answer is no. Solomon and other kings who came later from David's family often disobeyed God. They sinned against Him, and just as God said He would, He disciplined them. God allowed enemy nations to invade the land of Israel and win victories over the people. As more and more of the kings from David's family disobeyed God, Israel was defeated over and over. Finally all of the people of Israel, including the king, were captured and taken out of the land. The palace was destroyed. The beautiful temple that Solomon built was destroyed. The whole city of Jerusalem was destroyed. It may have looked like the kingdom—and God's promise—was finished. But about 400 years later, something wonderful happened!

### Slide 6-8

God sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, into the world. God told Jesus' earthly parents, "The Lord God shall give unto him [Jesus] the throne of his father David" (Luke 1:32). Mary, Jesus' mother, married Joseph who was from the family of David. God said that Jesus would be King over the house of Israel forever. But Jesus wasn't crowned King while He was here on Earth.

Instead He was nailed to a cross where He died. But that, too, was part of God's plan. God, who is holy and right, said that sin must be punished. Each of us was born with the sinful desire to go our own way instead of God's way (Isa. 53:6). Jesus, God the Son, who was without sin, died for your sins and mine. His blood was given on the cross as the punishment for our sins. The Bible says, "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). Jesus died, was buried and rose again because God loves you and wanted to make a way for your sin to be forgiven.

Jesus wasn't crowned King on Earth, but He is alive now in Heaven.



**Teaching Card and Statement**  
Show card and have children shout  
"Decide now—Obey God!"

Quote the memory verse, David's words to Solomon, again.

**Preschool Song**  
Sing "I Have a Friend."

See 2 Kings 24–25.

See Luke 1:26-33.



As this a growth lesson, the Gospel teachings here are brief. Be sure to reinforce the message of salvation at another time during the class hour. (See schedule, p. 44.)

**Preschool Song**  
Sing "Good News."

Show card with the word *Promise* written on it.

See Revelation 11:15.



Explain John 3:16 so the children will understand how it applies to them. Give opportunity for those who know the verse to quote it from memory.

Lead in a time of invitation using the method given here or one you've found effective. Be sure to let children know that they can pray in their own words right now or at another time. Explain that once they know they need Jesus as their Savior, they should respond right away.

#### Preschool Invitation

Sing "Nothing But the Blood" and present the invitation using John 3:16 and "believe in" terminology. Ask those who would like to believe in Jesus to stay with you at the story rug.



#### Teaching Card and Statement

Show card and have children shout "*Decide now—Obey God!*"

### Slide 6-9

One day Jesus will be crowned King on Earth. The Bible says the Lord Jesus will return to Earth to rule from a throne in Jerusalem. Then God's promise will finally be fulfilled. The Lord Jesus, the Son of God and from the earthly line of David, will be King over all the earth. Every other ruler—kings, presidents and dictators—will bow before Him. Every person will be under His rule.

### CLIMAX

One day, all the world will obey the Lord Jesus as the King of kings, whose reign will never end!

### CONCLUSION

God says in that day there will be fullness of joy and pleasure forevermore. And the best part is that you and I can be part of that triumphant kingdom!

### INVITATION

If you are willing to admit that you need God's forgiveness for your sin, and you trust in your heart that the Lord Jesus died on the cross so you could be forgiven, you can have everlasting life and be part of God's kingdom. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world [you and me], that he gave his only begotten Son [Jesus], that whosoever [anyone] believeth in him [believes He took the punishment for your sin] should not perish [be separated from God forever], but have everlasting life [life forever in His kingdom]" (John 3:16). Will you believe on Him, trusting Him to save you? Let's all bow our heads and close our eyes. You can talk to the Lord right now. Say something like this: "Dear Lord Jesus, I do believe You died for me. I'm sorry for the wrong things I've done. Please take away my sin and help me to obey You. I want You to change me into a new person on the inside. Thank You for saving me today." If you prayed this prayer, meet me (*designate time and location*) so we can talk more about it.

### CHALLENGE

#### Slide 6-10

If you have already believed on the Lord Jesus as your Savior, are you willing to commit yourself to obey God? Remember today's verse. (*Repeat 1 Chronicles 22:19 together.*) When you are tempted to disobey, say this verse out loud. Ask God to give you the "want to" on the inside to obey—then do it! God will give you the strength to obey Him as you depend on Him.

Can you think of one area of your life where you haven't been obeying God? Perhaps you've been missing your quiet time with God, or maybe you've not been telling others about Him. Maybe you argue a lot with your parents or brothers and sisters. Pick one area where you need to grow in your obedience to God and commit that area to Him right now. I will give you a few moments to talk to God in your heart about it. Ask for His strength to obey. (*Allow time for silent prayer.*)

Here are some words you can say to God when it's hard to obey: "Dear Lord, please help me to obey You by (*blank—fill in area where obedience is needed*). Thank You for Your strength, which will help me to obey. In Jesus' name, amen." Pray this prayer each day this week, asking God to give you victory in obeying Him. When He does, be sure to thank Him! If you want to share your victory with us, we'll be glad to rejoice with you, too.

## Review Questions

1. Why didn't God want David to build a temple for Him? (*David was a man of war. God said His temple would be built by a man of peace.*)
2. What promise did God make to David? (*His throne would be established forever.*)
3. What did David do to help Solomon prepare to build the temple? (*He gathered materials, appointed workers and planned for worship times.*)
4. What did David urge Solomon to do above all else as king? (*Obey God.*)
5. What did God say would happen to David's family if they did not obey Him? (*God would discipline them through their enemies.*)
6. Why is it important for you, as God's child, to obey God? (*That is the only way you can have true joy and God's blessing on your life.*)
7. How did David keep Adonijah from stealing the throne from Solomon? (*He had Solomon put on his mule and taken to be anointed king while Adonijah was feasting with his supporters.*)
8. Why did God call Jesus the son of David? Why did He send Jesus to Earth? (*Jesus' mother, Mary, married Joseph, who was from the line of David. Jesus came to die on the cross so our sins could be forgiven.*)
9. When will God's promise to David be fulfilled? (*When Jesus returns to reign as King of kings forever.*)
10. What should you do when it is hard to obey? (*Say our memory verse aloud; ask God to give you the "want to" to obey, then depend on His strength and do it!*)

## Preschool Review Questions

1. What was David's good advice to his son Solomon? (*Obey God.*)
2. What was God's wonderful promise to David? (*Solomon would be king and would build a temple for God; David's throne would last forever.*)
3. How did God keep His promise? (*Jesus was born in David's family; some day He will be King over all the Earth.*)
4. How can Jesus be your King today? (*Believe on Him as your Savior from sin.*)

## Learning Activities

### Pray for Leaders

Read verses about obeying authorities (Rom. 13:1-6; Heb. 13:17; 1 Pet. 2:13-17; 1 Tim. 2:1,2). Make a list of your leaders (national, state and local), cut the list apart and have the children each choose one name. Have them pray for the leaders at club and at home.

### Picture God's Word

Read verses that tell us to obey God's Word (2 Tim. 3:14-17; Ps. 119:105; Heb. 4:12). Have the children draw a picture illustrating Hebrews 4:12.

### Review Game

#### "Balloon Burst"

Print point values on small slips of paper, roll, insert into balloons then inflate. Place the balloons in a trash bag. Divide the class into two teams and ask questions, alternating between the teams. When a child answers correctly, he may choose a balloon from the bag. Give him a push pin to pop it and award the points inside to his team.

### Preschool Review Game

#### "Basket Ball"

When a child answers correctly, he may try to throw a ball into a laundry basket. Applaud for every attempt.