

Family Worship Guide – Week 18

READ

- Saul's rule as king ended tragically because he failed to obey God's Word. Thereafter, David ascended to the throne, and his official reign as king of Israel began. After David returned the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem, God established His covenant with him. Throughout salvation history, we see God's plan unfold for His people to dwell in His place, under His rule. This is the threefold promise made to Abraham in Gen. 12 and provides the plotline for the entire Bible. In 2 Samuel 7:1-17, God decrees He will fulfill this promise through the royal lineage of David.
- 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Psalm 2
- God intended to rule His people through a righteous king. However, a truly righteous king would not be found in Israel for many years to come. As great a king as David was, he exposed his unrighteousness by coveting Uriah's wife and conspiring to kill him (2 Sam. 11). He needed to repent and seek God's forgiveness (Ps. 51:4). Although his son, Solomon, later built the Temple, he too failed to be a truly righteous king. Yet, neither David nor Solomon's disobedience deterred God's decree. Due to His steadfast love, He eventually sat a righteous king on David's throne.
- Matthew 1:1-17 – note verses 1, 6, 16-17
- Matthew traces the line of Abraham through the line of David to the birth of Jesus Christ. He proceeds to demonstrate that Jesus Christ is the highly anticipated and much needed descendant of David. Unlike Saul, David, and Solomon, Jesus Christ would be able to rescue all who take refuge in Him from the wrath of God (Ps. 2:12).
- 2 Samuel 7:18-29
- The only way David's house could be blessed forever was if his descendant could do what he could not – obey God's Word with perfect righteousness. All who "kiss the Son" benefit from the Son of David's obedience (Rom. 5:19).

The Bottom Line: Through His obedience, King Jesus ensures the fulfillment of God's eternal promises.

Questions:

How would you describe God's desire to fulfill His promises?

How does realizing that you benefit from someone else's obedience affect you and your relationship with God?

Are there areas of your life that do not reflect appropriate allegiance to King Jesus? If so, how might you surrender fully to Him?

PRAY

- Read *Window on the World*, pg. 56-57 *Ethiopia*
- Use Prayer Card

SING

- Use lyric sheet and mp3 download of "Jesus Messiah"
- This week we chose "Jesus Messiah" for our family worship song. As we are reading the story of David and are learning the history of Israel's failure to remain faithful to God, we hear the cry of the Old Testament, the longing for a Savior. "Jesus Messiah" is a song celebrating the coming of the one true savior of the world, the Son of God, Jesus Christ. In Him we find our salvation and the hope to be with our God for eternity.

MEMORIZE

- 2 Samuel 7:22 Therefore you are great, O Lord God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

SUGGESTIONS

These suggestions were created by the age-group ministry leaders as a way to help parents better communicate the biblical truths discussed in the Family Worship Guide. These activities and questions can replace or serve as a supplement to the questions under the “Read” section on Page 1. Remember that these suggestions are intended to help parents facilitate God-centered discussions with their children. Parents should prayerfully use these suggestions, and any other means necessary, to help their children discover the truths of God’s word and worship Him together.

Preschool (Birth-Kindergarten)

- Begin by asking your preschooler this question: Do you know what a promise is? A promise is when someone tells you they will do something. (Ex. If mommy says, “I will get you a special snack,” that is a promise.) Have your child tell you a promise that someone has made to them.
- The Bible tells us about God’s promises. Now have your child tell you promises God has made to them and kept (these may be: friends, protection, loving them, etc.). God always keeps His promises! God’s plan is always perfect! We can trust Him to keep His promises!
- God made a very important promise in the Bible. He promised to send His son, Jesus. Years and years before Jesus was born, God promised His people that He would send them someone to help them. God is so good and He will never give up on you or me, just like He didn’t give up on Solomon or David. He loves us so much He sent His son Jesus to rescue us. What a good and great God!

Children (Grades 1-5)

- Praying Scripture:
What a great example David gives us in how to pray. God speaks by His Word and we pray it back to Him. David tells God that he understands that he was a Shepherd boy and now part of this everlasting promise. David prays and tells God that he understands God is in control and is doing these things for His own name and glory.
- Let’s pray our memory verse: 2 Samuel 7:22 Therefore you are great, O Lord God. For there is none like you, and there is no God beside you according to all that we have heard with our ears.
“Dear Lord, You are great! You are the One True God and nothing is greater than You. We have heard in Your Word (use the things your family pointed out) that You are in control of all things and You have plans for our lives that bring You glory. You planned for Jesus to be born out of the house of David and You planned for Him to reign forever. Thank you for Jesus the King of Kings.”

Students (Grades 6-12)

- What comes to mind when you’re in class and hear the words “group project”? Have you ever been put in that group where only one or two people contributed to the work, yet everyone received a passing grade? Was that frustrating? Why? Have you ever been the one who didn’t contribute much, or anything at all?
- This idea of benefiting from another’s performance and obedience shouldn’t be foreign to us. Our salvation is totally dependant upon Christ’s performance of obedience for us. If we know that Christ’s perfect obedience will always be deemed sufficient for our salvation, why do we try to do works to gain God’s acceptance?
- What if you walked in a class and the teacher’s first words were, “Before we begin our study, I want you to know that you will definitely have an ‘A’ at the end of this course. Now lets begin!” How would you respond? Would you lose interest and simply stop coming because you knew you had already made the grade, or would you desire to learn and grow even more because the weight of performing had been lifted?
- This is the same crossroads at which we find ourselves when we benefit from Christ’s perfect obedience. We realize we can’t do anything to gain God’s acceptance, but because of Christ’s obedience we are free and empowered to live in a way that brings Him great glory.

Prayer

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Confession

Confession is our personal acknowledgement of the sin in our lives. God tells us in His word to confess our sin to Him and to turn from it. Confession is vital in the life of every believer as they seek to be more like Christ. If you desire to read some passages from scripture about this, some are listed below.

Biblical Basis for Confession:

Proverbs 28:13; Romans 10:10; James 5:16; 1 John 1:9

Take an opportunity for those gathered with you in worship to spend time in silent confession to God.

Nations: Ethiopia

- Ethiopia has been ravaged by six major droughts in the past two decades. Pray for those who have disease and have lost loved ones due to the lack of water.
- Pray for God to raise up His church to take the Gospel to the thousands of refugees here who have fled from Sudan and Somalia.
- Pray for God to strengthen His church in Ethiopia so they can withstand false teaching and persecution from Muslims and the Orthodox Church while being able share the true message of salvation by faith in Christ alone.
- Pray for the 120 people groups in Ethiopia that are considered unreached.

Source: *Operation World* by Johnstone and Mandryk

Scripture Memory

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Jesus Messiah

By Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash and Jesse Reeves

He became sin
Who knew no sin
That we might become
His Righteousness
He humbled himself and
Carried the cross

Love so amazing
Love so amazing

Chorus:

Jesus Messiah
Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer
Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners
The ransom from Heaven
Jesus Messiah
Lord of all

His body the bread
His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled
And the veil was torn

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You, God
The light of the world

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THE SON OF DAVID, THE SON OF ABRAHAM

