

GOD'S PROMISE TO DAVID

2 Samuel 7:1-17



Key Verse:

“Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.”

2 Samuel 7:16

The Point:

We can never out-give God, no matter how hard we try.

Making Connections:

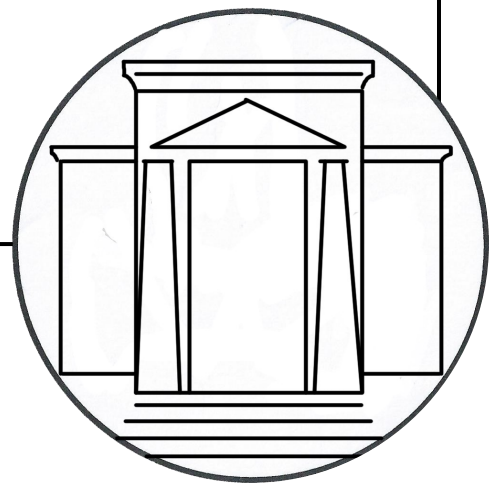
Promises Made, Promises Broken

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

Bible Citations

Spiritual Practice:

Worship



BACKGROUND FOR TEACHERS

Making Connections

Hannah kept her promise to God and dedicated her son Samuel to the Lord's service. As a prophet, Samuel followed God's leading. When the Israelites demanded a king—rejecting God's promise to be their King—Samuel warned them of what this could mean. Then, he anointed Saul as king over Israel. After Saul broke his promise and disobeyed God, Samuel anointed David as king. Today we will hear a promise that God made to King David.

Story Summary:

God's Promise to David

When the Israelites were traveling for many years, they carried a tent as God's dwelling place. They set it up and took it down over and over. Now that they were in one place they were still using the tent to honor God. King David was concerned that he lived in a nice house of wood, but that the people continued to use a tent where God's Spirit could dwell. David wanted to make something nicer; a real house and more permanent place to glorify God. God sent a message to David through the prophet Nathan: the tent is fine. A house of wood is not necessary for God to be present or to be glorified. Instead, God promised to make a house (dynasty) for David. His family will always be rulers over Israel, and in them God would be glorified. This promise reminds us of the promise to Abram, and is fulfilled when we see that David is a part of Jesus' family tree. God also said that David's son would build a temple for God someday, which is what King Solomon did years later.

The Point

We can never out-give God, no matter how hard we try. In Isaiah 55:9, we read that God's ways are higher than ours. God knows the big picture and the best thing to do. God knows that we can bless others with the blessings we are given, and God can be glorified through what God does for us. We can never out-give God, no matter how hard we try.

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

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Spiritual Practice: Worship

Worship is any way that we show God our love. This might be singing, giving, praying, dancing, or some other creative form. We read in the Psalms that David danced unto God. Some congregations practice liturgical dance as part of the worship service. Dance freely as a way to worship. Dance for the Lord today.



2 Samuel 7:16 NIV

Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”

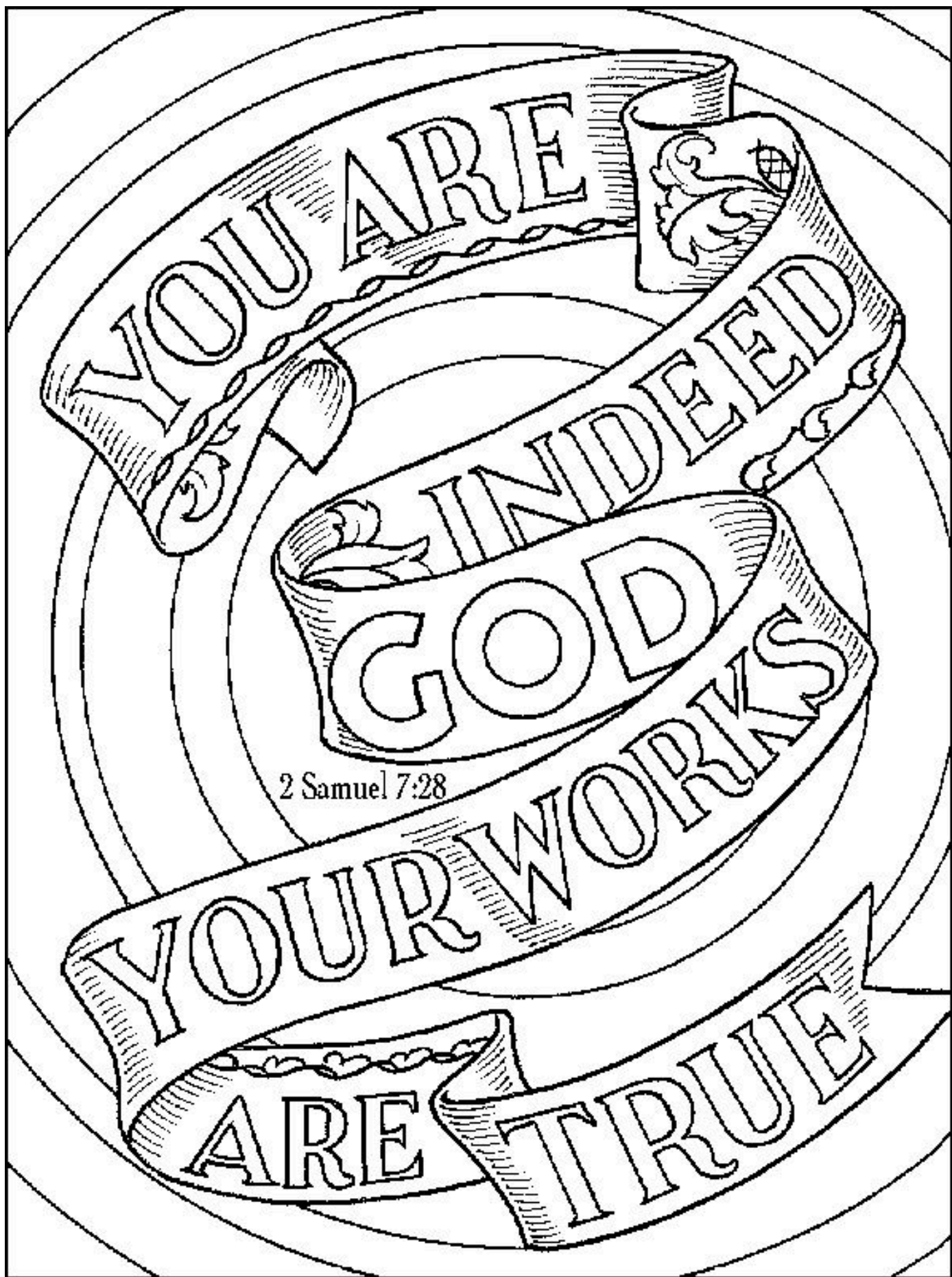


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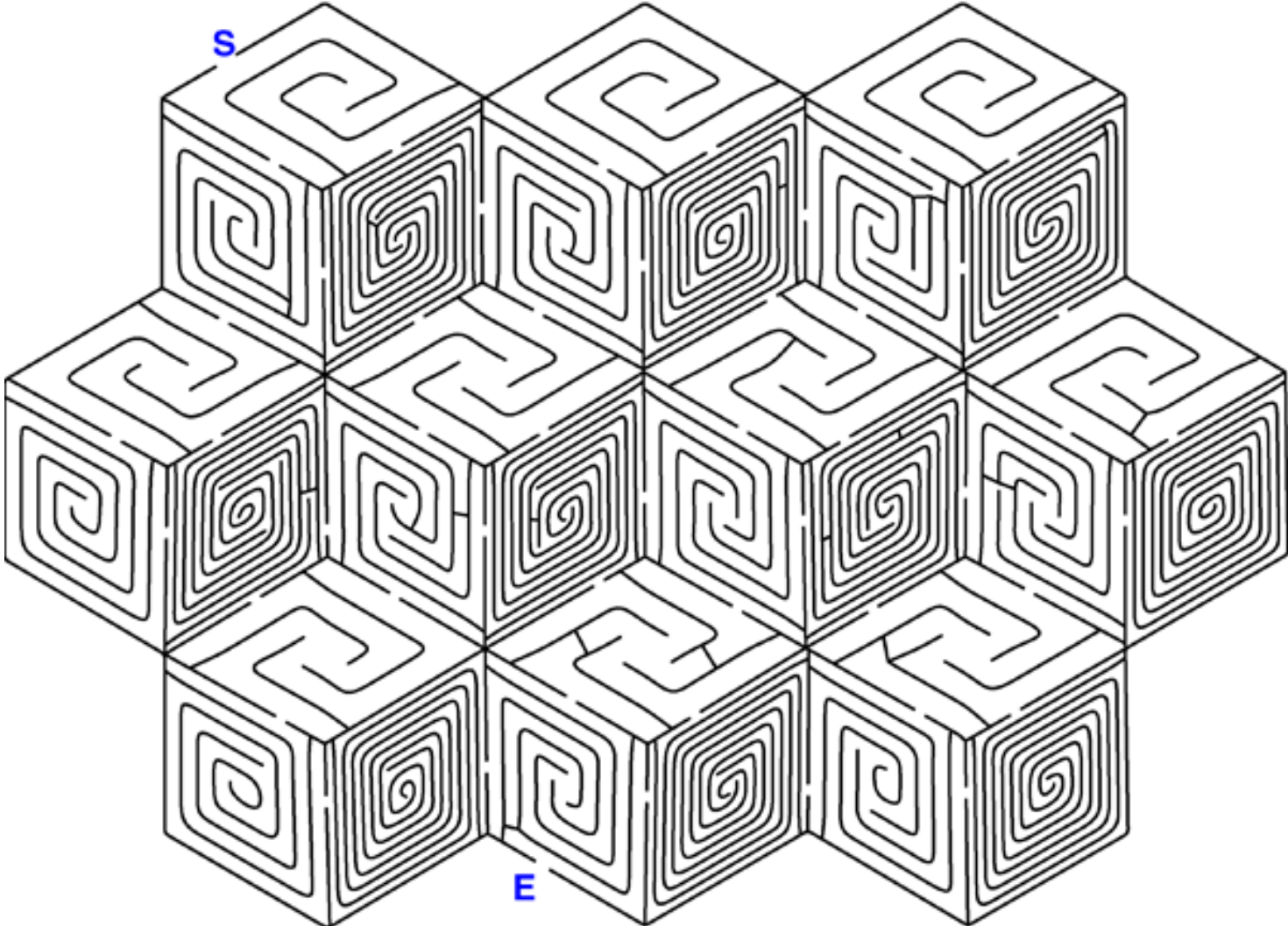
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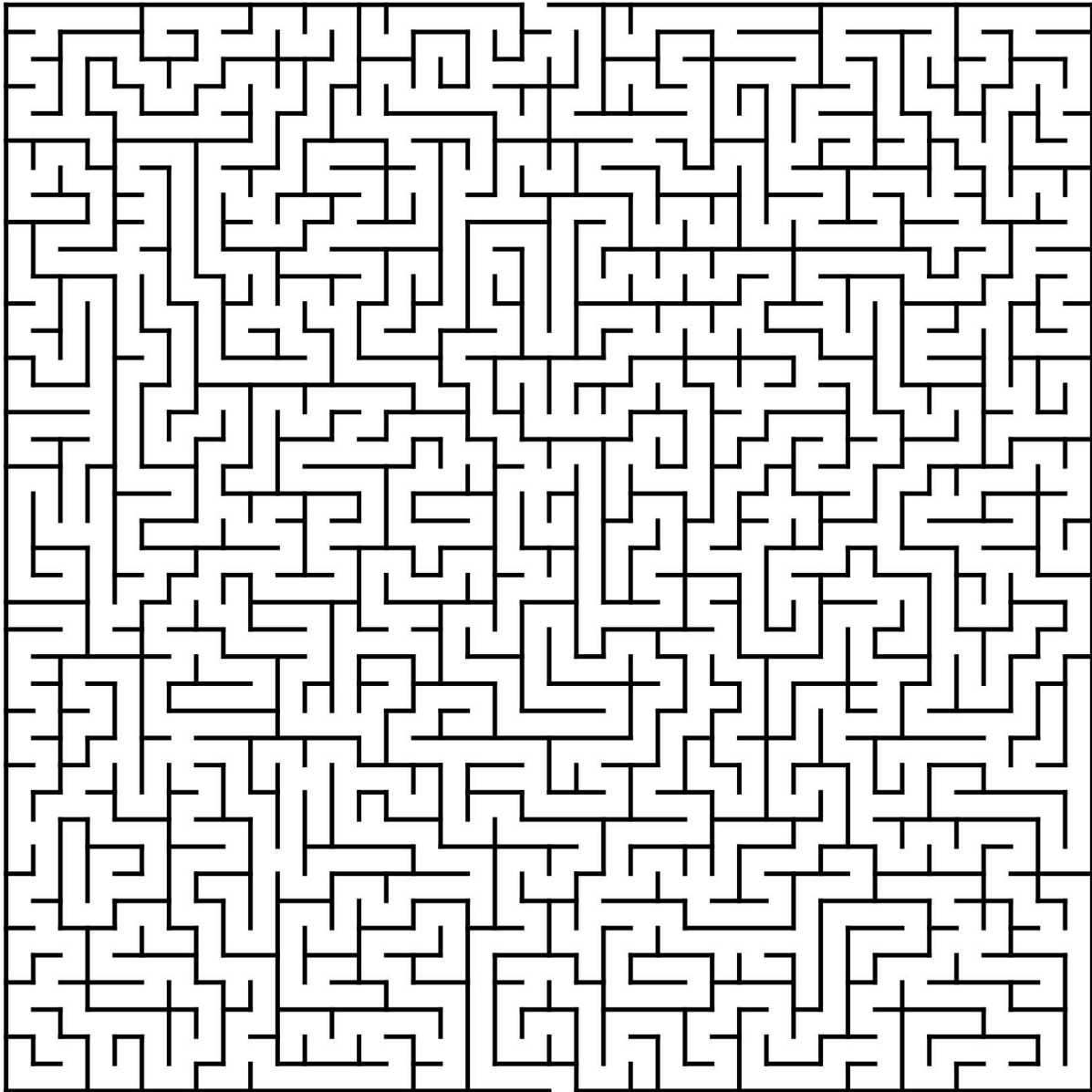
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2 Samuel 7:28



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THE STORY @ HOME

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Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 3 (2024-2025)

Lesson #3-7
2 Samuel 7:1-17

LAST WEEK

A woman named Hannah did not have children, but God promised to give her a son. That son, Samuel grows up to become a great leader (1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10).

THIS WEEK

Samuel becomes a great leader and anoints David as king of Israel. David does many great things. But, when he wants to build a house for God, God promises that David's house would rule Israel forever (2 Samuel 7:1-17).

THE POINT

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STORY SUMMARY

God's Promise to David

Before the Israelites had a permanent home, they carried a tent as God's dwelling place. Now that the people were settled, they were still using the tent. King David lived in a nice house of wood, so he wanted to make a more permanent house for God. God sent a message to David: the tent is fine. God does not need a house of wood. Instead, God promised to make a house (dynasty) for David. His family will always be rulers over Israel. This promise reminds us of the promise to Abram, and is fulfilled when we see that David is a part of Jesus' family tree. God also said that David's son would build a temple for God someday, which is what King Solomon did years later.

NEXT WEEK

Solomon fulfills the prophecy that David's descendant would build a temple for God to dwell within (1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:27-30, 41-43).

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PRACTICE: WORSHIP

Worship is any way that we show God our love. This might be singing, giving, praying, dancing, or some other creative form. We read in the psalms that David danced for God. Join hands as a family and dance for God. Release hands and dance individually. End the worship by joining hands and dancing together again.

Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✚ What is your favorite verse in today's reading?
- ✚ What kind of house would you build for God?
- ✚ In what other place besides a church can we worship God?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read 2 Samuel 7:1-17

God made a promise that David's kingdom would last forever. Unwind a skein of yarn and roll it into a ball. It may feel like it takes forever to do, but it is a short time compared to forever. Or suck on a piece of candy without chewing it. It may last longer, but not forever.

Monday—Read 2 Samuel 12:1-13

Nathan told David a story about a rich man who took what belonged to a poor man. He did this to make David admit his own sin. Tell positive stories about things each family member has done but use different names. Can you guess who the stories were about?

Tuesday—Read 1 Kings 1:32-40

When King David sent Nathan and Zadok the priest to anoint David's son Solomon as king, the people rejoiced. As each family member shares something they feel good about having done, the rest of the family will clap.

Wednesday—Read 1 Kings 2:1-4

David urges Solomon to keep the law of Moses. What are some rules in your home?

Thursday— Read 1 Kings 3:3-14

Rather than asking for things for himself, Solomon asked God for wisdom and understanding. Pray as a family and ask God to show you how you can serve God better by understanding and serving others.

Friday—Read 1 Kings 4:29-34

Solomon was wise and wrote many proverbs and songs. Write new words to a song you all know.

Saturday— Read 1 Kings 6:1; 8:14-21

Just as God promised, David's son Solomon built God's temple. It was big and beautiful. Use a deck of cards, building blocks, or cushions and pillows to build a structure. Arrange some jewelry around it. Take a photo of the family with the structure.