

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE | 2 Samuel 7:1-2,8-13,18-29

SESSION SUMMARY

One day, the shepherd boy, David, did take the throne. He ruled Israel as “a man after [God's] own heart” (1 Sam. 13:14), but he didn't rule perfectly. So, when David asked if he could build a house for the Lord, God said “no.” But God promised the honor would go to David's son, Solomon. Eventually, Solomon did build the temple, based on plans David drew up. In this session, we are reminded that God will never break His promises. These are the main points:

- God has promised good to His people (2 Sam. 7:1-2,8-13).
- We can stand on God's promises (2 Sam. 7:18-29).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- How was God's plan for David's “house” better than David's plan?
- How can understanding this help our family trust in God's plan, especially when He says “no” to a good thing we want to do?
- When has our family been tempted to think our relationship with God is based on what we can do for Him?
- What can we do to rest in God's work on our behalf instead?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Consider this question together: What are some good things our family currently wants to do for God? Write out anything that comes to mind in a journal or on a scrap piece of paper placed somewhere you won't lose it. Pray over each item together, asking for God's wisdom to help you know what, if any, of these things He would have your family do. As God answers, make a note on your list about what happened.