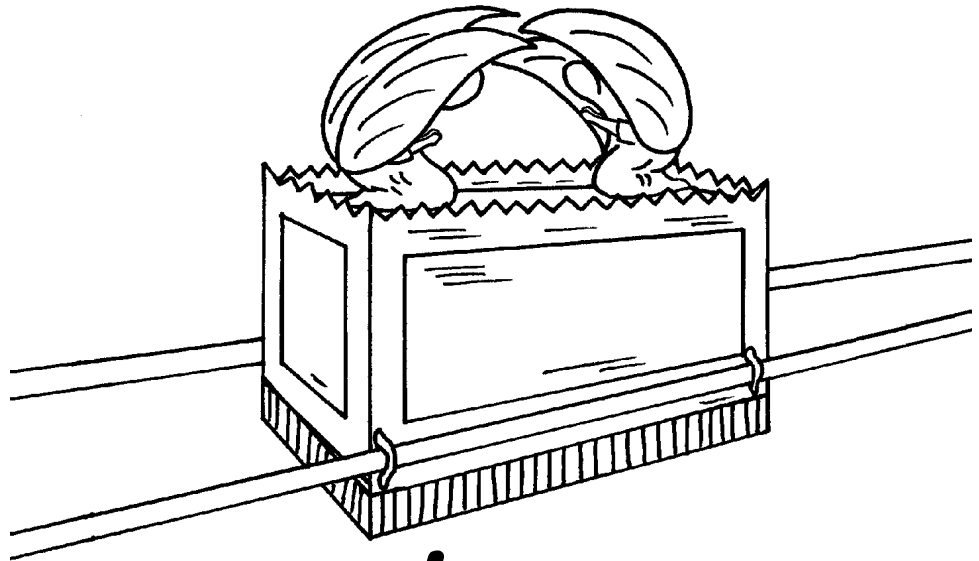
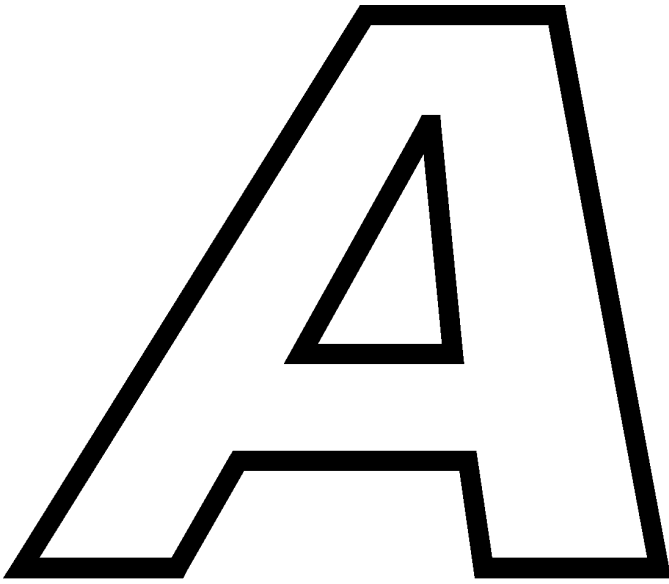


God's Covenant with David



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Story 41: 2 Samuel 6 - 7

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David was the new king of all Israel. He wanted to move the ark of God from the land of Abinadab to Jerusalem. David gathered men from all of Israel, and they began to move the ark. They put the ark on a new cart and moved it down the hill toward the threshing floor.

David and all the men of Israel were celebrating with all kinds of musical instruments. While they were celebrating, the ark almost fell from the cart because of the oxen. When Uzzah reached out to steady the **ark**, the LORD struck him down. They were not moving the ark as God had instructed. Uzzah died there that day.

David was angry about Uzzah's death. He was afraid to move the ark any further. So David left the ark at the house of Obed-edom the Gittite for three months. Later they learned how to move it safely. They had the Levites **carry** it with its poles.

Then David celebrated with the children of Israel before the LORD. He danced and shouted with the trumpet blowing. As they entered the city, Michal saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD without his outer kingly garments. She did not like what David was doing. Michal despised him in her **heart**. Later David explained to Michal that he was celebrating to the LORD who had chosen him to be the ruler of all Israel.

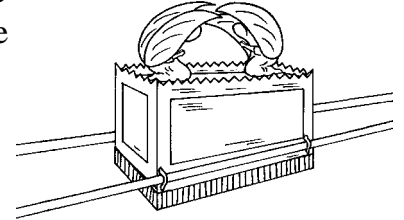
David put the ark inside the tent he had made for it. Next David offered burnt

offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. David blessed the people in the name of the LORD. Then David gave all the men and women cakes of bread, dates and raisins before they went home.

The LORD gave David peace from all his enemies. David told Nathan, the prophet, that he was living in a house of cedar. He pointed out that the ark of God was dwelling in a **tent** of curtains. Nathan told David to do what he wanted to do because the LORD was with him.

That night God told Nathan to tell David that he was not the one to build a house for God to dwell in. God had taken David from being a shepherd of sheep and had made him the **king** of Israel. God had been with David and had destroyed David's enemies. God said He would make David's name great among the people. God said that David's son would build a **house** for God's name. David's throne would be established forever. Nathan told David everything that God said.

David went and sat before God. He remembered what God had done for him with a grateful heart. David praised God for His greatness and thanked Him for His promises.



QUESTIONS:	What did David want to do for God? What was God's promise to David?
PRAYER:	Father, thank you for wanting us to come to You.

ACTIVITY PAGE

Lesson 41: God's Covenant with David

PASSAGE:	2 Samuel 6 - 7 (1 Chr. 13-17; Ps 89; 131; 132)
VERSE:	2 Samuel 7:16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.
SONGS:	"God's Promises Are True," "It's Good to Give Thanks to the LORD," "Praise Him, Praise Him"
ACTIVITIES:	<p>Many Men: Have children put lots of smiley faces on a poster. Make stick figure people with the smiley faces to help represent the thirty thousand men that David gathered from Israel. SAY: David wanted to build a temple for God, but God made a special promise to him instead.</p> <p>Move a Cart: Have the children move something on a cart. Help them and make observations about the process. SAY: The priests tried to move the ark on a cart, but they were not moving it as God had instructed.</p> <p>Focus on Michal: Compare and contrast fine clothing and regular clothes; outward and inward "looks"; emotions of joy and bitterness; one God and gods of the land. SAY: Michal did not seem to love God the way David did. She was concerned about outward looks. David's kingly appearance was important to Michal rather than his relationship with God.</p> <p>Act It Out: Have children act out several past events of things that David was praising God for. You may want to help them make a remembrance collage or picture of things they are thankful for. SAY: David praised God for all the things He had done for him. God has done many things for us, too.</p> <p>Celebrate: Make a crown, and crown one child king for a day, and use rhythm instruments to celebrate. SAY: David's son Solomon became the next king of Israel.</p> <p>Promises: Make a special promise to your child early in the week and keep it. SAY: God keeps His promises.</p> <p>David's Lineage: Help children review the lineage of Jesus through Solomon and Nathan (Mt. 1, Lk. 3). Name two of their dolls Solomon and Nathan for the week. Show how the lines joined in Jesus Christ. SAY: God gave David a special promise of an everlasting kingdom. It is through God's Son, Jesus.</p> <p>Guessing Socks: God made a special promise to David. And He made special promises to other people, also. Use objects to represent Adam, Noah, Abraham and Jacob and place each in a different sock. Have the children guess what the object is after they feel it. When they guess the object, review the associated person and promises God made to them.</p>