

united kingdom

DAVID

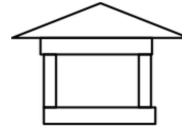
the Kingdom story from creation to revelation

(1 Samuel 16:1-13; 2 Samuel 5:4; 7:1-28)

God does create a great kingdom from Abraham's descendants. From this kingdom comes a great king – a man after God's own heart (1 Samuel 13:14). David does nothing to deserve becoming king, but God chooses him. Then God shows even more extravagant love by promising King David that his dynasty will endure forever.



God told His prophet to go to Bethlehem



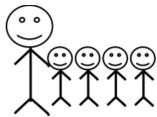
David wanted to build a house for God



To select a new king from a family



God sent His prophet Nathan to give David a message



The father came with his sons



God said that David would not build Him a house



God rejected the oldest; God looks at the heart



God had taken David from being a young boy watching his father's sheep

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God rejected seven sons

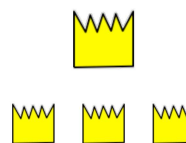
FAMOUS



God will make David famous



But the youngest in the fields with the sheep was the chosen one



God will make David's son king ... and his son and his son; David is first in his family who will rule over God's people forever



The prophet anointed David as king

WHO AM I?

David says, "Who am I that you have given me so much?"



God's Spirit came on David and never left him

YOU KNOW ME

"You know me, yet you've chosen me."



David became king



PROMISES

David believed God and said, "Do for me what you have promised. Your promises are true."

Weekly Meditation and Reflection

1. On a piece of paper, draw or write the wonderful and extravagantly good gifts that God has given you. Include anything you can think of – from the beautiful rose bush in your garden to your spouse! Take each item and person and spend some time thanking God for it/him/her.
2. David was a shepherd boy, but God made him king. It wasn't because of anything David had done, but simply because God saw a heart that wanted to follow Him. Take yourself back ten or twenty years, and ask God to reveal things about yourself that He has changed in you since then. If it's helpful, make a table with a "before" and an "after" column. This isn't about boasting in who you are – this is about boasting in who God is in your life! Celebrate the good things He has done for you by worshipping Him as David did.
3. Are there things you can put in the "before" column that do not yet have an "after" – maybe a circumstance in your life or something about you that God wants to change? David said, "Do what you have promised, because everything you say is true." Are you able to say the same thing? If not, talk to God about that. He longs to give you the belief that He will do as He said He would.
4. Meditate on the following passages and reflect on how the truths in them are played out in this story:
 - a. Hebrews 4:12-13
 - b. Ephesians 3:14-21
 - c. Philippians 1:6