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# FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

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## Key Passage:

*"Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations." (Psalm 145:13)*

## Big Picture Question:

How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over the universe as the King of kings.

## Lesson:

This week, we're going to review how David became the king of Israel.

Before David was king, Saul was chosen to lead the Israelites. By all appearances, Saul was a good king. He was handsome, taller than most people, and God had blessed him. But Saul didn't honor or obey God so God chose a new king for Israel, a better king. One day, God sent Samuel to Bethlehem to visit a man named Jesse. One of Jesse's sons would be Israel's next king. Jesse had eight sons.

"Do not pay attention to what he looks like," God told Samuel, "You look at what you can see on the outside, but I see the heart." One by one, beginning with the oldest, Jesse's sons approached Samuel, but God had not chosen any of them.

"Do you have any more sons?" Samuel asked. "Yes," Jesse said. "My youngest son, David, is in the field taking care of the sheep." Jesse sent for David. When David arrived, God told Samuel, "He's the one!" Samuel anointed David by pouring oil on David's head to show God had chosen him to be the king. The Spirit of the Lord was with David.

During this time, the Philistines gathered an army to fight Israel. The Philistines had a great warrior named Goliath. None of the Israelites wanted to fight him because they were all afraid. David saw that everyone was afraid and said he would fight Goliath using only a slingshot and stones. God gave David victory over Goliath and the Philistines that day.

After David defeated Goliath, he served King Saul and won many more battles. But David's success made Saul very jealous. Saul could see that David was growing more and more popular with all of the people. Saul became so angry that he wanted to kill David. Saul became an enemy of David.

While hunting for David, Saul walked into David's cave without knowing David was there. David's men suggested that God had provided David a chance to hurt or kill Saul. But David made a different choice. He chose to show mercy to Saul.

Instead of harming Saul, David secretly cut off the corner of Saul's robe. When Saul left the cave, David followed him and showed him the corner of the robe that he had cut. "See, God handed you over to me today in the cave. I had a chance to kill you, but I showed you mercy."

After King Saul died, David became the king of Israel just like God promised. God blessed David and gave his people a time of peace from their enemies.

David lived in a beautiful palace in the city of Jerusalem. One day, David was talking with Nathan the prophet. David said, "I live in a palace of nice cedar wood, but the ark of God sits inside of a tent." It didn't seem fair to David. "Shouldn't God have a nicer house than I do?"

David wanted to build a temple for the ark of God. Nathan said, "God is with you. Do what you want!" But God did not want David to do whatever he wanted. God wanted David to do what God wanted.

That night, God gave Nathan a message for David. This is what God told Nathan to say: "David, are you going to build a house for Me to live in? I brought My people out of Egypt. I gave them leaders to guide them. The entire time I have been with them, My house has been a tent. Did I ever ask anyone to build a temple for Me?"

“You used to be a shepherd, David, but I made you a king. I helped you defeat your enemies, and My people now live peacefully in their own land. I promise you, David, that you and your descendants will be kings. When you die, one of your sons will be king. He will be a strong king, and no one will be able to take his kingdom away from him. He will build a house for Me. I will love him, and I will never leave him. When your son dies, his son will be king. Someone in your family will be king forever.”

### **Christ Connection:**

Remember that the stories in the Bible are meant to point us towards the much bigger story about Jesus.

David's story reminds us that God sees us for who we are. David did not look like a king or a mighty warrior, but God chose him to be king over Israel and gave him victory over Goliath. The Israelites were too weak and afraid to face Goliath. They needed David to fight on their behalf.

The Bible tells us that, apart from Christ, we are powerless before our enemies of sin and death. None of us would step up like David. Even if we tried, we would fail on our own. David reminds us of Jesus, the greatest hero, who came to save us. In a similar way, though Jesus did not look like a warrior or king, we need Him to fight for us. Jesus gives us victory over sin and death.

David showed mercy to Saul, his enemy, because he trusted God's plan. You see, David knew that God's plans and God's timing are best. God had promised that David would be king, but God did not promise that it would happen right away. David didn't want to hurt Saul, whom God had chosen as Israel's first king.

The Bible tells us that Jesus also trusted His Father's plan. He died on the cross so His enemies could experience God's mercy and live forever as part of God's family.

The Bible also tells us that we are born dead in sin, enemies of God. When we trust in Jesus, we are given new life and adopted as sons and daughters of God! We go from being enemies of God to God's family!

God promised David that every future king of Israel would come from David's family, and David's kingdom would last forever. God's plans for David were even bigger than David could have imagined. God explained that He would use David's family for the most wonderful part of His plan. God promised that the Messiah would come from David's family. Remember that God always keeps his promises.

The Bible tells us that God kept His promise by sending His Son, Jesus. Many years after David died, God the Son entered the world, born into David's family as a human baby boy named Jesus. Jesus grew up and never sinned.

At just the right time, He gave up His life, dying on the cross so that we could have forgiveness for sin and eternal life with God.

Jesus rose from the dead, and now Jesus is alive in heaven with God. One day He will return as the King of kings and complete God's promise to get rid of sin. Jesus will fix everything broken in the world and set up his perfect kingdom.

### **Questions for Discussion:**

1. What was your favorite story from 1 Samuel and why? *Encourage everyone to share their favorite moment from today's lesson.*
2. What do you think your favorite story can teach us about who Jesus is and what He's done for us? *Use the Christ Connection section as a starting place and help your kids to connect their favorite story to the much bigger story of Christ.*
3. What do you think are some ways you can show mercy to someone? *Encourage kids to think of examples that they could carry out with their friends or family members. Prompt kids to think beyond forgiving those who have wronged them. Suggest they consider ways to show love and kindness to people.*
4. How do you think God shows mercy to us? *Use this time to remind your kids about the Gospel and how God sent Jesus to die for our sins, even while we were his enemies. You can also take some time to talk about how God has been gracious and kind to your family right now.*

### **Suggested Activity:**

Today, we're going to do a Mercy Quiz together. Print out the attached Mercy Quiz and the picture grid (3 total pages) for each of your kids and read through each scenario with them. The hope is that you'll be able to have some good discussion about how they would respond and remind them of the mercy God has shown us. We should be merciful just as God the Father is merciful.

Provide crayons or colored pencils to color the squares numbered for each scenario with the color written below the response that shows mercy. When kids review each scenario and color in the boxes, they will reveal a secret picture (a crown).

### **Family Worship:**

Listen to a song from the [CBC Kids Scripture Songs album](#) on Spotify or iTunes.

[“King of Everything”](#) by Austin Stone Kids

[“Waymaker”](#) by Abundant Kingdom Kids

You can also listen to the [“Cultivate Unity, Celebrate Diversity” playlist](#) created by Gardner on Spotify.