

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **October 31, 2021** Family Theme | **Blessings of Obedience** Study Text | **2 Samuel 6:1-15; 7:1-29**

Objective: Help children understand that honoring God is the most important thing they can do and they choose to pursue God with all their hearts.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson is set around 1010 BC after Saul died and David became king. David brought the ark of God, which represented God's presence, to Jerusalem, the capital and religious center of Israel. God's promise to David concerned the Savior God would send through the nation of Israel.

Bible Basics: Memorize the names and order of books nine through fourteen of the Old Testament (1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, and 1 and 2 Chronicles) this week and work with family members to do so as well.

Read the Word: 2 Samuel 6:1-15; 7:1-29

Disciple Your Kids

Help your children and grandchildren understand that we should seek to honor God in everything we do and put His will first.



Key Truth: Those Who Love God Seek His Presence and Worship Him (2 Samuel 6:1-15)

David's desire to bring the ark of God (Exodus 25:10-22) to Jerusalem was a special project. The ark represented the presence of God and David wanted it in their center of worship. They did, however, fail to follow God's specific instructions concerning transporting the ark; they loaded it onto a new cart instead of carrying it. Arriving at a threshing floor not far from the destination, the oxen stumbled, and Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark. He died on the spot, struck down by God for what He considered to be an act of irreverent disobedience. David was afraid to take the ark farther, and left it close by at the house of Obed-edom. God blessed Obed-edom's household during that time. David learned of God's blessing on Obed-edom and relaunched the effort, this time following God's instructions.



Key Truth: God Honors Those Who Seek to Honor Him (2 Samuel 7:1-17)

David well understood his leadership role. He had protected his people, with God's help. He felt also that it was his role to lead the nation to acknowledge its responsibility to God by building a more permanent worship structure. Nathan the prophet encouraged him to proceed. God, however, thought otherwise. God did not belittle David. Instead he recognized the honorable desire of David's heart and continued to honor him. God was establishing the house of David! His house and kingdom would be established forever. Ultimately, in Hebrews 1, we learn there was one in particular in David's line whose kingdom and throne would endure forever — Jesus Christ. David could not know how far-reaching God's blessings upon his family would go — all the way to our families!



Key Truth: Those Who Love God Put His Will First and Give Thanks for His Favor (2 Samuel 7:18-29)

David did not wallow in disappointment or sulk at the project's delay. He focused on God, understanding that his family had no special claim or qualification. God abundantly blessed David and his family and revealed to him the future destiny of his house. David understood God was doing something and revealing it according to His divine will, for the sake of God's own Word. There were no other people like God's people. Almighty God called them forth and established them, destroying entire nations and false gods that stood in the way. David gratefully and humbly accepted God's will. What counted was God: His plans, His will, His name. David was the king, yet he humbly accepted his place as the servant of God and God's people.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- What does it mean to seek God?
- What does it mean to honor God?
- How can we seek to honor God in everything we do?
- Why is it important to follow God's specific commands and directions?
- What does it mean to fully engage in corporate worship? In personal worship?
- What does it look like to seek and accept God's will rather than wanting things our way?
- How will you seek to worship and honor God in some everyday task this week?
- **For Elementary:** How did David please God with his love?
- **For Elementary:** Do you please God with your love? If so, what are some ways you do so?

Everyday Extras

Have an obedience race. Who can obey most quickly? Assign the chores (clean the bathtub, clean your room, unload the dishwasher) and see who completes their assignment first. Reward the winner with a special treat like a milkshake or an extra half-hour of screen time or first choice of where to sit in the car. You could make this a secret race — and give the prize without announcing the competition. You can put people in a penalty box for complaining too! For obeying parents and obeying God, our goal is to obey right away, all the way, in a happy way!

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned that David decided to fight the Philistine giant, Goliath. The giant laughed at David, but David trusted God to be with him and help him be brave. God helped David defeat Goliath with just a sling and one smooth stone. **God Helps Me Be Brave** and I can trust Him when I am afraid.