



# BRING IT HOME

Conversation starters to continue at home what began at Immanuel.  
Our desire is to see families use this resource  
as you live out Deuteronomy 11:19.

**UNITS 10-12 | Summer 2025**

# the **GOSPEL** **GOD'S PLAN FOR ME**

gos-pel – *noun*. good news. the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation.



## **GOD RULES.**

The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything. *Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17*



## **WE SINNED.**

We all choose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. *Romans 3:23; 6:23*



## **GOD PROVIDED.**

God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. *John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9*



## **JESUS GIVES.**

He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! *Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:8-9*



## **WE RESPOND.**

Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus. *John 14:6; Romans 10:9-10, 13*

# UNIT 10:

## KING SAUL

In foolishness, God's people begged for a king like the nations around them. Though Israel rejected God as their king, God mercifully warned them and gave them the king they desired—King Saul. However, despite Saul's regal appearance, his foolish disobedience led to God's rejection of him as king. Instead, God replaced him with a man after His own heart to rule His people.

### BIG PICTURE QUESTION

**Who is our King?**

Jesus is our King forever, and He rules over the world.

### KEY PASSAGE:

**Psalms 103:19**

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.



## AT HOME RESOURCES

# June 1 | Session 1

THE ISRAELITES WANTED A KING | 1 SAMUEL 8-10



**STORY POINT:**  
Israel rejected God as King and chose Saul to be their king.

## CHRIST CONNECTION:

The Israelites rejected God as King and chose Saul to be their king. When we sin, we also reject God's rule in our lives as King. Jesus, the King of kings, died for our sin and rose again so we could be forgiven.

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why did the Israelites want a king?
- Why were the people excited about Saul as king?

## FAMILY ACTIVITY:

### FOR FUN :

Play "king for a day" throughout the week, allowing each family member to have a turn making decisions like what game the family will play, what movie the family will watch, or what dessert the family will eat. Discuss how earthly kings are often tempted to do things their own way, but Jesus, our heavenly King, rules over all, and always does what God the Father wants.

### TO SERVE :

Take time to pray for the leaders who serve your community. Write a letter to them letting them know your family has prayed for them and for the job God has given them to do.



# June 8 | Session 2

SAUL RESCUED ISRAEL | 1 SAMUEL 11-13



## STORY POINT:

Saul was a great warrior but chose to disobey God.

## CHRIST CONNECTION:

Saul defeated enemy armies for Israel but failed to obey God. Jesus defeated our greatest enemies – sin and death – and always obeyed God the Father. All who trust in Jesus will be saved and receive changed hearts that desire to obey God.

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What did Samuel encourage Israel to do?
- Why was it wrong for Saul to make the burnt offering?

## FAMILY ACTIVITY:

### FOR FUN :

Start a stopwatch and challenge family members to try and guess when two minutes has passed. Discuss how Saul waited much longer than two minutes for Samuel to arrive but gave in to impatience and failed to obey God.

### TO SERVE :

Talk with your church leadership about enlisting a group of families from your church to serve your community. This could involve serving at a food pantry or helping clean up a local park together. After serving with the group, discuss how people working together can have a greater result than everyone working alone.

# June 15 | Session 3

## SAUL DISOBEYED GOD | 1 SAMUEL 14-15



**STORY POINT:**  
God rejected Saul as king because he disobeyed God's commands.

### CHRIST CONNECTION:

Saul disobeyed God's commands and was rejected as king. We all disobey God's commands when we sin. Only Jesus perfectly obeyed God the Father at all times. When we believe in Jesus, we are made right with God and accepted by Him.

### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What was Saul's excuse for disobeying the Lord?
- What did Samuel say was better than sacrifice? Why?

### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

#### FOR FUN :

Play a game of "Mother/Father, May I?" as a family. Have one family member give instructions to others on how many steps to take and how they should take the steps (baby steps, giant steps, bunny hops, and so forth.) Before taking the steps, the family member must ask, "Mother/Father, may I?" If they fail to ask before taking a step, they must go back to the beginning and start over. After the game, discuss the ways Saul disobeyed God and the consequences that came from his sin. Remind kids that sin has consequences, and that God always has a better way for us to follow so we can enjoy and glorify Him

#### TO SERVE :

Put together care baskets for cancer patients who are undergoing treatments. Search online to get ideas of items to include in the basket. Deliver the basket to a patient or donate through a local cancer center. Take a moment to pray for the patient and their treatments. Reminds kids that even though the patients are enduring trials that they would not have chosen for themselves, God is still good and has a plan for their lives. is not limited to the church building, but it can still be a reminder of God's presence and activity for the community.

# June 22 | Session 4

SAMUEL ANOINTED DAVID | 1 SAMUEL 16



**STORY POINT:**  
God chose David  
to be King over  
Israel.

## CHRIST CONNECTION:

David did not look like a king on the outside, but God saw his heart and chose him to be the next ruler. Jesus looked like an ordinary man to the people around Him, but He is God's Son and the Savior of the world.

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What is different about what God sees in people from what humans?
- What made David a surprising choice to be the future king of

## FAMILY ACTIVITY:

### FOR FUN :

Take a trip to the grocery store and pick out fruit together that looks delicious. While you enjoy your fruit, discuss how we can usually tell if fruit will be good on the inside by how it looks on the outside. It is different, however, with people; we can't tell what people's hearts are like by only looking at their appearance. Only God knows everyone's heart.

### TO SERVE :

Ask your church staff for a list of families with children who attend a preschool or younger elementary class at your church. Send a card to each child with a note that encourages them to love Jesus and serve Him. Remind them that God can use them for His glory even as young children.

# June 29 | Session 5

DAVID PLAYED FOR SAUL | 1 SAMUEL 16



## STORY POINT:

David served Saul and played music to comfort him.

## CHRIST CONNECTION:

Even though David knew he would be king one day, he served King Saul faithfully. Even though Jesus is God, He humbled Himself and took the form of a servant. He served His disciples by washing their feet, and He served His people by dying on a cross for their sin and rising again.

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why was David chosen to help King Saul?
- How did David show humility by serving King Saul?

## FAMILY ACTIVITY:

### FOR FUN :

Lead each family member to write down several acts of kindness or service they can do for others. These can be simple tasks like helping a sibling with their homework, writing a thank you note to a neighbor, or volunteering to help with dinner. Fold the papers and place them in a jar or can. Each day, draw one act of kindness from the jar. Make it a family event where everyone participates in completing the chosen task. After completing each act, gather as a family to discuss how it felt to serve others and how it might have impacted them.

### TO SERVE :

Make a list of items to put in a care package for a neighbor. Go shopping as a family to purchase the items and make the care packages. Encourage each family member to write a heartfelt note or card to include in the packages. Distribute the care package to your neighbor by delivering it personally or leaving it at doorstep. Talk as a family about how it feels to serve others and do something that will brighten their day.



# UNIT 11:

## KING DAVID

After protecting his family's flock of sheep, David was called into a role of shepherding God's flock—the nation of Israel. He showed his trust in God through defeating Goliath, his heart for mercy in sparing Saul, and his willingness to put God's plans above his own. But King David was still a broken human who gave in to his sinful desires. Yet, God showed His love and grace by forgiving and restoring David upon his repentance.

### BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Is anything or anyone  
greater than God?

No, God is greater than every-  
thing and everyone.

### KEY PASSAGE:

Jeremiah 10:6-7a

There is none like you, O LORD;

you are great, and your name is great in might.  
Who would not fear you, O King of the nations?

For this is your due;



## AT HOME RESOURCES

# July 6 | Session 1

DAVID DEFEATED GOLIATH | 1 SAMUEL 17



**STORY POINT:**  
God gave David power to defeat Goliath.

## CHRIST CONNECTION:

The Israelites were helpless to defeat the giant enemy Goliath, but God sent David to save them. We are helpless to defeat our enemies of sin and death, but God sent Jesus to save us by dying for our sin and rising again.

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What was David doing before visiting his brothers and the Israelite army?
- How did God show His strength through David?

## FAMILY ACTIVITY:

### FOR FUN :

Work together to build a cardboard box tower that is nine feet, nine inches tall. Use a small pillow or beanbag to try to knock the tower over. Discuss how intimidating a warrior that tall would have been.

### TO SERVE :

Visit a city park on a hot day to pass out bottled water. Talk with people to form new friendships. Invite them to your church if the opportunities arise. Remind kids that water is a basic need of all people—especially on a hot day—but our greatest need is Jesus! Like God used David to defeat the giant enemy, God sent Jesus to conquer sin and death for us!



# July 13 | Session 2

DAVID SHOWED MERCY | 1 SAMUEL 24



## STORY POINT:

David showed mercy even though Saul was trying to hurt him.

## CHRIST CONNECTION:

Saul was trying to kill David, but David chose to show Saul mercy. When the people were killing Jesus, He showed them mercy and said, “Father, forgive them.” We all sin, but God shows us mercy through Jesus, who died for our sin and rose again.

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why was Saul trying to kill David?
- How did David show Saul mercy? How can we experience God’s mercy?

## FAMILY ACTIVITY:

### FOR FUN :

Set up an obstacle course through your house or backyard that includes four stations where family members must stop in the course. At each station, give a scenario such as “Your friend accidentally spills soda on you”; “A classmate cuts in line”; or “Someone forgets to return your toy.” Ask the family member to tell how they would show mercy in the situation. Consider tailoring the scenarios to current struggles your children may be facing. Encourage each family member to think of a different answer to the scenario. If your family has older kids, allow them to provide additional scenarios for the game.

### TO SERVE :

Organize a neighborhood food drive to collect donations for a local food pantry. Set a date for the food drive and create flyers and posters to promote the event. Ask neighbors to simply put food on their porch or beside their mailbox on the given date. As a family, walk through the neighborhood and collect the food donations to give to the food pantry. greatest need is Jesus! Like God used David to defeat the giant enemy, God sent Jesus to conquer sin and death for us!



# July 20 | Session 3

DAVID BECAME KING | 2 SAMUEL 5; 7



**STORY POINT:**  
God promised to build a forever kingdom through David's family.

## CHRIST CONNECTION:

God promised to build a forever kingdom through David's family. This promise is fulfilled in Jesus, a descendant of David. Jesus is King over everything, and anyone who trusts in Him is welcomed into His forever kingdom.

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why did David want to build God a temple?
- What special promise did God make to David?

## FAMILY ACTIVITY:

### FOR FUN :

Look together at wedding pictures. If you are not married, show wedding pictures of close friends or extended family members. Explain that in a wedding, the husband and wife promise each other and God to be faithful to each other for their lives. Discuss how God made an everlasting promise to David that was fulfilled in Jesus.

### TO SERVE :

Volunteer to serve with a ministry of your church for the next four weeks. Talk as a family about the volunteer opportunity and how important it is to honor the commitment made to the church. Talk with kids about how God is always faithful to keep the commitments He makes to His people. We can always trust God to keep His promises!

# July 27 | Session 4

DAVID SINNED AND WAS RESTORED | 2 SAMUEL 11-12; PSALM 51



## STORY POINT:

David sinned, repented, and was forgiven.

## CHRIST CONNECTION:

When David admitted his sin before the Lord, he was forgiven. When we confess our sins to the Lord and believe in Jesus, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What happened when David tried to hide his sin?
- How did David respond to God's forgiveness?

## FAMILY ACTIVITY:

### FOR FUN :

Re-enact Nathan's story of the rich man, the poor man, and the sheep using marshmallows or a favorite treat to represent the sheep and two family members to represent the rich man and the poor man. Discuss how the story represents David and what he did when he took another man's wife.

### TO SERVE :

Gather toiletry items and non-perishable snacks that can be donated to meet the needs of a homeless shelter or handed out to individuals you might encounter as a family. Remind kids that God has provided for our greatest need by sending Jesus to save us from our sin.



# UNIT 12:

## KING SOLOMON

God gave Solomon great wisdom and made him king over His people. Solomon obeyed God and led the people in building the temple. Solomon learned that his own wisdom had limits, but God's wisdom is limitless. Solomon reminds us of our need for Jesus, the sinless King who is true wisdom.

### BIG PICTURE QUESTION

**What does God know?**  
God knows everything about the past, present, and future.

### KEY PASSAGE:

**Proverbs 3:7**  
Be not wise in your own eyes;  
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.



## AT HOME RESOURCES

# August 3 | Session 1

SOLOMON BECAME KING | 1 KINGS 2-3



## STORY POINT:

God gave Solomon wisdom to lead His people.

## CHRIST CONNECTION:

God gave Solomon wisdom to lead His people. Jesus is wisdom, and He leads those who trust in Him to eternal life. When we follow Jesus, we become wise.

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why did Solomon ask for wisdom?
- What else did God give to Solomon?

## FAMILY ACTIVITY:

### FOR FUN :

Take turns answering the question, “What would you ask God for if He gave you the same opportunity He gave to Solomon?” Write down each family member’s response on a poster board. Talk about how each request might be a good or bad choice depending on how it was used. Discuss why Solomon asked for wisdom and why it was the best request!

### TO SERVE :

Choose a local charity or ministry organization to bless with gifts. Call them to ask what they would ask for if they could have anything to help them in their ministry. As a family, deliver some gifts to the organization and pray with them for the work God has called them to do.

# August 10 | Session 2

SOLOMON BUILT THE TEMPLE | 1 KINGS 6-8



**STORY POINT:**  
Solomon built a temple for God to dwell with His people.

## CHRIST CONNECTION:

Solomon built the temple, but he knew that the fullness of God did not live there. Jesus is the fullness of God, and He came to dwell on earth (John 1:14). Only those who trust in Him will be forgiven of their sin and live with God forever.

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What was special about the temple?
- How did Solomon describe the Lord during his prayer?

## FAMILY ACTIVITY:

### FOR FUN :

Look up some beautiful church buildings in your neighborhood or town and drive together to look at them. Discuss how the beauty of these buildings honors and glorifies God, but that we don't need a beautiful building to meet with God. Because of Jesus, we can meet with God anywhere.

### TO SERVE :

Volunteer to clean inside or pick up sticks outside for your local church. As you work, talk with kids about how we no longer need a building to worship God. At the same time, we can work to make the building more beautiful to draw the attention of the community and introduce them to Jesus!

# August 17 | Session 3

SOLOMON THOUGHT ABOUT LIFE | ECCLESIASTES 1



**STORY POINT:**  
Solomon taught that life has no meaning apart from God.

## CHRIST CONNECTION:

People spend their lives trying to get riches, power, and fame, but none of it lasts. Only a life spent trusting in Jesus as Savior and following Him will matter in the end. Jesus lived, died, and rose again so we could find purpose in Him and be with God forever.

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How did Solomon describe life in Ecclesiastes?
- Why is knowing God and following Him most important?

## FAMILY ACTIVITY:

### FOR FUN :

On a big sheet of paper, ask family members to draw pictures or write about things that make them happy for a little while (like toys, games, or snacks). Then, on the other side, draw things that last forever and make God happy (like showing kindness, loving others, and praying). Hang the sheet up in your kitchen or living room to remind your family that what we do for God is what really matters!

### TO SERVE :

Work with church leadership to research the history of your church. Discover who the founding leaders and members were who faithfully worshiped God together when your church first began meeting. If these founding leaders and members are still living, write them notes of thanks for their faithfulness to the Lord's church. Pray together as a family, thanking God for your church and for new churches meeting around the world.



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