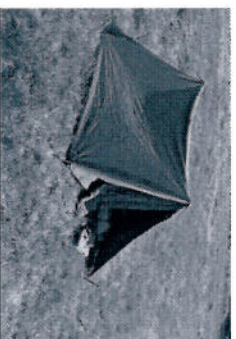


# God's Story™ Our Story

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**God's Promise  
to David**

**Devotion:** Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone or with others; in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**O Lord, we claim to know what pleases you, yet you desire only our faithfulness. Help us to trust in your promises, and to make your home our only dwelling. Amen.**

**Reflect:** Reflect on the key verses from Sunday's reading.

*But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. 2 Samuel 7:4-6*

**Study:** Study the reading and consider the background.

King David wants to honor God, out of respect and gratitude for everything he has received. But more than an earthly house, God wants to see the promise of David's ancestry fulfilled.

**Consider:** Consider this theme for the week's text.

**God may not need as much from us as we might think.**

**Read:** Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Sunday: *God's Promise to David*, 2 Samuel 7:1-17

Monday: *David Commits Adultery and Murder*, 2 Samuel 11:1-26

Tuesday: *Nathan Condemns David and Solomon is Born*, 2 Samuel 12:1-25

Wednesday: *David Loves His Throne to Abalom*, 2 Samuel 15:1-17

Thursday: *David Regains the Throne*, 2 Samuel 19:9-15

Friday: *Solomon Becomes King*, 1 Kings 1: 1-53

Saturday: *David's Instruction to Solomon*, 1 Kings 2:1-12

**How do these readings portray David as a leader? What does this say about humanity's faithfulness? About God's faithfulness?**

**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Highs" and "Lows."

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**What are the benefits and drawbacks of having a permanent place of worship? How might your church building serve God?**

**Have you ever desired to do something for God, just to have God turn around and do something for you? In what ways can God's blessings for you become blessings for others?**

**DO:** By acting on what we learn we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Sometimes less is more. Take one thing off your calendar each day this week. Spend the time resting; playing, or praying – whatever you need to do to rest and rejuvenate.

**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God fulfill God's promises to you. Amen.**