



Series Overview: “Unusual” is going to have us look with the kids at the life of David in the Bible, as well as, learn that God does not think the same way we do or act in the same way we do. Just like we do not think or act in the same way as the animals in our world. God sees a bigger picture and understands things we cannot, so He will not always make sense to us. God uses unlikely people, He gives the unexplainable, He does the unexpected, and His love is unchangeable. Now that definitely sounds unusual...and amazing!

Bible Story: God's Promise to David: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; (Psalm 89:20-37)

Big Idea: God does unexpected things.

Series Memory Verse: “For My thoughts are not your thoughts neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. –Isaiah 55:8

Lesson Guide:

1. GATHER & SHARE TIME

- Sit together with your child/ family.
- Have everyone share something they heard from the Bible story message online or a question they have from it.

2. BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Supplies: Bible(s)

- **Who remembers what the Ark of the Covenant was?** That's right! The Ark of the Covenant was the special gold box we talked about last week that had the power of God around it.
 - **Now, remember how happy King David was about getting it to Jerusalem? Can anyone remember what he did?** That's right, David danced in his underwear!
 - But once David finally took a break from all the partying and dancing, he stopped and thought to himself, "Hmm . . . I live in this big, fancy schmancy castle, but the Ark of the Covenant, even though it is the most special object in the whole, wide world, is in a tent!"
- But then David had an idea. "I will build a house for God! I'm the king! I can build anything!" It just made sense to him — King David had the money and the power, and the ark needed a more special place to be, he thought. David had completely expected to get right to work carrying out his plan to build a home for it.
 - God loved David and was pleased with David's desire to build a special place for the Ark of the Covenant, but one day, God sent a message to David through a man named Nathan. This message was a special message because this message was a promise from God.
- You see, it wasn't a part of God's plan to have David build that special house. God was going to use David's son to do it instead. Not only did God promise to see David's son through the project, but God also promised to make David's family the leaders of Israel forever, all the way through David's children's children's children and so on! Now that was unexpected!
- Guess what else! Jesus is one of David's descendants (He came from David's family)

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3. BIBLE STORY APPLICATION ACTIVITY

***Supplies: Bible(s), paper (1 piece per participant), writing utensils, a few to several small paper strips**

- Give each family member a piece of paper and a writing utensil.
- Help the kids draw a box using this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QDZssz1gGX8>
- Have them write, "God cannot be boxed in" inside their box, and then create a page of artwork that shows that God cannot be boxed in.
- Encourage them to write things from today's lesson like the Bible story name, the Big Idea, etc.
- Talk to the kids about the following:
 - A thing that humans tend to do, even if we don't mean to, is put God in a box. Maybe not a physical box like this one, but kind of an imaginary box.
 - And sometimes, we even want to be able to control where God is and what God can do. But that's not how God works at all, is it? In ancient Israel, God's chosen people became so fixated on an object that represented God's presence, the Ark of the Covenant, that they forgot that God was so much more.
 - In our lesson today, David discovered that God's plan and blessings were far bigger than he could have imagined. Having a limited view of God and the power that God has is really like trying to put God into a box.
 - Can you think of a way you might have unintentionally put God in a box? Maybe you expected God to do things a specific way you wanted them done?
 - Let's remember that God's plans, God's purposes, and God's power are so much bigger than this little box.
 - Our **God does unexpected things!**

4. MEMORY VERSE PRACTICE & ACTIVITY:

***Supplies = plastic ball or balloon**

- Work with your kids on the new July memory verse by reading it from the Bible in Isaiah 55:8.
- Make up some motions to go along with the verse or try to follow these:
 - For (hold up 4 fingers) my thoughts (point with both hands to your temples) are not (cross your arms back and forth in front of you and shake your head no) your thoughts (point with both hands to your temples) neither are (cross your arms back and forth in front of you and shake your head no) my ways (walk to the right) your ways (walk to the left), declares the Lord (touch your mouth with both hands and then point up with both hands)
- Next, try this game with your kid/ family:
 - Show your family this picture of a kangaroo and its baby.



- Tell them that kangaroos carry their baby's in an UNEXPECTED place.
- Then do a family relay race hopping like a kangaroo while carry a balloon or ball between your thighs (like a kangaroo carrying its baby).
- Have whoever is hopping say the memory verse while they hop, so that each person will say it at least once during the race.
- Talk to the kids about how God's thoughts and ways are higher than ours, so that is why some things He does are unexpected.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What did David want to do for God?
- How was God's plan different from David's?
- What did God promise David?
- Read Psalm 89:29. What do you think this means about making David's "line" last forever? Do you think God had a purpose for more than just David? If so, what do you think that purpose is?
- What does God keeping the promise to David mean for us?
- Why is it important that we not put a limit on what God can do?
- When has God done the unexpected in your life?

5. PRAY WITH YOUR FAMILY.

****If you have a printer, the next page is for your kids to take notes while watching the online service****

