



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: II Samuel 7:1-14a

Big Idea: God's does unexpected things.

Series Memory Verse: “The Lord says, “Your thoughts are not like my thoughts...”
–Isaiah 55:8a (ICB)

Lesson Guide:

1. Dance and sing with your child to these songs.
 - Promises: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yY3EogFlkCY>
 - What a Mighty God We Serve: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EyJrEevMUZg>
 - Jesus is My Best Friend: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tER4Jx6LyZk>

2. Show this video to teach the Bible story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yY3EogFlkCY>

3. Review the Bible story like this:

***Supplies = Bible**

- Open a Bible to 2 Samuel 7 to show your kid(s) where today's story comes from.
- King David had a house. It was a great, big house with strong, wood walls. (Hold your arms out wide and have your child do the same.)
- King David liked his house, but he was sad that God's house – the place where people went to worship God – was only a tent. (Make a sad face & have your child do the same.)
- God's house was a tent with cloth for the walls. It was not big and strong like King David's house.
- So David wanted to build a big, fancy building for God.
- But God didn't want David to build a building for the church. God told his special messenger, the prophet Nathan, to tell King David not to build it.
- David was confused (Make a confused face & have your child do the same). Didn't God want a beautiful new building where people could come to worship?
- But God had different plans. God told David that one of his children would also become king, and building a new house for God would be their job.
- That was God's way of letting David know that he would be a king that is remembered forever. Even though he wouldn't be making God's new house himself, David knew that God would always take care of his family even long after he was gone.
- THE BIG IDEA | God does unexpected things.

4. Do this Bible Story Review activity.

***Supplies: balloon or ball**

- Show the kids this picture of a kangaroo and its baby.



- Do you know what animal this is? It's a kangaroo! It hops up really high on these big feet.
- A baby kangaroo is called a Joey! They are about the size of a lima bean when they are born.

- Do you know what kind of house the baby kangaroo lives in?
- Since they are so small, the mother keeps the baby kangaroo close to her in a special pouch called a marsupium. Say it with me "mar-sup-i-um". What an usual word and UNEXPECTED place for a baby kangaroo to live!
- Today we learned about something unexpected that happened.
- Who was the king that something unexpected happened to in our Bible story?
- What did King David want to build?
- Was God's plan the same as King David's plan?
- Who did God say was going to build it?
- And not only that, but God promised David that his descendants would rule Israel forever...how UNEXPECTED.
- Let's do something UNEXPECTED...
- We are going to do a relay race by hopping like a kangaroo and holding this balloon or ball between our thighs (like a Joey) to a certain distance and then back to pass the balloon or ball to the next person in line.
- Play until everyone has at least one turn to be the kangaroo hopping with the balloon/ ball baby 😊.

5. Practice the Memory Verse like this.

***Supplies = Bible**

- Look up Isaiah 55:8 in the Bible and read it to your family.
- Help your family learn this shorter version of the verse by teaching them the motions in this video:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/m1owkxp0hc9y1e1/July2021MemVerseMotions.MOV?dl=0>
- See who can say the verse in the most UNEXPECTED way.
- God does the unexpected because His thoughts are not like ours...He is way bigger, stronger, smarter, and more amazing than we could ever imagine!

6. Pray with your family.