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Story: God's Promise to David

Supplies Needed

You will need the following:

7 Sheets of Cardstock (8.5" x 11")
7 3 mil Laminating Film

Directions

- Print pages 2-15 two-sided on cardstock. Laminate the pages.
- Hold up the pictures while you read the story.

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Before holding up the picture:

What do you remember about our last lesson?

- *David started bringing the Ark to Jerusalem on a cart*
- *Uzzah touched the Ark and died*
- *David then brought the Ark to Jerusalem God's way with the Levities carrying it on poles*
- *David celebrated and his wife Micah thought he looked shameful and foolish*

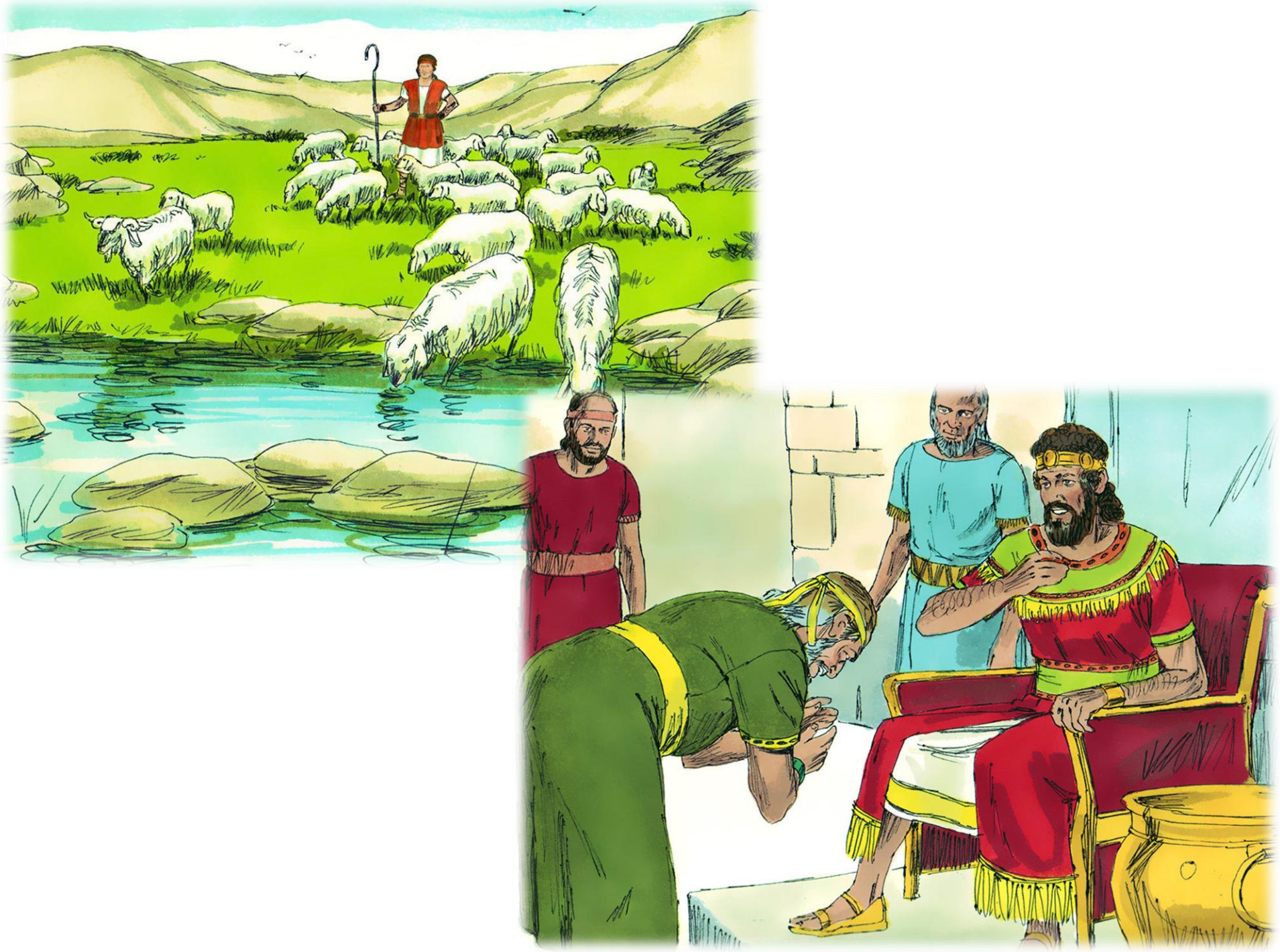
Hold up picture:

Remember also that Hiram, the king of Tyre, had sent cedar logs and helpers to build David a palace in Jerusalem. So David was living in his very nice house built with cedar, but the Ark of the Covenant was in a tent. David wanted to honor God by building a better house for the Ark, so he went to Nathan the prophet and told him his plan.



Hold up picture:

Later that night, God spoke to Nathan, saying, “Tell My servant David, ‘Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? For I have not dwelt in a house since I brought the children of Israel out of Egypt.’” Where was the Ark of the Covenant kept when the Israelites were wandering through the wilderness? *(Tabernacle)* God also said that David would not be the one to build a house or Temple for the Lord because David had shed so much blood fighting. Instead, it would be David’s son who would build a Temple for the Lord during his peaceful reign. (1 Chron. 22:8-10)



Hold up picture:

God also told Nathan to remind David that God took David from taking care of sheep to becoming the ruler of the Israelites. God had been with David wherever he had gone. God had helped David to defeat his enemies, and God had made David's name great.



Hold up picture:

God made some other promises to David. Remember back in Genesis, God made three promises to Abraham? Can you name them:

1. *God would give his descendants the Promised Land (Canaan)*
2. *God would make his descendants as many as the stars (a great nation)*
3. *One of his descendants would come and save (bless) the whole world*

God had kept two of those promises and now God repeats the 3rd promise to David. David was a descendant of Abraham's and God told David that many years later, one from his family would be king forever. Who do you think that would be? *(Jesus)*



Hold up picture:

Do you think David was disappointed that he couldn't build a house for God? *(Maybe)* Instead of pouting or complaining, David went and sat before the Lord, pouring himself out in prayer to God. David thanked God for blessing him and for making God's will known to him. He prayed that the name of God would be magnified through promise God had made to David's family.

David said, "Now, O Lord God, You are God, and Your words are truth, and You have promised this good thing to Your servant." We can trust that God's words are true and He always keeps His promises!



Hold up picture:

In 2nd Samuel chapter 8 we learn of more battles that David and the Israelites fought. David defeated the Philistines, the Moabites, the Syrians, and the Ammonites. David also dedicated to the Lord all the gold, silver, and bronze that he took from the nations he had conquered. Verses 6 and 14 say, “The Lord helped David wherever he went.”



Hold up picture:

What can we learn from today's lesson? God keeps His promises! God had promised Abraham that he would have many descendants (a great nation called the Israelites), and that He would give the Israelites the land of Canaan. God also promised David that he would be king. Did any of these promises happen immediately? *(No)* It took many years for Abraham's descendants to grow into a great nation of Israelites. It also took many years for the Israelites to enter the Promised Land. And it took many years for David to become king. God kept those promises and He is repeating His promise to send a Savior, although it would happen many years after David. David even wrote about this in Psalm 145:13b. He wrote: "The Lord is trustworthy in all He promises and faithful in all He does." David knew God keeps His promises, and we can trust in God too.