

**GOD'S PROMISE TO DAVID**

Old Testament Lesson #90

God had told Israel that when he had given them rest from their enemies, there would be a place that he would "choose as a dwelling for his Name" (Deuteronomy 12:10-11). Israel's enemies were now defeated.

David, Israel's king, lived in a house of cedar and felt uncomfortable that the ark of God rested in a tent. He sent for the prophet Nathan and told him of his concern for the ark. Nathan replied, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you."

But that night, God gave Nathan a message for David. God said that David was not to build a house for God to dwell in. He reminded David that his rise from tending sheep to the throne was God's doing. God promised that he would further elevate David and make his name great. God said that a son of David's would be the one to build a house for the LORD.

So Nathan reported to David what the LORD had said.

Then David went and sat before the ark, pouring himself out in prayer to God. David thanked God for his special care for him and for making known God's will to him. He prayed that the name of God might be magnified through the fulfillment of the promise God had made to David's house.

**POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

- There were six elements of the promise God made to David:
  1. Israel would be settled in the land and at peace with all nations (v. 10).
  2. The next king would be a son of David (v. 12).
  3. David's son would build a house for God's name (v. 13).
  4. God would be a father to David's son (v. 14).
  5. God's mercy would remain with David's son despite the son's sins, which would be punished accordingly (vv. 14-15).
  6. David's throne would be established forever (v. 16).
- The house eventually built for the LORD was not to be built by David because he had shed much blood, as was later explained (1 Chronicles 22:8-10). In time, the temple would be built by David's son Solomon, whose name means "Peace."

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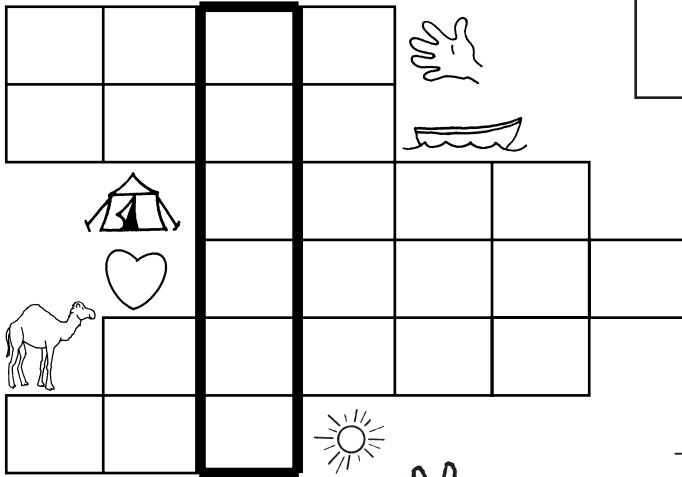
- I. God had promised that when he'd given Israel rest from their enemies, he would choose a dwelling place for his Name.
- II. David became concerned about the dwelling place for the ark.
  - A. King David thought the ark should be in something other than a tent.
  - B. He consulted the prophet Nathan, who said David could proceed with his plans and that God would approve.
- III. God responded to David's plans for the ark.
  - A. The message was given to Nathan to give to David.
  - B. David was not to build a house for God.
  - C. God would make David great, and David's son would build a house for the LORD.
- IV. David prayed by the ark.
  - A. He thanked God for his care and for letting David know his will.
  - B. He prayed that God's name would be magnified.

**ANSWER KEY:**

David, not, house, dwell, son, one, build,  
David, ark, thanks, special, care  
hand, boat, tent, heart, camel, sun  
Nathan

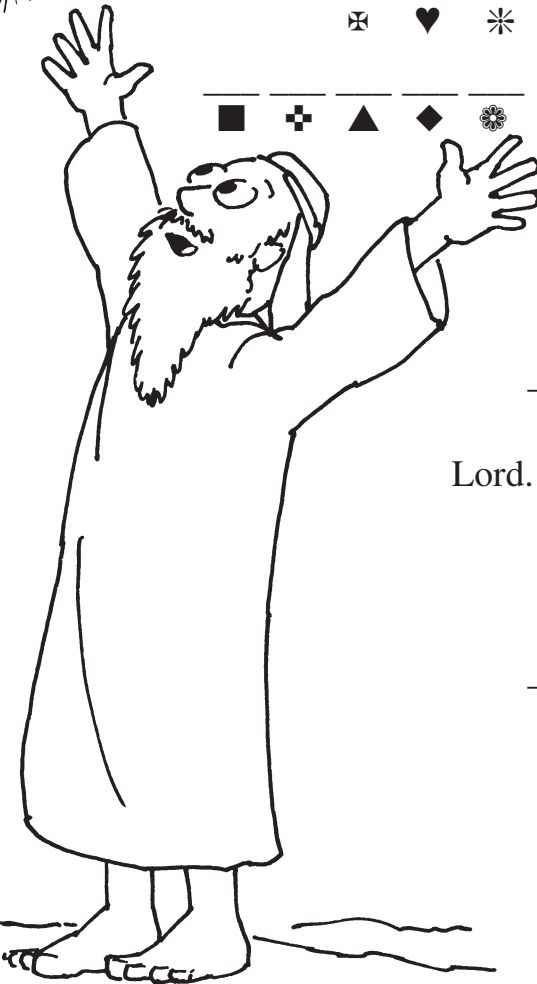
**A** prophet gave David a message from God. Who was it?

Write the name of each picture in the correct boxes. The darker boxes will spell out the prophet's name.



Use the code to finish this story.

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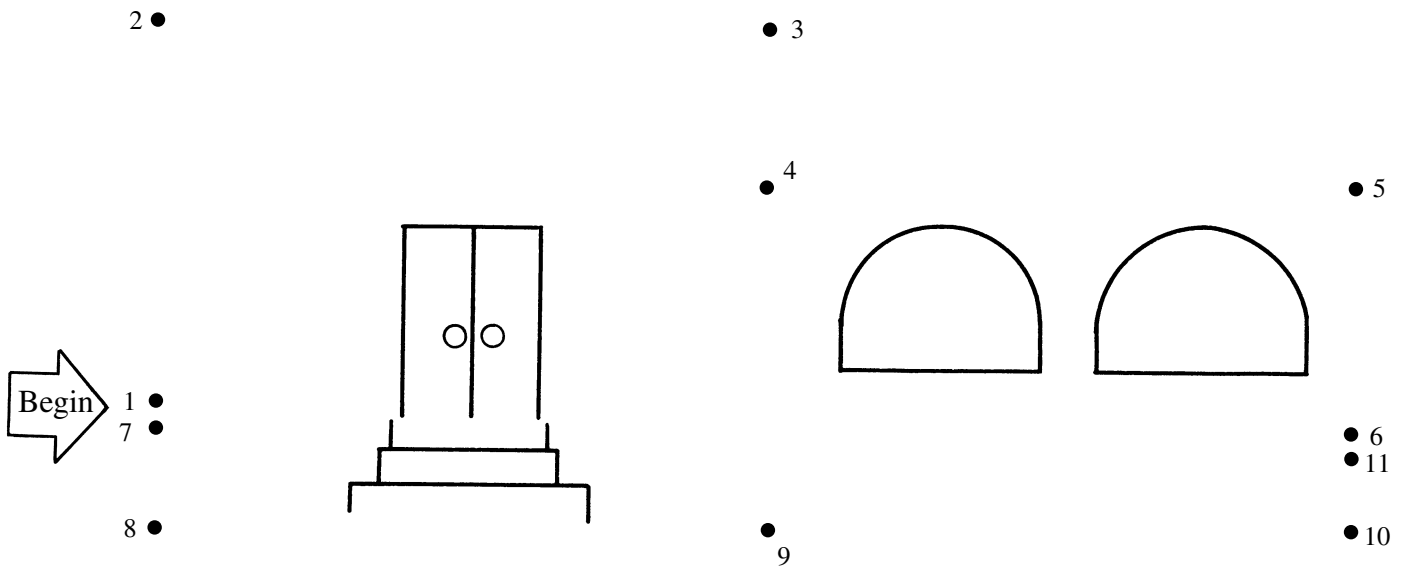
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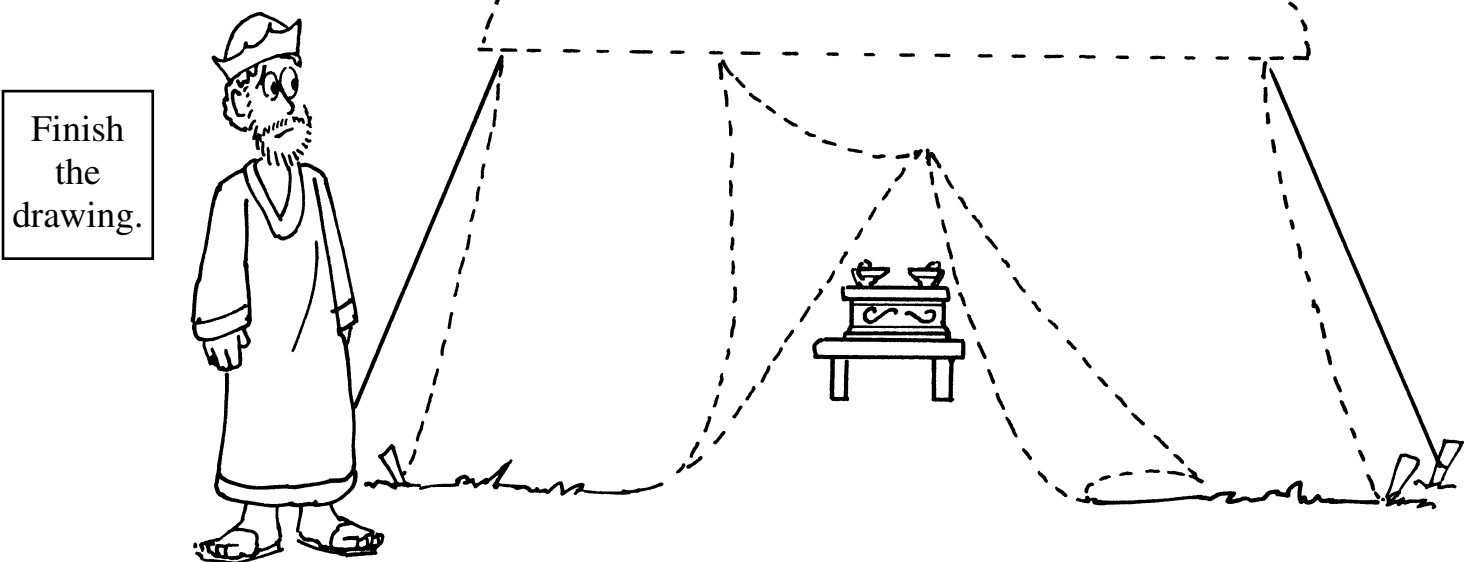
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**K**ing David lived in a house of cedar.

Connect the dots. Make a house for King David.



The ark of God rested in a tent.  
David was concerned and wanted  
to build it a house.



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