

# David Desires to Build a Temple



<sup>4</sup> But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup>Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders\* of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' <sup>8</sup>Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; <sup>9</sup>and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. <sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. <sup>14</sup>I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. <sup>15</sup>But I will not take\* my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. <sup>16</sup>Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me;\* your throne shall be established for ever. <sup>17</sup>In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

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### Verse to Remember

"The LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house." 2 Samuel 7:11b

### key verse exercise:

Circle three pictures needed to build your spiritual house.

Praying, Reading the Bible, Going to Church, Serving Others, Resting, and Having Family Time



Instructions and answers can be found in the Teacher's Guide at [cedamezion.org](http://cedamezion.org). Click on the "resources tab" then click "CSL," then click the appropriate quarterly.

read and learn!

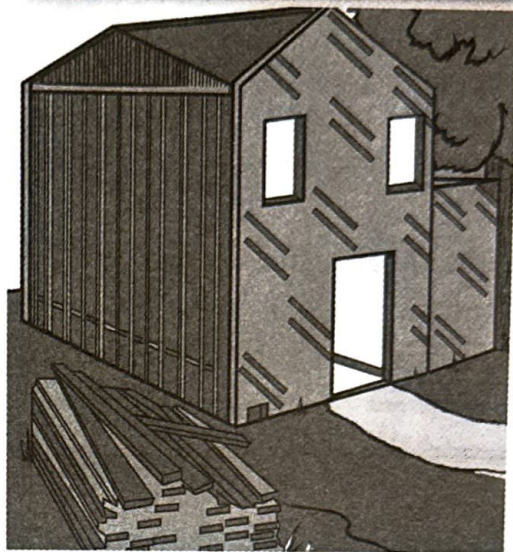
## A HOME FOR GOD

**ZION:** Have you read in 2 Samuel 7 about David wanting to build a temple for God?

**ZAYA:** I'm sure I have. If I remember correctly, it was a really interesting story. David had such a good heart and he wanted to create a permanent home for God. Right?

**ZION:** Right. David felt it wasn't right for him to live in a beautiful palace while the Ark of the Covenant was in a tent. But then God told Nathan the prophet that David wouldn't be the one to build the temple.

**ZAYA:** Well, I guess it makes sense because God had other plans. Instead, He promised to establish David's kingdom forever. God was more interested in David's heart and his lineage than just a physical building.



**ZION:** In the lesson today, we will learn that God values our relationship with Him over structures; also that he wants us to be close to Him in our hearts; and that the promise of an everlasting kingdom is fulfilled through Jesus.

**ZAYA:** Yep. And finally, about the importance of faith and trusting in God's plans, even when they're different from our own.

## Questions

1. What do you know about the Ark of the Covenant?
2. What did Nathan tell David?
3. What should we do when God's plans are different from ours?

### Key Words

Heirs  
Descendants  
Forever  
Dynasty

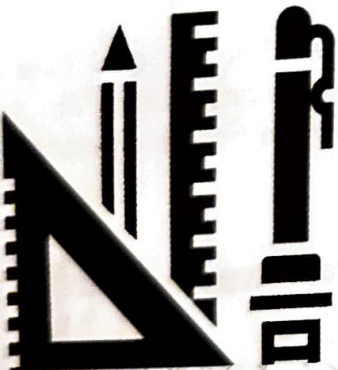
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(30 minutes)

# superhero challenge:

Help Zion and Zaya with this week's **Superhero Challenge**. Explain to people how their understanding that God's plans may be different from ours can be applied in their daily lives.

## GOD'S PLAN



Handwriting practice lines for the title 'GOD'S PLAN'.

craft time



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time to pray



Lord God, please help us build our homes with the things that represent your Kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen