

David's Heart

Wednesday Plan

SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 7

MEMORY VERSE

2 Samuel 7:16

God's plans are always bigger than ours.

For the Teacher

Wednesday night reinforces what the kids learned on Sunday. Don't re-teach the whole lesson — they heard it. Your job tonight is to make it stick through review, movement, and prayer.

KEY TRUTH

God's plans are always bigger than ours.

Same bottom line as Sunday, by design. Wednesday uses the exact same sentence the kids heard on Sunday. Repeat it. Have them say it back. Don't paraphrase or soften it — the repetition is the point.

Tonight is kinetic. Sunday was reading and discussion. Wednesday is hands and feet. The whole back half of class is a builder game where the kids stack a tower they think is "big enough" — and then get a chance to top it with something far bigger. The game lands the flip from David's offer to God's promise.

What to skip. Don't re-read all of 2 Samuel 7. The kids did the heavy reading Sunday. Tonight you'll only re-read 2 Samuel 7:16 — the memory verse. If a kid wasn't there Sunday, give them a one-sentence catch-up ("David wanted to build God a temple. God told David, *no* — *I'll build you a forever king from your family*. That king is Jesus."), then move on.

Energy management. The tower game gets loud and competitive. That's fine — the noise is part of how the bottom line lands. Bring them back down for the closing prayer and take-home card.

MATERIALS

- Bibles for every student
- Whiteboard or large paper, markers
- Plastic cups, blocks, or small boxes (enough for each kid to build a tower of 6–10) — anything stackable
- One taller stack of cups or blocks pre-built and hidden where the kids can't see it
- **Bigger Than Mine** prayer cards (printed in advance from this week's activities)
- Pencils

1. Gather

Welcome the kids back. Tell them:

SAY

On Sunday we learned one big idea, and we're going to learn it again tonight. I want you to say it with me: God's plans are always bigger than ours.

Have them say it back. Then again, louder. Then in a whisper.

Write it on the board.

Tell them tonight is going to be different from Sunday — they're going to *build* something. But first, a quick review.

2. The Story

Quick Review

ASK

Who can tell me what David wanted to build for God?

Let two or three kids answer. Steer toward: *a house, a temple, a place for God to live instead of a tent.*

ASK

Did God let him build it?

No. God said no — and gave David something bigger instead.

ASK

What did God promise David instead?

You're looking for: *a forever king from David's family. A throne that lasts forever. Jesus.* If a kid says "a temple," push back gently — *that's what David wanted to give. What did God give back?*

Re-Read 2 Samuel 7:16

Have them open to 2 Samuel 7:16. Pick a confident reader and have them read the verse aloud, slowly.

2 Samuel 7:16

ASK

What's the word in this verse that nobody but God can really pull off?

"Forever." Every human king dies. Only God can promise a king who rules forever — and that king is Jesus.

Say the bottom line again, with them: *God's plans are always bigger than ours.*

3. The Work

The Tower Game

Clear a table or a section of floor. Hand each kid a small pile of cups, blocks, or boxes — enough to build a tower 6 to 10 high. Tell them:

SAY

You're David. You want to give God a really impressive gift. So build me the tallest, fanciest tower you can with what you've got. You've got two minutes. Go.

Let them build. Encourage them. Praise the towers. Count out the last thirty seconds. When time's up, have everyone step back from their towers.

ASK

Whose is the tallest? Whose is the strongest? Who built the fanciest?

Let the kids brag for a minute. Walk around. Admire each one out loud. Then say:

SAY

These are great. Really. You built awesome towers. And David built an awesome plan too — he wanted to build God a real building, made of cedar wood and stone, that would have been one of the biggest buildings in Jerusalem. But watch this.

Bring out the pre-built tall stack you hid before class. Set it next to the kids' towers. It should be obviously, comically bigger than any of theirs.

SAY

This is what God said back to David. David offered to build God a house. God said, "No — let me build you a house. A family of kings. A throne that lasts forever." David's plan was good. But God's plan was always bigger.

Knock the kids' towers down (gently — let them help). Leave the big tower standing.

ASK

What do you think — was David's idea bad?

No. It was good. He was trying to honor God. But God's plan was even bigger.

ASK

What's something good you might want to do for God? And what might God's bigger plan look like?

Let two or three kids answer. Don't push for "right" answers — let them think out loud. Steer toward: *whatever good thing we offer God, his plan for us is always bigger.*

Bringing It Back

Have everyone sit down near the big tower.

SAY

The tower's just cups. Knock it down and it's gone. But God's forever throne — the one he promised David — is Jesus. And Jesus isn't going anywhere. When God's plans are bigger than ours, the right thing to do is what David did: sit down, and worship.

4. The Point

Bigger Than Mine Prayer Card

Hand out the **Bigger Than Mine** prayer cards. Have each student fill in the prompt:

God, your plan is bigger than mine. Help me trust you when _____.

Tell them they can write or draw. They'll take it home and put it somewhere they'll see it during the week — by their bed, on the fridge, on a desk.

NOTE

While they fill out the cards, walk around. If a kid is stuck, ask them: "What's something you really want right now? What if God's plan is bigger than that?" Help them turn it into a sentence.

Memory Verse and Closing

When they're done, have everyone come back together and turn to 2 Samuel 7:16:

SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 7:16

And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.

Read it together once. Then say the bottom line one final time, with the kids:

SAY

God's plans are always bigger than ours.

Close in prayer:

PRAY

God, you took David's good plan and gave him a forever king instead. Thank you that Jesus is that forever king. When we have plans this week — good plans, big plans, plans we really want — help us trust that your plans for us are even bigger. We worship you, like David did. Amen.