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Teacher Notes for Teaching '2 Samuel 7' to Elementary Students

Overview:

2 Samuel 7 is a key chapter in the Old Testament where God makes a covenant with King David, promising that his kingdom will last forever. This lesson focuses on understanding God's promises, recognizing David's relationship with God, and learning about the significance of keeping promises.

Pacing Suggestions:

1. Introduction (10 minutes):

- Briefly introduce the context: Who is King David? What is a covenant?
- Read a simplified version of the passage or tell it as a story for younger children to keep it engaging.

2. Story Exploration (15 minutes):

- Discuss the main events: Nathan the prophet's message to David, God's promise, and David's response.
- Engage students with questions: "What did God promise David?" "Why is this promise important?"

3. Discussion & Activities (20 minutes):

- Concept of a Covenant:
- Explain it as a special promise or agreement. Use relatable examples like friendship promises.
- Activity:
- Have students draw pictures or write about a promise they want to keep and why it's important.

4. Wrap-Up (5 minutes):

- Summarize the key lessons: Trust in God's promises and the importance of keeping our own promises.
- Encourage students to share one thing they learned with the class.

Explaining Difficult Concepts:

- Covenant: Compare a covenant to a simple promise they might make with friends or family. Highlight how God's promises are special because they are everlasting and reliable.
- David's Lineage: Explain that David's family was special because Jesus, who they might recognize, was part of this family, fulfilling the promise that David's kingdom would last forever.

Guidance for Managing Student Engagement:

- Interactive Storytelling:
- Use props or visuals, such as a simple crown or robe, to represent King David. This helps students visualize the story.
- Q&A Sessions:
- Throughout the lesson, invite students to ask questions and share thoughts. Be patient and provide clear answers.
- Active Participation:
- Encourage students to act out parts of the story or create short skits. This active engagement helps them understand the narrative better.

- Relatable Applications:
- Connect the lesson to students' lives by discussing why promises are important in their relationships, tying it back to the lesson learned from David's story.

Closing Thought:

Thank the students for their participation and remind them that just like King David, they too can rely on God's promises and be promise-keepers themselves.