

PARENT GUIDE

Lesson 2.4: Identity Pursued

JOURNEY

IDENTITY

► SCRIPTURE READING

- » 1 Samuel 16–7
- » 1 Samuel 21–26
- » 2 Samuel 5:1–5; 7
- » 2 Samuel 11:1–12:25

SUMMARY:

God called David from a pasture of physical sheep — through a season of peril and danger — to shepherd His beloved people, Israel, as king (2 Samuel 7:8–9). Throughout his life, David learned every battle he faced, both spiritual and physical, belonged to the Lord. He discovered God would guard and protect him through every danger. Even when David sinned, he learned God's grace to him was greater still. Though he was imperfect, David is remembered as a man after God's heart (Acts 13:22); by his life, we are encouraged to pursue the same.

God promised David (2 Samuel 7) that He would make David's name great, build him a house, bring Israel peace and give him a special descendant Whose kingdom would never end. This covenant was an important revelation in God's plan of redemption. It reminds us of the covenant He made with Abraham and foreshadows the fulfillment of His promises to David — and all of His promises through Jesus (2 Corinthians 1:20). Jesus is the better David and Good Shepherd to all who put their trust in Him.

► MEMORY VERSE OPTIONS

- » 1 Chronicles 17:16*
- » Psalm 142:4–5
- » Acts 13:22

► IDENTITY INSIGHT

When I trust in Jesus, He becomes my Good Shepherd. Because of His great love for me, He leads me according to His will and disciplines me when I go astray.

► IMPORTANT IDEAS:

GOOD SHEPHERD: Jesus called Himself the “Good Shepherd” (John 10:11, 14). A good shepherd is one who cares and leads the sheep (people) as the Lord does.

DAVIDIC COVENANT: a promise between God and David; God's promises to David in 2 Samuel 7 that He would make David's name great, build David a house, bring Israel peace and give David a special descendant Whose kingdom would never end