
Application Guide: 2 Samuel 7

1. Warm-up (5-10 min)

Choose one:

- a. Have you ever underestimated someone's character or abilities? What happened?

- b. What kind of potential do you think God has given you?

- c. What talents do you have that you think God may want to use in His service?

2. Engaging the Chapter (15-20 min)

Background: David was born a simple shepherd but God could see his character and his potential so He chose him to become the second king of Israel. God chose both Saul and David to be kings. Why do you think David was so much better as a king? Do you think God made a mistake when he chose Saul? Why/why not?

The Situation: Now that David's kingdom is established and he has a capitol and a palace he feels bad that there is no permanent sanctuary for God. Have you ever felt bad about how your church looks? Do you ever wish it was a nicer place? What could you do to make it better?

Do you think it would be nice to have a prophet around today—someone you could talk to and they could come back and tell you exactly what God thinks of your plans? Why/why not?

How can you get input from God on your life and plans today? How does God communicate with us and answer questions?

3. Applying the Chapter to Your Life (5-10 min)

a. Make a list of all the talents you think God has given you. Have a conversation with an adult about how you can improve and develop your talents.

b. Make a list of all the talents you wish you had. Try to decide why it is that you want these talents. Do you think it is better to pray for talents that benefit others or yourself? Why?

4. Prayer Time (3-5 min)

Pray for God to help you develop the talents He has given you. Ask Him to help you recognize which talents He is giving you opportunity to work on and use. Pray for Him to help you accept his direction in this area rather than trying to force your own.

5. Outreach Idea

Plan a work bee for your church. Talk to your church pastor and other leaders to determine what work projects would be most appreciated and doable.