

A Promise

Date: 21st December, 2008

Readings: 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16; Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26:
God's covenant with David; Luke 1: 26-38: the angel
Gabriel visits Mary; Luke 1: 47-55: Mary's song

David, Joseph, Mary, Jesus

Advent 4 Promise Reminder

You will need:

- ♦ wide ribbon, felt or card, 18-20cm long by 4cm wide (minimum) (see diagram)
- ♦ 4 small cards 3cm x 2cm
- ♦ crown picture
- ♦ gold card
- ♦ sequins, beads or anything 'jewel like'
- ♦ 4 coloured paper strips
- ♦ ribbon, tassel
- ♦ scissors
- ♦ glue, stapler

What to do:

- ♦ Shape card or ribbon or felt into V at the bottom.
- ♦ Write promises on the 4 small cards: See boxes right.
- ♦ Glue or staple these to the ribbon or felt or card strip.
- ♦ Make a paper chain of 4 links – one for each day after Advent 4 until 25th December. Write one of the short promise reminders on each link:

God's Kingdom is forever

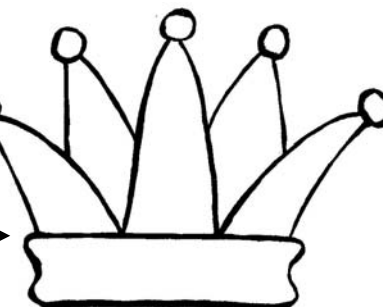
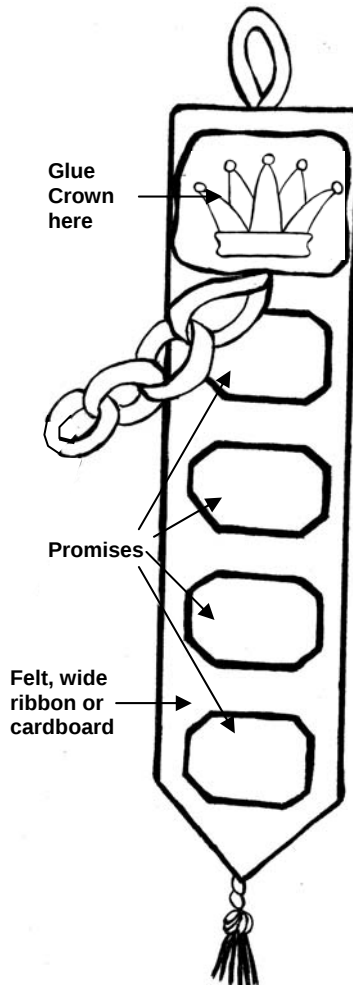
God cares about us

Jesus is God's living promise

God is with us every day

- ♦ Staple the **last** link to the top of the ribbon so that the first promise is at the bottom and will be the first to be removed.
- ♦ Make crown out of gold card. Decorate with sequins, beads or fake jewels.
- ♦ Glue or staple crown to top of card.
- ♦ Hang with ribbon loop and add a tassel to the bottom of the V.

Remove one link in the chain each day after Advent 4 until Christmas Day. Read the promise God made for all people.



Promises

1. God said to David, "I will establish your descendants forever and build your throne for all generations."

2. God promised David, My faithfulness and steadfast love shall always remain with him.

3. God promised Mary: I will give him [Jesus] the throne of his ancestor David.

4. God promised Mary: Jesus will be called the Son of God and of his kingdom there will be no end.

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