

SHIELD OF DAVID

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Guys, do you understand how the bible uses symbols to teach us about God?

CAN YOU DESCRIBE FOR ME WHAT A SYMBOL IS?

A symbol is when one object or thing stands in the place of something else, such as an idea, another object, a person, or a place.

For instance, all countries have flags for their own country. The flag symbolizes the country. The flag stands in place of the country. A symbol is the object that is sitting in the place of a different idea or object.

The American flag has stars and stripes. The flag itself symbolizes the entire United States of America. The 50 stars on the flag symbolize each state that makes up the entire country. Since we cannot place a picture of every state on the flag, or draw the entire country on it, we use the stars and stripes in place of the states and country.

The nation of Israel is a living testimony that God keeps his promises to people. God is going to keep all of his promises to all of us!

Israel has a flag, and in adult bible study we are learning how God shows us his promises on that flag.

THAT FLAG HAS AT ITS CENTER THE SHIELD OF DAVID.

(Show your kids a picture of the Flag of Israel)

The six-pointed star ... (known) as "the Star (or Shield) of David"

It is sometimes employed as an emblem of God. the six points referring to His attributes: power, wisdom, majesty, love, mercy, and justice.

Why are these shown of the shield of David? Because Jesus is known in the bible as the Son of David!



As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" (Matthew 9:27).

And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and began to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed" (Matthew 15:22).

And two blind men sitting by the road, hearing that Jesus was passing by, cried out, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" (Matthew 20:30).

IN JESUS CHRIST, ALL THE NAMES OF GOD, AND ALL THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD ARE EXPRESSED. THAT'S WHY WE CALL UPON THE NAME OF JESUS.

So let's do this: Think of your biggest fear you've ever had. Now, close your eyes, lift your hands, and say, "Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Doesn't that feel good.

Now think of the most embarrassing bad thing you've ever done. Now, close your eyes, lift your hands, and say, "Jesus, thou Son of David, forgive me!"

Parents, pray for your children. Ask them to pray for you.

Parents: Ask your children if they have repented recently. Lead them in repentance. Talk to them about baptism, how they are adopted by God, given God's name. If they have not received the spiritual gift of tongues, pray with them that they would learn to become worshipers. Because God inhabits our praise. (Please do not use the gift of tongues to scare them! It is a gift of God. It will happen naturally if they learn to be worshipers! I repeat: It is a gift!)

Now, pray over them, then ask them to pray for you. Let each child lead family in prayer. If they feel emotional, reassure them, they are feeling the presence of God. They could receive the gift of tongues in your home.

