

CITY SG – November 11- 13, 2023

Today's Bible Story: Permission to Dance (David Dances) • 2 Samuel 6:12b-22a

Today's Bottom Line: Celebrate what God has done.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever.* Psalm 136:1 (NIV)

1. Red Light/ Green Light Story Review

What You Need: carpet tape

What You Do:

- Have the kids line up shoulder to shoulder on one side of your area and place a tape line on the other side.
- Play a game of red light/green light. When you say "green light," kids will run until you say "red light." They should stop in place.
- If anyone is still running after you say, Red Light, they should start over at the beginning.
- Each time you stop them by saying "red light", ask a review question from the list below.
- Play until someone crosses the line.
- Go back and play more rounds until all of the questions are answered or until time allows.
- You can have the kids get to the other side in different ways each round: crawling, hopping, walking backwards, etc.

Review Questions:

1. Who was the first King over Israel in the story who did NOT listen to God? (*Saul*)
2. Who did Saul choose to lead his army and become king after him? (*David*)
3. Why was Saul trying to kill David? (*He was jealous of him*)
4. What was the gold chest that held the 10 Commandments called? (*The ark of the covenant*)
5. What did David start doing when they were bringing the ark to Jerusalem? (*dancing*)
6. Why was David dancing? (*He was celebrating what God had done*)
7. Why was David's wife angry with his dancing? (*She thought he looked weak*)
8. Did David stop dancing when he realized what she thought of his dancing? (*No*)
9. What is our bottom line today? (*Celebrate What God has done*)
10. What is one way you can celebrate what God has done for you? (*dance, sing, tell others about God, serve Him, etc.*)

2. Celebrate God Banner

Application Activity

What You Need: Large sheet of butcher paper and markers

What You Do:

- Roll out the paper.

- Set out the markers.
- Instruct the kids to work sit around the paper together to make a “Celebrate God!” banner that will hang in the room—similar to a birthday banner!
- Invite the kids to decorate the banner with reasons to celebrate God.
- Have kids share what they have drawn with your group.

3. Fill the Gap

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bible, dry erase board (one per bin), small sticky notes, and dry erase marker

What You Do:

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
 - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
 - Read the memory verse from a Bible aloud to your group.
- Look up Psalm 136:1 and read it out loud to the group.
- Write the memory verse on the dry erase board or posterboard.
- Lead the kids to recite the verse several times.
- Use sticky notes to cover a few words of the memory verse.
- Invite the kids to say the entire verse out loud together, filling in the missing words as they do.
- Play a few more rounds, covering more words each round.
- Continue playing until all words are covered and kids are repeating the verse by memory.

4. Pray

- “Dear God, there is so much to celebrate in our lives because of You. We’re so grateful for everything You do for us—from the air in our lungs to the important people in our lives to the gifts and talents You’ve given us. We want to always remember what You’ve done for us and share that good news with others. Help us celebrate You with everything inside of us for everything You’ve done and everything You continue to do. Thank You, most of all, for giving us Jesus as our Savior. That is something we can always celebrate! Amen.”

PARENT PICK UP POINT: Invite the kids to show the adults what they added to the “Celebrate God!” banner.