



## LESSON SNAPSHOT

**BOTTOM LINE:**

Thank God through worship.

**OBJECTIVE:**

Preschoolers will remember, "I can thank God when I worship and praise Him."

**KEY PASSAGE:**

2 Samuel 6:12-21, David Dances Before the Lord

**MEMORY VERSE:**

*"Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good." 1 Chronicles 16:34a (NIRV)*

**SUMMARY:**

When God's special ark came to Jerusalem, David was so thankful, that he danced and sang before God. Some people were embarrassed by how excited David got, but David didn't care; he would thank God with all of his might.

**SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,*

*You are good. We want to thank you with praise and worship.*

*Amen*



## MEMORY VERSE

*"Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good." 1 Chronicles 16:34a (NirV)*

**LARGE GROUP MV ACTIVITY:** Show the kids the hand motions and ask if they remember the words of the verse that go along with them.

**Hand motions:** "Give thanks" [Extend your arms in front of you, palms up] "to the Lord," [Raise your extended arms up toward heaven] "because he is good." [Bring your arms down and place your hands on your heart.]

**SMALL GROUP MV ACTIVITY:** Have kids repeat the verse popcorn style. Point to kids randomly. Each time you point to a kid, he or she says the verse. (If a kid can't repeat the verse, say a gentle "that's okay" and move on to another kid.)



## SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

**TITLE:** Thank God With Worship

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Tambourine

**CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:** 2 Flexible

**CHARACTERS:** C, D

*C is on stage, holding a tambourine. D enters.*

C: Good, you're just in time. Do you know how to play tambourine?

C hands D the tambourine.

D: Not really. What's going on?

C: What about the piano? Where would we find a piano?

D: I don't play the piano.

C: Guitar?

D: Nope. I don't play any instruments.

C: You're right. We don't need instruments.

D: Need instruments for what? What is going on here?

C: Worship.

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C: You know how much I love to say "thank you" to God, right?

D: Sure.

C: Well, I just learned that one way to thank God is with worship.

# SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

D: Like singing songs?

C: Singing songs to God. Playing instruments for God. Painting pictures for God. As long as it's for God and to God, anything can be worship.

D: How about dancing for God? I'm a good dancer.

C: That's a great way to thank God. Here, I'll worship God with the tambourine, while you worship him by dancing.

D: Deal.

*C takes the tambourine and starts "playing" it, while D dances. They play and dance off the stage together. End.*



## SNACK

**ITEMS NEEDED:** M&Ms

**ADVANCED PREPARATION:** Divide the M&Ms to make sure each kid gets one of every color.

Post a sign outside the preschool area that says: "Today's snack is M&Ms. Please let your child's teacher know if it is not ok for your child to have this snack."

**CONNECTION:** Just as there are different colors of M&Ms, there are many different ways to praise God. Praise and worship is a way that we can say "thank you" to God for his goodness.



## CRAFT

### Dancing David

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Paper plates, construction paper, scissors, glue sticks, crayons

**ADVANCED PREPARATION:** On a half sheet of construction paper, draw the outline of a person (David) about 4" tall. Create one of these for each kid in your class.

**DIRECTIONS:** Give each kid a "David" sheet of paper to color in as they wish. Give each kid a paper plate and help them fold it in half. Have a leader cut out the David figure from the paper. Assist kids in gluing the figure to the folded paper plate so that the top half of the figure extends past the fold.

*Stand the plate up on its sides, so that "David" appears upright. Show kids that if they gently press one end of the plate down and then release, it appears that King David is dancing. Remind kids how in the story, David worshiped God by dancing.*



## HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Kids instruments (drums, recorder, gourds, tambourine, etc.)

**ADVANCED PREPARATION:** None.

**DIRECTIONS:**

We can thank God when we praise and worship him. There are many different ways to worship God. We can write stories about God's goodness. We can dance for God, like King David did. We can draw and paint pictures. We can pray and we can tell other people about God. One of the most popular ways to worship God is through music: singing and playing instruments. Today we are going to worship God by singing one of my favorite songs: Jesus Loves Me.

*Sing Jesus Loves Me together.*

Let's sing it again, but let's put everything we have into it. Let's really thank Jesus for loving us and taking care of us.

*Sing Jesus Loves Me together once more. Bring out the instruments.*

That's great. But we can do more. Here are some instruments that we can play for God. Let's worship God with our voices AND our instruments together.

*Sing the song one or two more times as kids play their instruments with gusto. Collect the instruments back before you continue.*

That was really great worship, everyone. There are so many ways to worship God. There are so many ways to give him thanks.



## MAIN LESSON

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**KEY PASSAGE:** 2 Samuel 6:12-21, David Dances Before the Lord

**WORSHIP TIME:**

Prior to the lesson, sing one or two songs with the kids. Use CDs or live lyrics of songs that the kids are familiar with.

**LESSON:**

Today's story comes to us from the Bible. (Hold up a Bible.) The Bible is God's word to us, so we know that everything it says is true. (Open the Bible and set it down in front of you as you give the lesson.)

In life, we can choose to grumble and be selfish, or we can choose to be grateful. Everyday, we should praise God and give Him thanks. We can thank God when I worship and praise Him.

God's people have a special container called the Ark of the Covenant. The Ark of the Covenant reminded people of the amazing things that God had done and how God was always with them. King David decided to bring the ark to the city of Jerusalem so that the people could always remember that God was with them.

The ark was heavy and needed to be handled special. David took men with him to carry the ark back to Jerusalem. As David and the men came to Jerusalem with the ark, David was so excited and he wanted to thank God. So David danced in the street. He had the people shout praise to God and play trumpets. Everyone was thanking God with worship.

David's wife, whose name was Michel, watched all this from her window. She thought it was terrible that the king, her husband, was dancing in the street. When he came into the house, she made fun of him for dancing before God. David didn't care; he wanted to thank God by worshipping him.

There are many ways we can worship God. We can dance like King David.



# MAIN LESSON

We can sing or paint pictures or pray or act out God's story. Whatever way we choose, it's our way of saying thank you to God. Always, I can thank God when I worship and praise Him.

## **SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,*

*You are good. We want to thank you with praise and worship.*

*Amen*



## MAIN LESSON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**WIGGLE TAMER:** Do the Hokey Pokey.

**SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:** Have kids repeat the verse popcorn style. Point to kids randomly. Each time you point to a kid, he or she says the verse. (If a kid can't repeat the verse, say a gentle "that's okay" and move on to another kid.)

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What was the name of the king who brought the ark to Jerusalem?

What did David do to worship God and show his thanks?

What is your favorite way to worship God?

**SMALL GROUP GAME OR ACTIVITY:** Have a little dance off. Play some worship music and invite kids to dance their praise to God. Challenge kids not to worry about those around them, but focus on telling God how much they love him and thank him through their dancing.



## SPECIAL 1 PAGE LESSON FOR 1 & 2 YEAR OLDS

**PLAY TIME:** Spend the first 15 minutes on the floor playing with the kids. Cars, dolls, blocks, and simple puzzles are great for this time.

**BIBLE TIME:** Seat the kids in the place they will be having snack. Hold up a Bible or Illustrated Kids' Bible and say, "This is the Bible. God wrote the Bible. Everything in the Bible is true." Then allow each child to pat the Bible with his hand.

### LESSON:

I can praise God with a shout. (Shout "Yay, God!")

I can praise God with a clap. (Clap your hands)

I can praise God with a dance. (Do a little dance)

I can praise God with a song. (Sing "Thank you, thank you, thank you, God!" to the beginning of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

There are so many ways to praise God.

I can thank God when I worship and praise Him.

**MAKE IT REAL:** After the lesson say, "God loves you, and he wants you to love him too." Then point to each child and say, "God loves you (child's name)."

**MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:** Teach the kids the verse, using the following hand motions: 1 Chronicles 16:34a. "Give thanks" [Extend your arms in front of you, palms up] "to the Lord," [Raise your extended arms up toward heaven] "because he is good." [Bring your arms down and place your hands on your heart.]

**PRAYER TIME:** Ask the children to fold their hands and bow their heads. Say, "Let's pray before our snack. Thank you God for our mommies and our daddies. Thank you for loving me. Thank you for this snack we get to eat. Amen."

**SNACK TIME:** Wash each child's hand with a wet wipe and then serve the snack. At this age crackers or goldfish with water are generally best, but you always want to be mindful of any food allergies.

**POTTY BREAK:** After snack is a great time to ask those who are potty trained if they need to use the bathroom, or change diapers of those who are not yet potty trained.

**PLAY TIME:** Finish the day with more playtime until it's time for dismissal.



# MAKE IT STICK

4 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

## Thank You Lesson 4

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON: THANK GOD WITH WORSHIP



#### IN THE CAR:

On your next drive, listen to praise and worship music. Sing together about God's goodness, his love, and our thankfulness. Talk about other ways that we can praise and worship God, other than singing.



#### HANGING OUT:

Have a dance contest within the family (or with your kids and some of their friends). Have judges and prizes for the winners. Afterward, read the story of King David dancing before God in 2 Samuel 6:12-22. Talk about how David did not dance for a trophy or prize. He danced to give God praise and to thank him. Have one final dance of praise and worship to God.



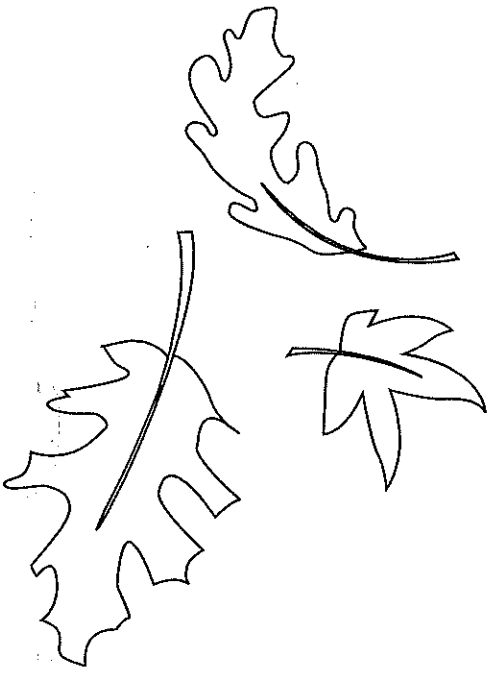
#### AT DINNER:

Before the meal, invite each member of the family to offer an individual prayer of thanks to God. Keep the meal worshipful as you talk about the many ways you have seen God at work in your lives. At the end of the meal, sing a song of praise together as a family.

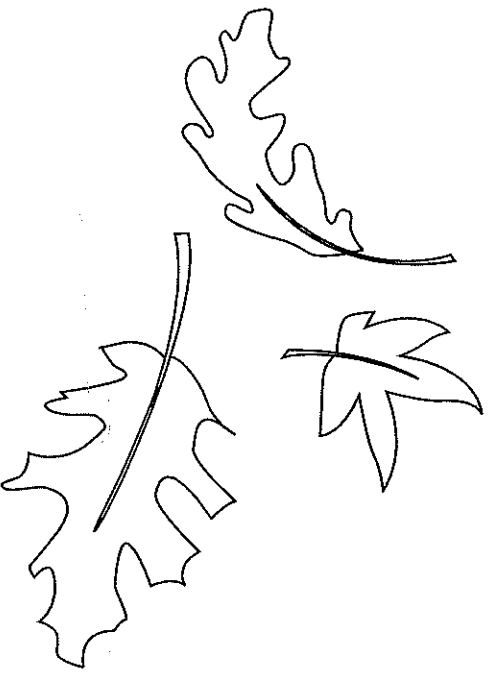


#### AT BEDTIME:

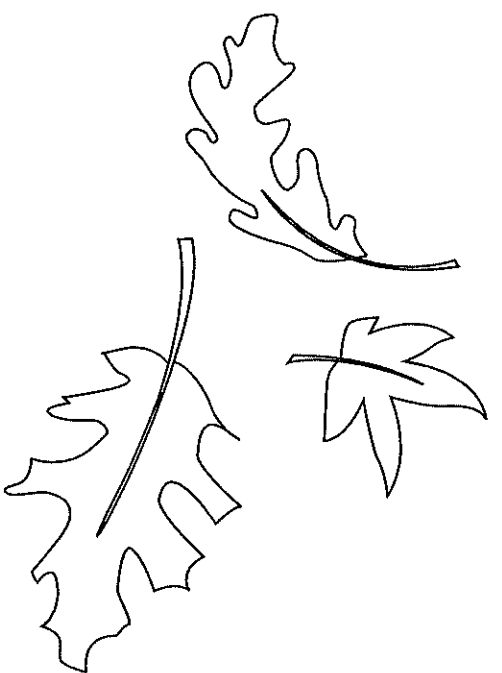
Snuggle up and read the memory verse together. "Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good." 1 Chronicles 16:34a (NirV) Sing a few of your favorite worship songs together acapella, thanking God for his goodness.



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