

When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.

Program A-2

Dancing in the Street

2 Samuel 6:1-23, 1 Chr. 15:1-16:43

Samuel & Kings Series: Lesson #11

Bible Verse: I will celebrate before the LORD. 2 Samuel 6:21
Past verses: Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Proverbs 3:5
A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17
The LORD is my strength. Psalm 28:7
Help one another. Gal. 5:13
The LORD looks at the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: Celebration can be a part of worshiping God.
Prop ideas: Pictures/drawings of the Ark of the Covenant, Make an Ark (Box with rings on bottom, poles to carry, *stone* tablets, scrolls of the written laws, etc.)

SAMPLE STORY

Who knows what the Ark of the Covenant is? (Some may think of Noah's Ark, the boat). It was a very special chest covered with gold. The stone tablets with the Ten Commandments were inside. The Ark represented God's presence to the people of Israel. For a long time the Ark was not at the Tabernacle (a tent for worship) like it should have been. King Saul had practically forgotten about it! The Philistine enemies had even captured it and kept it for seven months. David remembered the Ark and its importance.

David wanted to bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem so that the people could once again worship God together in one place. Jerusalem would be the capital of Israel and the center of God's worship. King David planned a big celebration. He appointed musicians to play cymbals, harps and lyres. There were priests to blow the trumpets. There were many people to sing praises to God.

When the priests carried the Ark into Jerusalem, everyone was so happy. They sang praises and played music. King David was so excited that he took off his royal robes and began dancing in the street. Can you imagine seeing a king dancing in the street with all the people? He said, "I will celebrate before the LORD." (2 Samuel 6:21) David was so happy and was not ashamed that he celebrated by praising God with dance. Have you ever been so happy that you wanted to dance?

The priests placed the Ark in the tent that David had pitched for it. They brought burnt offerings and peace offerings to God. When David had finished his offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD. He then gave each man and woman a loaf of bread, a cake of raisins and a cake of dates. It was a great celebration of praising God.

FYI

First Session Classes will be:

Having a Snack (Muffin or Roll)

Making Noisemakers

Having a Parade (Play Instruments & Noisemakers)

Karaoke

TEACHER EXTRA: Musical Instruments

Do you play a guitar, harmonica, trumpet, flute or other portable instrument? Bring it and share your praises through playing with your class.

Even if you cannot play for others to sing along, bring it anyway. The kids will enjoy it.

WINDSOCK STREAMERS

Materials: Pieces of cardstock
Colored Crepe Paper Pieces (18 – 24 in.)
Yarn Pieces (12 in.)
Bible verse sticker
Crayons (In room)
Hole-punch (In room)
Stapler (In room)
Scissors (In room)

Do: Give each child a piece of cardstock and some crayons. Have them place their bible verse sticker on first so that it doesn't cover up the design. Let them color pictures or designs to decorate.
When they are finished coloring, form the cardstock into a ring (decorated side out) and staple together.
Punch three holes around the top of the ring.
Tie a piece of yarn through each hole. Tie the three pieces together for hanging or holding.
Let the children pick out 4 – 6 pieces of crepe paper. Staple to the bottom of the ring.

Talk about: If you have enough room to have the children spread out, you can show them how to hold their windsock streamers and move their arms up and down as they spin around. Watch the crepe paper streamers float in the air. In many places around the world, people make pretty things like these to carry in parades, or hang outside or decorate for a party.

COLORING DAVID AND ARK PAGE

Materials: Coloring Pages
Crayons/markers (In room)

Do: Let the children color their page.

Talk about: King David was so happy that the Ark of the Covenant was in Jerusalem. He celebrated with all the people by dancing in the street.

FREEZE DANCE

Materials: Lively Music CD (In room, or bring one from home)

Do: Have the children dance or act silly or act out the words of the song (Row, row, row your boat) while the music is playing. They must stop when you stop the music. You can try to make someone move or laugh, but tell them to try to be still. No one is out if they do keep moving. Just laugh about it and start the music again. There are no losers...everyone is a winner.

Talk about: King David was so excited about the Ark of God being in Jerusalem. He took off his outer royal robes and danced in the street with everyone else. He didn't care if he did not look like a king. He was dancing for joy in front of the LORD.