

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

Program A-2

David the Psalmist
Psalm 8, 23, 100, 103
Samuel & Kings Series: Lesson #12

Bible Verse: The LORD God is very great. Psalm 104:1
Past verses: I will celebrate before the LORD. 2 Samuel 6:21
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: David wrote many Psalms to praise God. We praise God when we read or sing Psalms.
Prop ideas: Star projector or Glow in the dark stars
Music/songs of thanksgiving or praise
Pictures to accompany a favorite Psalm
Children's Bible or book of Psalms (My Little Psalms, Word Publishing)

SAMPLE STORY

What do you remember about David? He was the youngest son of Jesse. He was a shepherd and would fight lions and bears to care for the sheep. He played his harp for King Saul to make him feel better. David was not afraid to fight Goliath because David put his trust in the strength of God. David loved his friend Jonathon. David fought the enemies of God as a strong and mighty warrior both before he was king and after he became king of Israel. David loved God very much and tried to obey God always. He was very happy when the Ark of the Covenant was brought to Jerusalem. We have learned a lot about King David.

Even though David was a tough warrior, he had a tender heart towards God. We learn about this in the many Psalms David wrote. Psalms are like poems and songs. David would write about his thoughts and feelings. Sometimes he would write about how great God is and how great His creations are. Psalm 19:1-4:

The heavens tell the glory of God.
And the skies announce what his hands have made.
Day after day they tell the story.
Night after night they tell it again.
They have no speech or words.
They don't make any sound to be heard.

But their message goes out through all the world.
It goes everywhere on earth.

David wrote about how God is his savior, a rock and a fortress. In the most well known Psalm, David calls God his shepherd. He filled Psalms with many promises from God. Many of our Bible verses each Sunday come from Psalms. We can read verses from Psalms, or even sing them to praise God.

ALTERNATE STORY IDEA:

If you have a children's Bible with pictures or a children's book of Psalms, read either a few short Psalms or verses and talk about them. You could also pick one of your own favorites to read from a modern translation. (8, 23, 100, 103, 104) Even if you pick a Psalm David did not write, you can still teach the children how we can praise God and worship him. The focus is on who God is and what he means to us.

FYI

First Session Classes will be:

- Coloring Flowers
- Building a Fortress w/Blocks
- Playing in a Tent

STARS PICTURE

Materials: Black Paper
Glitter
Star cookie cutter
Plastic lid or plate
Bible verse stickers
Glue (In room)

Do: Pour glue onto plastic lid or plate.
Give each child a piece of black paper.
Add a bible verse sticker. Either write their name on the bible verse sticker or let them write it on the paper using a white or yellow crayon.
Let each child dip the star cookie cutter into the glue and then stamp their paper. Let them make as many stars as they want.
Help them sprinkle glitter over their paper. Shake to cover all the glue.
Shake excess glitter into trashcan or into a box or cookie sheet to reuse.

Talk about: Many of the Psalms David wrote talk about the beautiful stars God made.

Alternative: Instead of using glue and glitter, use yellow/gold/silver crayons to make a starry nighttime picture.

TEACHER EXTRA: Bring gel pens and stencils (star) to make a starry nighttime picture.

PLAY with PLAYDOUGH

Materials: Play-dough (In room)

Do: Help make things God created. (Flowers, mountains, animals, rocks)

Talk about: God made a beautiful world for us to live in.

TEACHER EXTRA: Bring Play-dough from home along with cookie cutters, toy rolling pins, plastic knives and presses.

SING PRAISES

Materials: None

Do: Have the children sit in a circle or in rows.
(Hint: You can put masking tape on the floor to mark where you want them to sit. If they move around more than you want, remind them to sit on the tape).

Talk about: David wrote many Psalms. Some of the Psalms are songs praising God.

SUGGESTIONS:

GOD IS SO GOOD

God is so good (3X)

He's so good to me

He loves me so (3X)

He's so good to me

He answers prayer (3X)

He's so good to me

MY GOD IS SO BIG

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty!

There's nothing my God cannot do! (2X)

He made the tress, He made the seas:

He made the elephants, too!

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty!

There's nothing my God cannot do!

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!

There's nothing my God cannot do! (2X)

The mountains are His, the rivers are His:

The stars are His handiwork, too.

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty

There's nothing my God cannot do! (3X)

FOR YOU!

RISE AND SHINE

Rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory. (3X)

Children of the LORD.

IF YOU'RE HAPPY

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands. (2X)

If you're happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it.

If you're happy and you know it clap your hands.

2. Stamp your feet.

3. Say amen.

4. Do all three.

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! (3X)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

2. Hide it under a bushel; no! I'm gonna let it shine!
3. Don't let Satan blow it out; I'm gonna let it shine!
4. Let it shine till Jesus comes; I'm gonna let it shine!

Praise Him, Praise Him

Praise Him, praise Him
All you little children
God is love, God is love
Praise Him, praise Him
All you little children
God is love, God is love

TEACHER EXTRA: Flashlight Fun

Bring flashlights from home. Turn out the light and let the children take turns making stars on the ceiling and walls.

- Use a piece of paper or cardboard and punch holes through it to make a design for the light to pass through.
- Cover the ends of flashlights with colored cellophane wrap to add fun.
- Place flashlight chase...use either a laser pointer or a flashlight with a colored cellophane cover. Move the colored light around the ceiling and walls as the children try to catch *you* with the plain lights.

Be sure that everyone gets a turn. Use a timer if necessary.