



Bible Story: I Just Want to Celebrate (David Dances) • **2 Samuel 6:12b-22a**

Bottom Line: Celebrate what God has done.

Memory Verse: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. Psalm 136:1 (NIV)

Life App: Gratitude—Letting others know you see how they've helped you

1. Bible Story

What You Need: Bible

What You Do: Read **2 Samuel 6:12b-22a**

Review Questions:

1. What would you say was important to David?
2. What was the name of David's wife?
3. Why did David's wife get so upset when she saw David dancing?
4. What might David have been saying while he was dancing?
5. Why was the ark of the Lord such a big deal?
6. Where were the people taking the Ark of the Lord?
7. If you could give Michal some advice, what would you tell her?
8. How did David celebrate what God has done?
9. What is one thing you want to remember from this story?
10. What did David stop and do on the way to Jerusalem?

2. Celebrate!

What You Need: Paper, pencils, markers

What You Do:

- Guide the kids to create their own holiday where they would celebrate what God has done.
- Lead them to imagine what they would do to celebrate His goodness—like throwing a party or cooking a special meal.
- Give each kid a piece of paper and encourage them to draw or write how they would celebrate God.
- As kids are drawing ask the following questions for discussion:
 - What's your favorite way to celebrate and worship God?
 - If someone said to you, "I don't have anything to be grateful for," what would you say to help them realize that they do?
 - Why does God deserve to be celebrated every day?
 - A grateful heart is a happy heart. Agree or disagree?
- When kids finish, invite kids to share about their drawing.

[Make It Personal] (Make your own drawing and also tell how you would [Bottom Line] celebrate what God has done.)

What You Say:

“You have such creative ideas for how we can **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God has done!** We celebrate what God has done on special days like Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. We celebrate all that Jesus did for us at specific times when we share communion or the Lord’s Supper. There are so many ways we can **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God has done**, but we can do it any time we want to! We can make any day a day to celebrate, and you guys have some great ideas how to do it! So remember to **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God has done.**”

3. Mega Shout-Out

What You Need: Bibles, colored paper, tape, markers

What You Do:

- Look up the memory verse, Psalm 136:1, and read it out loud.
- Encourage the kids to decorate a piece of paper with markers, using the words of the memory verse.
- Instruct kids to make a megaphone by rolling the paper into a cone shape.
- Help kids tape the paper to hold their megaphone in place.
- Encourage kids to use their megaphone to shout-out the memory verse together.

What You Say:

“What a great way to **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God has done!** We can celebrate by giving Him thanks because He is good. Reading the Bible is a way we can **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God has done.** The Bible is full of stories of real people, like King David, who have experienced God’s goodness and His love. When you remember what God has done and what He is doing in your life right now, celebrate Him by giving thanks. And if you can’t find the words, just remember our memory verse. Let’s show God our gratitude by shouting out Psalm 136:1 one more time.” *(Shout-out Psalm 136:1 together.)*

4. Make it Personal with Prayer

What You Need: Prayer journal, paper, something to write with, Bible

What You Do:

- As a family, **add to your prayer journal** or make a prayer journal if you have not already done so.
 - The Bible teaches us that the “the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective” (**James 5:16b**). We are encouraging you to make a family prayer journal. It can be as fancy or as simple as you want. An example is provided on our Kids at The Heights Facebook Page! A prayer journal can be a tool to record your prayer requests and thanksgivings. It can also help you grow your faith as you keep a record of how the Lord answer your prayers.
- Encourage kids to write a “SHOUT-OUT” to God thanking Him for what He has done on a piece of paper.
- Prompt kids to finish the sentence, “Thank You God for . . .”
- Encourage kids to share their “SHOUT-OUTS” with the group.
- Tell kids to tape their “SHOUT-OUTS” somewhere in your house they can look back at during the week.”
- Challenge kids this week to celebrate God by thanking Him and celebrate the people God put in their lives by thanking them, too.
- Close in prayer.

What You Say:

“God has been at work since the beginning of time. There is so much He has done and so much He is still doing! Remember this week to **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God has done.** Let’s pray.

“God, You are good! You are faithful! We are so thankful for what You have done in the world. We are so thankful for what You are doing in our lives today. Open our eyes to see the good things You are doing—in the world around us and in our own lives. Show us ways to celebrate all You have done, God! Amen.”