LESSON TITLE: David Praises God

LESSON OVERVIEW: The Bible tells us that David was a man after God’s own heart. David loved God and worshiped Him with all of his heart, soul, mind and strength. He wasn’t concerned about what others thought of him. This lesson will teach the kids that God is worthy of our worship.

BIBLE STORY: David Dances (2 Samuel 6:14-19)

MEMORY VERSE: “David was dancing before the Lord with all his might...” 2 Samuel 6:14

TEACHING OBJECTIVE: To teach kids that God deserves our worship and praise.

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR THE LESSON

- Part 1: Bible Lesson: Bible, crown, cd player, cloth or scarves and raisins.
- Part 2: Memory Verse Activity: Bible
- Part 3: Craft: Popsicle sticks, cardstock if possible to print on, crayons, glue or glue sticks, scissors
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PART 1: BIBLE LESSON (15 minutes)

BIBLE LESSON TEXT: 2 Samuel 6 & 7

SUPPLIES: crown, cloth or scarves, cd player or other method of playing music. Optional: raisins to hand out after the lesson.

PREPARE: Read the entire lesson from scripture and pray that God will give you great creativity in teaching the preschoolers about worshiping God. Be prepared to alter the story for the younger children's “sit still” skills.

INTRODUCTION TO LESSON: Good evening, boys and girls! Do you like music? Do you like to sing? Me too, and I really like to dance. (Turn on some music and allow kids to sing and dance around with the scarves for a few minutes). Tonight we are learning about a King named David (show them the crown). King “what’s his name”? David, that’s right. King David really loved God and wanted to do things that made God happy. Now, everytime I say “David”, I want you to pretend that you are dancing. Remind kids if they forget.

Teaching Tip: Always have your Bible open to the Scripture you are telling the story from so children will know that what you are teaching them is from the Bible, God’s Word.

BIBLE LESSON: David was so excited that day that the Ark of the Covenant was now in the city of David. You see the Ark was sort of like a box and it had some things in it that were very important to God’s people. But even more important to God’s people was giving Him praise. (“can you clap your hands?”) Yes, praise, just like that! The other thing that was important to David was to worship God. We worship God by giving Him thanks. (“Let’s say, thank you God.”). David did those things and more. When David sang to God to give Him praise, he was so excited that he just couldn’t help himself. He loved God so much and was so thankful for who He was, that David just started to dance. (break out in a dance or jumping up and down). The Bible says that David danced before the Lord with all his might! That means, with all the energy and excitement you could. David’s wife was watching and well, she thought he was crazy!! David didn’t really care what she thought, because David was singing and dancing for God and God alone. David had built a tent for the Ark of the Covenant and so they placed it inside there and David gave an offering to the Lord. Once David gave the offering, he then blessed the people and gave them a cake and a date or raisin (hand out raisins if you chose this option). I am so thankful for David’s heart and how much he loved God and showed us how we can give God praise and worship.

Close in prayer thanking God for who He is and that He alone deserves our praise!

EXTRA ACTIVITY: Allow kids to sing and dance again if time, giving praise to God.
PART 2: MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY/GAME (15 minutes)

“..David was dancing before the Lord with all his might.” 2 Samuel 6:14

SUPPLIES: Bible

PREPARATION: Memorize the motions
Dance in a silly way for the words “David was dancing before”
Point to the sky with both arms up for the words “the Lord”
Flex your muscles for the words “with all his might..”
Clap while saying the words “2 Samuel” bend down and touch the ground while saying “6” and jump as high as you can while saying “14”!!!

READ THE VERSE: Read the verse for the class then read it while doing the motions slowly.

EXPLAIN THE VERSE: David was dancing for God with all his energy and excitement. His worship of the Lord was SO important to him it didn’t matter what other people thought. All that mattered was that the Lord knew he was giving it everything in him to praise Him.

LEARN THE VERSE: Read the verse then walk through it slowly teaching the motions one section at a time.
Dance in a silly way for the words “David was dancing before”
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EXTRA ACTIVITY: Have the children take turns doing the verse and motions one at a time for the class.
PART 3: CRAFT (15 minutes)

SUPPLIES: Popsicle sticks, cardstock if possible to print on, crayons, glue or glue sticks, scissors.

PREPARATION: Print craft on cardstock if possible and pre-slit the section on the background sheet (found on page 5 of this lesson).

INSTRUCTION:
1. Color Dancing David and background sheet
2. Cut out background sheet and dancing David, and cut small slit at dotted line on the background sheet
3. Glue Dancing David to popsicle stick and slide through slit
4. Kids hold background sheet and use popsicle stick to make David dance with all his might!

EXTRA ACTIVITY: Put on worship music and let the children dance and jump and worship the Lord and color sheet on page 6 of this lesson.
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“Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God.”
Psalm 147:1