

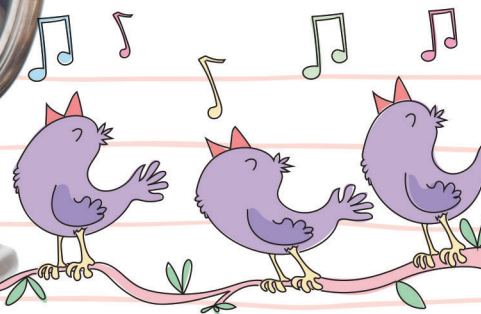
PLAY Drums

Pull out a few pots, pans, and spoons from your kitchen for your child to play as drums. Consider playing upbeat music he can drum along with. Talk about the Bible story (reverse side). Mention that many people sang and played instruments to thank God for His help and love.

VERSE

When we pray,
God hears us.

1 JOHN 5:14



BABIES

SHAKE Rattles

Shake a rattle and/or let your baby shake a rattle. Tell your baby that David called the people together to celebrate (see reverse side). Mention that some people sang happy songs to God and others played instruments to thank God. State that God hears His people thank Him.

PITCH a Tent

Talk about the Bible story (reverse side). Mention that David and his workers built a tent church—a place to worship God together. Drape a sheet, blanket and/or large pillows across furniture to build a tent. Take a Bible and sit in the tent. Invite your child to sit with you as you read aloud the Weekly Verse. Talk about things you can thank God for. Say a quick prayer of thanksgiving.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

1

CONVERSATION

King David Thanked God

BASED ON 1 CHRONICLES 15–16

WEEKLY VERSE: Give thanks in everything. *1 Thessalonians 5:18*

LIFE POINT: God hears His people thank Him.



BABIES

David had his workers build a tent church—a place to worship God together.

David called the people together to celebrate.

David thanked God for His help and love.

Some people sang happy songs to God. Others played instruments to thank God.

1s

David built a tent church for the people to meet and worship God.

King David told all the people to come to the city. He wanted to thank God for His help and love.

“Sing happy songs to God. Play instruments to make beautiful music,” David said. “Tell God how good He is. God loves us always.”

David and the people sang songs to thank God.

2s

David built a tent church for the people to meet and worship God.

The tent church was ready. King David told all the people to come to the city to celebrate.

“Tell your brothers to sing joyful songs,” King David told the leaders.

King David and the leaders put on special clothes for the celebration.

The people played their instruments; others sang. Some people even danced. The people were happy.

King David said to the people, “Give thanks to God. Sing songs that tell how good God is. God loves us always.”

The people sang many songs to thank God, then they left to go home.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

The Bible story taught that God hears His people thank Him. David prayed to God to thank Him for bringing the ark back to His people.

LIVE IT OUT

Help your child learn to be thankful to God. Remind him that God hears us thank Him. Help your child name something he can thank God for, and say a prayer of thanksgiving.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God hears me.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

Monday: Psalm 9:1

Tuesday: Psalm 100:3

Wednesday: Daniel 2:23

Thursday: Philippians 4:6

Friday: Hebrews 12:28

Saturday: Colossians 4:2



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SEEK and FIND

The tent is ready!

King David told the Levites to carry the ark of the covenant to the tent. Everyone was excited!

VERSE

Give thanks in everything.

—1 Thessalonians 5:18



LOOK CLOSELY

Point to each of these things:

- ➡ The ark of the covenant
- ➡ The child clapping
- ➡ The Levites carrying the ark

MATCH the Instruments

People played instruments like trumpets and cymbals.

DRAW A LINE between the instruments that are alike.



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LIFE POINT: God hears His people thank Him.



The ark of the covenant was a special box that held the Ten Commandments, the special rules God gave us. King David knew it needed a special place. King David prepared and set up a tent where the people of Israel could worship God.

When the tent was ready, King David called all the people and the Levites together. Levites were people God had chosen to carry the ark of the covenant. Everyone in Israel was excited. They gathered around as the Levites picked up the ark of the covenant and carried it to the tent. Some people played cymbals, harps, and trumpets while others sang happy songs.

King David gave offerings to God when they reached the tent. Then he told the people how much God loved them. He gave the people bread and cakes of dates and raisins to eat. He even wrote a special thank-you song to God. The people were happy to be worshiping God. They said "Amen" and "Praise God!"

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LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God hears me when I pray.

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Thanks in Everything

First Thessalonians 5:17-18 says we should pray constantly and give thanks in all things. Look at the chart and fill in things you can thank God for and what you are doing when you are thanking Him.

Time of Day	Activity	Thank You
 Morning		
 Breakfast		
 Afternoon		
 Lunch		
 Evening		
 Dinner		
 Bedtime		

VERSE

Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you ...

-1 Thessalonians 5:17-18



CAN YOU HEAR ME?



God hears His people thank Him! The things in the activity make different noises, but which is the loudest? Rank them from what you think is the quietest (1) to loudest (5).



BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

LIFE POINT

God hears His people
thank Him.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

The Bible story helped your child know that God hears His people thank Him. When King David returned the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem, he rejoiced and thanked God.



LIVE IT OUT

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 as a family. Talk about what it means to give thanks for everything, even bad things. Even though we may face hard times, God hears us pray. Take turns voicing a prayer of thanks to God.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God knows what people need and desire but still expects them to pray.



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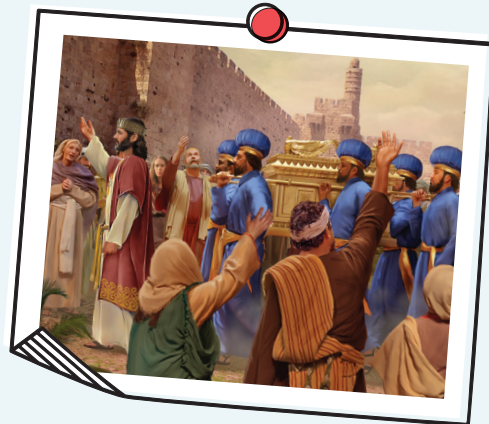
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King David Thanked God

1 CHRONICLES 15-16

King David prepared a special place for the ark of God. The ark was a beautiful gold box that reminded the people of God's presence. David called for the people to celebrate with him as the ark arrived at the place David had prepared.



King David told the temple helpers to choose singers and musicians to make joyful music. The people shouted and celebrated. King David danced and celebrated along with the people as the priests carried the ark into the city.

When the priests set the ark inside its special tent, David made sacrifices and gave offerings. He blessed the people and gave them food. He assigned temple helpers to thank and praise God.

Then David shared a prayer of praise and thanksgiving with the people:

Give thanks to the Lord. Call on His name. Tell everyone what He has done. Sing to Him and talk about His wonderful works.

Look to God for strength. Seek Him all of the time.

Remember the marvelous things God has done and said.

Remember the promises He made to our people.

God is great and highly praised.

The gods of other people are idols, but God made the heavens.

Give thanks to God, for He is good. His mercy endures forever.

All the people said, "Amen!" and praised the Lord. After the celebration ended, the people returned to their homes, and the priests and temple helpers stayed with the ark to give offerings and thanks to God every day.

WEEKLY VERSE 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18



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SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
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18 Psalm 54:2	19 John 4:23	20 Psalm 150:6	21 Hebrews 13:15	22 Isaiah 25:1	23 Psalm 66:4	24 Hebrews 2:12
25 1 John 5:14	26 Psalm 66:19	27 1 Peter 3:12	28 Psalm 34:17	29 Psalm 6:9	30 Romans 10:13	31 Proverbs 15:29

**EACH DAY YOU READ, HAVE A PARENT/GUARDIAN INITIAL.
RETURN YOUR CALENDAR TO EARN \$200 KIDS' KASH**