

**UNIT 2
SESSION 1**

*Bonus
Teaching Hour
for Babies*

KING DAVID THANKED GOD



TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

BIBLE STORY STATEMENTS

- » 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.

BIBLE WORDS

- » David, tent church, people



ROOM

YOUR TEACHING PARTNER(S)

DATE OF USE

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God hears me.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

1 Chronicles 15–16

BIBLE VERSE

Give thanks in everything.
1 Thessalonians 5:18

LIFE POINT

God hears His people thank Him.

REMEMBER TO

Use a calm, quiet voice.

Focus attention on the babies.

Review parents' instructions and any medical information.

Put take-home items in children's bags.

Make a final diaper check.

Release children to authorized adults.



BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

SHAKE POM-POMS

Gather: Music; Bible, cheer pom-poms

Optional: crepe paper, scissors, tape

Do: *Optional: Create pom-poms: Cut several long strips of crepe paper. Gather on one end and secure with tape.*

- » Invite the babies to join you in cheering with the pom-poms and clapping their hands.
- » Mention that we cheer to celebrate and show that we are excited about something.
- » Tell that David called the people to celebrate after his workers built a tent church.
- » Open the Bible. Read aloud: “Give thanks in everything. 1 Thessalonians 5:18.” Thank God that we can come to church.
- » Say: “God hears His people thank Him.” Lead the babies in thanking God for His help and love.
- » Play and sing “Anytime, Anywhere,” encouraging the babies to clap along or shake the pom-poms.

BUILD A SMALL TENT CHURCH

Gather: Bible, wooden or foam blocks, fabric scraps, people figures

- » Invite older babies to help you build a tent church with the blocks and fabric scraps. Stand up a few blocks and drape the fabric over the blocks.
- » Encourage some babies to move the people figures like they are coming to church. Let younger infants touch or hold people figures.
- » Tell that David had his workers build a tent church so they could worship together.
- » Mention that some people sang happy songs and played instruments to thank God.
- » Thank God for your church.

EXPLORE A SENSORY BAG

Gather: Ziplock bags, water, plastic confetti or sequins, glitter, duct tape

Option: plastic water bottle

Do: *Add water, plastic confetti or sequins, and glitter to the ziplock bag. Remove the excess air as you seal the bag. Reinforce the seal with duct tape. Optional: Use a plastic water bottle in place of the ziplock bag.*

- » Encourage a baby to pat the bag, moving the glitter and sequins around.
- » Mention that it reminds you of a celebration.
- » Tell that David called the people together to celebrate after the tent church was built.
- » State: “We can give thanks in everything. 1 Thessalonians 5:18. God hears His people thank Him.”
- » Say a sentence prayer of thanks.

BUILD WITH CUPS

Gather: Disposable plastic cups

- » Demonstrate for the babies how to build a pyramid or other structure with the cups.
- » Allow the babies to knock the structure over and help you rebuild.
- » Tell the Bible story statements as you build and the children knock down the cups.
- » Mention that David and the people gave thanks.
- » Comment that some people sang happy songs to God while others played instruments to thank God.
- » Say: “God hears His people thank Him. God hears me and you when we talk to Him.”
- » Thank God that we can come to church.