

# KING DAVID THANKED GOD



## TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

### SNACK

Include the children in the distribution of the snack. Ask for one or more volunteers to pray. Lead the boys and girls to clean up after the snack. Thank them for their help.

### MOVE TO GROUP TIME

Challenge the children to pretend to play a trumpet or bang cymbals as they move to the group-time area. Praise their efforts to move quietly.

### INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

#### KING DAVID THANKED GOD—BASED ON 1 CHRONICLES 15–16

- » Open the Bible to 1 Chronicles 15. Encourage the preschoolers to listen closely to see why King David built a special tent.

### SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE STORY

- » King David built a special tent where people could worship.
- » He knew the people needed a special place to keep the ark of the covenant. The ark of the covenant was a special box that held the Ten Commandments.
- » Everyone was excited when the tent was finished. King David knew God had chosen the Levites to carry the ark of the covenant to the tent.
- » King David and the people gathered around the Levites as they carried the ark of the covenant. Some people played trumpets, harps, and cymbals while others sang happy songs.
- » King David gave offerings when they reached the tent. He told the people how much God loved them.
- » King David wrote a special thank-you song to God. The people were happy to be worshiping God. They said “Amen” and “Praise God!”

### REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

- » Why did King David build a special tent?
- » What was inside the special box called the ark of the covenant?
- » What kind of song did David write?

### EMPHASIZE THE LIFE POINT

- » Say that God hears His people thank Him.

### ROOM

### YOUR TEACHING PARTNER(S)

### DATE OF USE

### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God hears me when I pray.

### LIFE POINT

God hears His people thank Him.

### UNIT VERSE

When we pray, God hears us. *1 John 5:14*

### WEEKLY VERSE

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

## SING TOGETHER

Sing to the tune of “Muffin Man”:

*O, God hears me when I pray.*

*When I pray, When I pray.*

*O, God hears me, when I pray.*

*He listens when I pray.*

## SAY THE BIBLE VERSE

Open the Bible to I Thessalonians 5:18 and read the verse. Tell the children that because God hears us when we pray, we can talk to Him and give thanks for everything.

## PRAY

Say: “Thank you God, for \_\_\_\_\_.” Roll a ball to a child and encourage him to thank God for something. Continue rolling the ball to give others a turn.

## BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

**Emphasize: God hears His people thank Him.**

- 1. Create a thankful collage.** Cut pictures of food, clothing, houses, and people from magazines. Place the pictures in a shallow pan or basket on the table along with glue sticks and sheets of heavyweight paper. Write the Weekly Verse across the bottom of each sheet of paper. Point to the words and repeat the verse. Invite the children to make a collage of things they are thankful for. Pick up a picture and comment that you are thankful for \_\_\_\_\_. Suggest the children name things they can thank God for.
- 2. Read in a tent.** Place a small pop-up tent in a quiet corner of the room. If a tent is not available, drape a sheet or blanket over a small table, leaving the ends open. Place a Bible and several books in the tent. Sit at the opening to the tent and invite children to sit in the tent and read. Open the Bible to I Thessalonians 5:18 and repeat the Weekly Verse. Encourage the children to find pictures in the books of things to thank God for. Remark that God hears His people thank Him.
- 3. Examine the Bible.** Lay 3 or 4 different Bibles on a mat along with several magnifying glasses. Write the words *give, thanks, God, and Jesus* on note cards. Insert a piece of ribbon in each

Bible at I Thessalonians 5. Guide the children to sit on the floor and look at the Bibles. Suggest they open a Bible to the marker. Point to verse 18 and suggest they repeat the verse with you. Show one of the note cards and encourage the children to look for the word in verse 18 with a magnifying glass. Suggest they look for the rest of the words. Comment that we should thank God for everything. God hears us when we thank Him.

- 4. Sing and wave scarves.** Sing the following words to the tune of “God is So Good”: “Give thanks to God / Give thanks to God / Give thanks to God / He’s so good to me.” Lead the children to wave scarves and sing as you move about the room. Stop and give thanks for things you see in the room. “Thank you, God, for our friend \_\_\_\_\_. God, we enjoy playing with blocks. Thank you, for the blocks.” Continue waving scarves, singing, and stopping to give thanks. Remind the children that God hears us when we thank Him.

## CLEAN UP

Move about the room quietly telling a few children at a time to begin cleaning the room. Continue until all children are cleaning. Praise the boys and girls for working together to clean the room.

## PLAY A GUESSING GAME

Encourage the children to sit on the floor in a circle. Tell them you are going to describe an object and see if they can guess what you see. Describe a toy, piece of furniture, or person. Suggest the children guess. Give additional clues if needed. Once a child guesses correctly, guide him to say a short prayer thanking God for the item or person. Help the child describe something he sees. Continue to play and say thank-you prayers. Allow as many children as want the chance to describe what they see.

## DISMISS

Help children gather their papers and belongings. Thank them for coming. Remind parents to review the Bible story on the Kids Activity Page.