

## Topic: Worshipping the Lord (Lesson 3.3)- Ages 4-6

**Bible Story:** King David Danced Before the Lord

**Reference:** 2 Samuel 6:12-15

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### Lesson Plan

#### Opening Activity (5-7 Minutes)

- **Song:** Sing “This Little Light of Mine” or “Jesus Loves Me” to start with an energetic and joyful tone.
  - Encourage clapping and light dancing to engage older children.
- **Warm-Up Question:** Ask: “What makes you so happy you want to celebrate?” Guide their answers toward examples of joy, like a birthday or winning a game.

#### Memory Verse

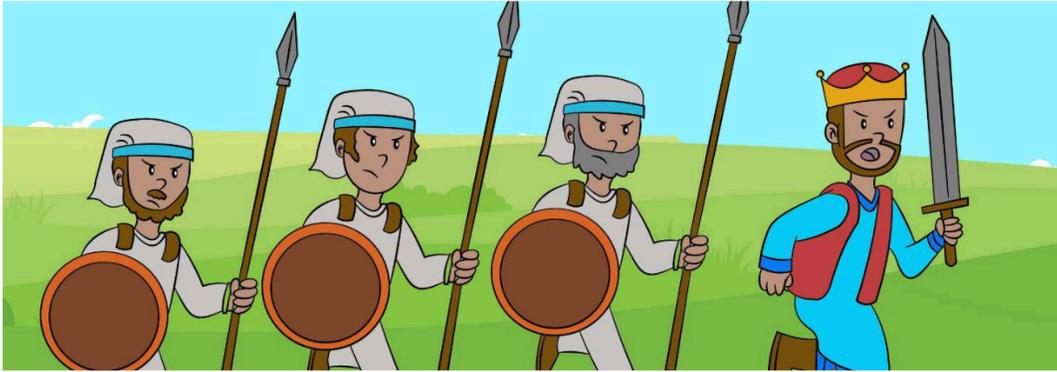
**Psalm 95:6 (NIV):** *“Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.”*

#### Bible Story (7-10 Minutes)

- Begin by showing the child a picture of the Ark of the Lord. Explain that the Ark was a special box that held precious things. Place the images in this pack of the content of the Ark in a small box. Allow the children to take out one at a time and discuss its importance. Emphasis that the Ark was a visible symbol of God's presence and a reminder of His covenant with His people
- Ask the child to imagine how they would feel if they lost something special and then found it again. Share that David wanted to bring the Ark back to Jerusalem because it belonged there, just like when we find something special, we want to keep it safe and close to us. This showed David’s joy and love for God.
  - Highlight: David danced, sang, and worshipped with all his heart before the Lord.
  - Explain: Worship isn’t just about singing; it’s about showing love to God in everything we do.
  - Share 2 Samuel 6:14: “David was dancing with all his might before the Lord.”

**Visual Aid:**

# David Returns the Ark



**King David became a great king.**

**He led his army to fight their enemies.**

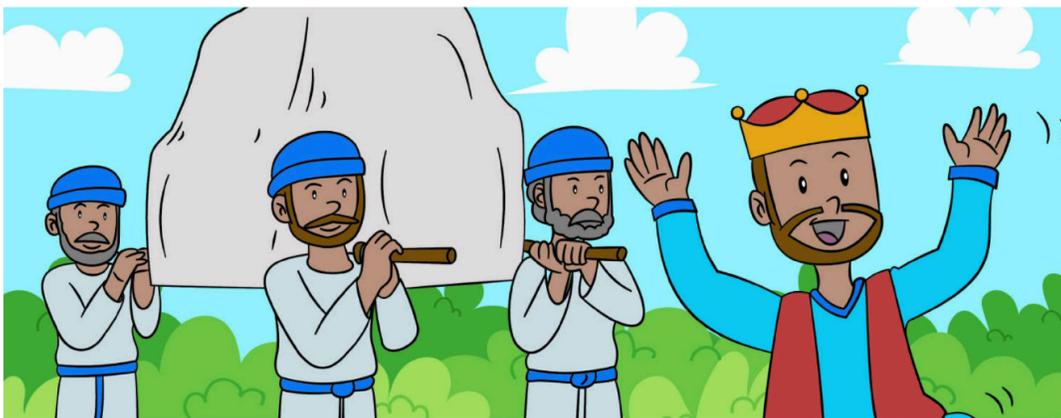
**They fought and won back the city of Jerusalem.**

**The people were happy to have their city back.**

**But there was something important missing in their city, Jerusalem.**

**David knew that the Ark of the Lord was very important.**

**With great joy, he sent people to bring the Ark home.**



**When they arrived in Jerusalem, David was so happy.**

**David danced and sang, showing his love for God.**

**Everyone saw his joy.**

**Not everyone understood David's dance.**

**Michal, his wife and King Saul's daughter, watched and thought it was silly.**

**She didn't like it.**

**But David knew he danced for God, who chose him as king.**

**David cared about God's opinion more than what others thought.**

**After David finished dancing, he went home to his family.**

**Michal met him and said unkind things. She didn't like how he danced.**



**David smiled and explained, "I danced for God, not others. He chose me as king. His opinion matters most."**

**David showed us we should worship God no matter what others think.**

## Discussion (5-7 Minutes)

Ask age-appropriate, open-ended questions to deepen their understanding:

1. Why was King David so happy?
  2. What are some ways we can worship God? (e.g., singing, praying, giving thanks, helping others.)
  3. How do you feel when you sing or pray to God?
  4. Why is it important to worship God?
  5. Can you think of a time when you were thankful and wanted to tell God “thank you”?
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- Encourage them to share personal experiences and connect the story to their daily lives.
  - Ask the children to imagine how David might have danced. Let them pretend to be David and “dance with all their might.”
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## Activity: Worship Parade (10 Minutes)

- **Materials:** Instruments (tambourines, shakers, drums, or DIY instruments like paper plate tambourines).
  - **What to Do:**
    1. Teach the children a simple worship song like “I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart.”
    2. Form a “Worship Parade” and let the children sing, clap, and play instruments while marching around the room.
    3. Reinforce the idea of worship being joyful and full of energy, just like David.
  - **Activity: David Dance:** pdf [click here](#)
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## Arts and Crafts (15 Minutes) [click here](#)

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### Closing

- **Prayer:** Lead the children in a simple prayer:  
“Dear God, thank You for being so wonderful. We want to worship You with all our hearts, just like King David. Help us to always sing, dance, and love You. Amen.”

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