

Alley Rundown—November 8th, 2020

Today's Bible Story: I Just Want to Celebrate (David Dances) • 2 Samuel 6:12b-22a

Today's Key Question: What are creative ways to show gratitude?

Today's Bottom Line: Celebrate what God has done.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever.*
Psalm 136:1 (NIV)

Dude Perfect Filler Videos

CG: Countdown Video

“Hey everyone! So good to see you here today! I am excited to get started with a game that will get some of you moving and the rest of us plenty entertained! Who wants to play Dance Charades Battle?”

SLIDE: Dance Charades Battle

“Here’s how we play. I will call two teams of two partners up. The dancer will stand on this side of the stage so that you can still see the screen. The guesser will stand with their back to the screen so that you can’t see the answer. When I say go, the music will begin. It won’t be the music for your dance—that’d be too easy! The dancers will perform the dance that is on the screen until one of the two guessers gets it right. Then the next dance will appear. The team that gets the MOST dances first wins. Got it? Alright, who is going to be the guesser and who is going to be the dancer?”

Put them in position. The guesser should only be able to see their own partner and not be able to see the screen. Make sure the dancer is sideways so that the whole room can still enjoy them performing the dance.

“Ready, set . . . DANCE!”

SLIDE: “Macarena”

AUDIO: “Cha Cha Slide”

SLIDE: “YMCA”

AUDIO: “Cotton Eye Joe”

SLIDE: “The Twist”

AUDIO: “Cupid Shuffle”

SLIDE: Whip/Nae Nae

AUDIO: “Electric Slide”

“(After the game) That was amazing. You both have some good moves! Now let’s all stay standing and worship together!”

WORSHIP: Never Gonna Stop Singing

“Great singing all of you. This month is already off to a great start! That opening game was so much fun! How many of you like to dance? Now, moment of honesty . . . how many of you didn’t raise your hand but if you are really truthful, if we caught you in the right environment, in your element, we might catch you bustin’ a move? You know what seems to bring it out for a lot of people? Sporting events! Seriously. I don’t what it is, but some of the people you would never imagine just let loose when they are cheering on their teams. Like this . . .”

VIDEO: Sports Fanatics (Runtime: 2:00)

“Okay, that was pretty over-the-top. Some people are really thankful for their teams! But that does make me wonder. Can a person ever have too much gratitude? Some might say the people in those videos acted a bit silly. Maybe they should they have toned it down a bit. Maybe they should have just clapped for the teams and called it good. Seriously, though, can a person ever be too thankful? Too excited? Too filled with gratitude? Interesting question. Does a question like that even have an answer? Does a question like that belong here at church? Well, actually, yes. Yes, this is a sort of question we should talk about at church, because the Bible is filled with stories of people that showed gratitude—including one in particular where the person celebrating might have looked a little silly himself. That’s what this week’s Episode is all about. Let’s check it out together.”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 16:00)

“That was a lot of fun, but I want to make sure you caught the point of the story. It is easy to focus on the negative side of what Michal was saying. She just thought that what David was doing was foolish. It was odd and confusing to her. So she rejected it. But David loved God so much he just couldn’t help but express it in worship. And that came out for him in a really creative way.”

“Have you ever been so grateful that you lose control for a moment? I don’t mean that you go all wild. I just mean that you stop caring so much about what other people think or put off worrying about what is going on in your life. Maybe you scream or run and hug someone or cry? We saw it at the sporting events. Why not even more with God? God has done way more for us than just get us a win or score some goals. Shouldn’t we get really excited when we think about just how grateful we are for all that God has done?”

“Now, no one is saying that you HAVE to dance. Don’t worry. But maybe some of you can express your gratitude to God through music whether singing or playing an instrument. Or maybe it is through art—creating something that reflects your gratitude to God. Or maybe it is just telling others about what God has done for you and letting them SEE the joy you have when you tell them.”

“Today as we wrap up our time together, think about this question.

SLIDE: Key Question

“**What are creative ways to show gratitude?** Maybe there are ways you haven’t even considered yet that you may be able to offer God has an act of worship? Are there areas we can learn from each other? I bet there are! And if you’re having trouble thinking of some, don’t worry. Let’s pray and show some gratitude to our amazing God! Let’s pray.”

Lead group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, lead the “All Together Activities” detailed on the attached sheet.