

## City LG—November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

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

**Monthly Memory Verse:** Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever. Psalm 136:1 (NirV)

On Screen Ice Breaker: Digital Dance Party

NOTE: Start this Video 10 Minutes before your Service Start Time

Countdown Video

**WORSHIP: "At the Top of my Lungs" and "Zeal"**

Worship Leader prays...

"Hey, friends! It's great to see you today. You must be tired after all that dancing! Did you know that we can show our GRATITUDE by dancing? Do you think that's true? *(Pause for response.)* You do? Well, let's find out as we look at what happened when David became king of Israel. *(Hold up Bible.)*

"David became king after many years of war and fighting. But something was missing: the ark!

"This ark wasn't the giant boat that Noah built and lived on with all the animals. No—this ark was the Ark of the Covenant. It was a wooden chest covered in gold, with the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments and other special objects inside. The ark was incredibly important to the Israelites, because in some special way, the ark carried God's very own presence among His people. When they had the ark, they knew that God was with them. This is what it looked like..."

SLIDE: Ark of the Covenant

"It's safe to say that the ark looked something like this image. The ark had been captured by the Philistines then returned to God's people. But instead of being in the city of Jerusalem where it belonged, it was sitting in the home of a man named Obed-Edom."

"David built a big tent where the ark would go..."

SLIDE: Tent of Meeting

Then, he gathered some of his soldiers and marched to where the ark rested. The men lifted the ark with carrying poles, being careful to carry it like God told them to.

SLIDE: Ark being carried

"The men began to march toward Jerusalem. Then David stopped them. *(Hold up your hand.)* He was so thankful that he wanted to make a sacrifice to honor God."

"David and the soldiers continued toward the city of Jerusalem. They began to march. Everyone stand up and march with me!"

AUDIO: "Drumline Cadences" *(keep playing)*

*Stand up and march in place. Get the kids to march in place with you.*

"As they did, David danced for God with all his might!

*Do some silly dance moves along with the music.*

“The people of Israel helped David bring the ark. They shouted and blew trumpets.

“Great job! David continued to dance (*do some dance moves*) all the way to the tent he had set up. He worshipped God and made more sacrifices to honor God. Then, David wanted to celebrate with the people. He gave everyone loaves of bread, date cakes, and raisin cakes. Yum!”

“It was a party! (*Pause.*) But not everyone was in the mood to celebrate.

**AUDIO: Cut music**

“David’s wife, Michal, was watching from a window. What did she think of the party and David’s dancing? Let’s find out in this week’s Episode. Watch this!”

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 8:30)**

“Michal cared more about the way things LOOKED. She thought it made David look silly to dance and thank God in front of everyone. But that didn’t matter to David. He was so full of gratitude to God that he wanted to SHOW it! He wanted to thank God for the amazing things He had done. We can do what David did, too. We can show our gratitude to God by celebrating what He’s done in our lives.

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line] “Celebrate what God has done.**

“Let’s pray.”

**PRAY:** “Dear God, thank You for reminding us how important it is to celebrate all that You’ve done. When we celebrate, we can show You how grateful we are! We can let You know that we see how You’ve helped us. Please help us remember to celebrate You and thank You, because everything good in our lives comes from You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“Over and over, throughout history, God has been doing great things for His people. David definitely knew that was true. That’s why he was dancing—even though his wife thought it was a silly thing to do. David was just so grateful to God that he wanted to show it!

“Of course, the GREATEST thing God did for His people came later—when He sent his Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. There are so many reasons we can be thankful to God! We can thank Him because He loves us and He’s always with us. We can thank Him for all the good things in our lives. We can thank Him because He has a good plan for us and He always knows what’s best. Let’s **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God has done.**”

“There are so many ways that we can celebrate God and thank Him. You can talk about Him at home and at church. You can pray to Him and tell him ‘thank You’ for all that He’s done in your life. You can listen to songs that remind you of Him. You can read His amazing story in the Bible. We’re going to go into our All Together Activities now!”

**NOTE: Lead the “All Together Activities” using the attached sheet.**