



**PRE-K  
LARGE GROUP**

## LESSON 2

# DAVID WORSHIPS GOD

### LESSON AT A GLANCE

**WONDER TRUTH:** God Loves When We Worship with Our Whole Hearts

**SCRIPTURE:** 2 Samuel 6

**GOD'S BIG STORY:** When David is the king of Israel, he brings God's ark of the covenant to his capital city, Jerusalem. Although his wife disapproves, David dances and worships God passionately with his whole heart.

**WORD OF WONDER:** Worship the LORD with gladness. Come to him with songs of joy. —Psalm 100:2

## CURIOSITY

## BELIEF

## FAITH

- Puppet Intro and Curiosity Questions
- Declaring God's Wonder
- Prayer of Invitation
- Worship: He is the Light, Take You at Your Word
- God's Big Story
- Connecting the Wonder Truth
- Prayer and Blessing



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## LESSON 2 FOR LEADERS

### INVITATION

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

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I have a comfort zone. I'm not the type to volunteer for youth group games or paint my face at football games. However, when I was a worship pastor at a large church, I discovered a different side of myself during kids' events like Christmas parties and VBS. When I put on a costume, something shifted. My usual reservations disappeared, and I found myself jumping, spinning, and even leaping with energy all over the stage. A part of me that only cared about joy and being in the moment came alive. It was a side of me that was uninhibited and undignified.

Take a minute and read 2 Samuel 6:13–22.

The Lord was “enthroned between the cherubim on the ark” (2 Samuel 6:2, NIV). God’s presence was entering the holy city of Jerusalem to be with His people, a powerful testament to His goodness. An undignified part of David’s heart came alive, just as mine has when joy has taken over. As David declares in verses 21 and 22, “I will celebrate before the LORD. I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes” (NIV).

When was the last time God’s goodness and presence unlocked a piece of your heart that you were holding back? What would it look like to worship with your whole heart, fully open?

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

**FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS**

**WHO?**

David was the second king of Israel, anointed by Samuel after God rejected Saul as king. As a young man, David defeated the Philistine Goliath, trusting that the Lord was with him. Michal was David's first wife and the younger daughter of King Saul.

**WHAT?**

King David captured Jerusalem. He brought the ark of the covenant there, offering sacrifices and worshiping God with all his might, leaping and dancing along the way. Michal was offended by David's unrestrained praise, but David was more concerned with honoring God.

**WHERE?**

The ark of the covenant was in Baalah, about nine miles west of Jerusalem. The ark rested in the house of Obed-Edom for three months after God struck a man named Uzzah dead for touching it. Then David brought it to Jerusalem.

**WHEN?**

After the death of King Saul, David reigned over Judah in Hebron for seven and a half years before becoming king over all Israel. He conquered Jerusalem and brought the ark of the covenant there at the beginning of his 33-year reign in Jerusalem.

**CONNECTING TO GOD'S BIG STORY**

David was more concerned with glorifying God than receiving honor himself. Though David was king, he acknowledged God as Lord. Years later, Jesus came as the everlasting King—God in the flesh—worthy of unrestrained praise. We can honor Jesus with our worship, following David's example.



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## LESSON 2 **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

Spark curiosity, encourage exploration, and get kids thinking about the wonder of God.

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## Welcome

### Slide: Series Welcome Loop

#### As kids arrive...

Walk around the room and welcome as many kids as possible by showing excitement that they have joined you. Give high-fives, fist bumps, encourage them to sit on the floor in their spots, and ask questions about their week.

#### Video: Countdown

Welcome kids to worship time. Introduce yourself by name.

## Puppet Intro and Curiosity Questions

**RESOURCES:** Tac the Cat puppet

Introduce the kids to Tac, the curious cat.

**Leader:** Hi, Tac! It's nice to see you today.

**Tac the Cat:** *(sings quietly)*

**Leader:** I can't hear you, Tac. Are you singing?

**Tac the Cat:** I am! I just made up a new song to praise God!

**Leader:** Ooh, can I hear it?

**Tac the Cat:** *(looks around at all the kids)* There are so many kids here! Will they all hear me?

**Leader:** There are lots of kids here, but I bet they'd like to hear your song. Is that right, kids? Would you like to hear Tac's song? *(Wait for them to respond.)*

**Tac the Cat:** But I'm embarrassed to sing in front of the kids.

**Leader:** Well, Tac, is your song for the kids, or is it for God?

**Tac the Cat:** It's a song for God!

**Leader:** Then your song isn't for them anyway. It's for God, which means it is worship.

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**Tac the Cat:** OK. Well, how about I close my eyes and turn away from the kids, then sing it?

**Leader:** That's a great idea. You can worship God, and we can learn about worship from you.

**Tac the Cat:** OK, here goes! *(Tac turns around and sings) God, I love You. I love You so much! You are the best! (Tac can also sing a worship song your kids love if you want.)*

**Leader:** Thank you, Tac, for showing us what worship can look like! God loves when we worship Him. We're going to learn more about that in our story today. We're actually going to learn about a man who worshiped God with lots of passion and didn't care what anyone around him thought!

**Tac the Cat:** Well, that sounds like a cool story. That makes me want to sing and dance and worship more. I'm going to go and make up some more worship songs for God! Bye!

**Leader:** Bye, Tac!

**Have you ever been curious about something? Let's take a moment and think: Why do we sing songs in church?** Allow the kids to respond. **What do we call it when we sing songs for God?** Allow the kids to respond. **We all see and hear things that make us curious. Did you ever stop to think about how God feels when we worship Him?**

### **SLIDE: WONDER TRUTH**

Today's Wonder Truth is **GOD LOVES WHEN WE WORSHIP WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS.**  
Today we'll discover how to worship with our whole hearts!

## **Declaring God's Wonder**

### **SLIDE: DECLARATION**

Encourage the kids to say the statements and do the motions with you.

**Thank You, God, that You made me!** *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*

Make prayer hands, then point up to God and to yourself.

**And I am Your kid!** *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*

Put your hands on your hips.

**Jesus loves me so much;** *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*

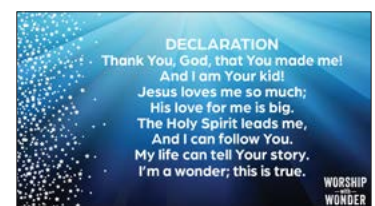
Spread your arms out wide to your side one at a time, then pull them in for a hug around your chest.

**His love for me is big.** *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*

Hold your arms up high and wide above your head.

**The Holy Spirit leads me,** *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*

Bring your arms down from the sky, making a path in front of you.



**And I can follow You.** (Kids repeat words and motions.)

March in place like you're following the leader.

**My life can tell Your story.** (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Hold your hands in front of you like an open book.

**I'm a wonder; this is true.** (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Put your hands up, shaking your fingers, celebrating ("praise hands").

## Prayer of Invitation

Before entering into God's big story, lead kids in a prayer of invitation. Use your own words. Here is an example: **God, thank You that we get to worship You here in church and wherever we go. Help us learn how we can worship You with our whole hearts, every day. Holy Spirit, give us the desire to worship You. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

## Worship

Today we'll learn about how David worshiped God with his whole heart. Let's sing together and worship God now! Worship Him with your whole heart—don't worry about what others around you think.

**WORSHIP VIDEOS: He is the Light, Take You at Your Word**

## God's Big Story

**SUPPLIES:** Bible

Hold up a Bible and show the kids. Tell them today's story comes from the book of 2 Samuel in the Bible. Open a Bible and show them where the story is found.

### Bible Time Rhyme

Say the Bible time rhyme (with motions) each week before the Bible story to remind kids that what they're about to hear is part of God's big story.

**I open my Bible and what do I see?** (Hold your hands together, then open your palms, as if opening a book.)

**God's big story, waiting for me!** (Point to yourself.)

**Let's watch part of God's big story, which comes from the book of 2 Samuel in the Bible.**

**VIDEO: GODS BIG STORY**

## GOD'S BIG STORY SCRIPT

**SUPPLIES:** Bible, medium-sized box, yellow paper or gold foil, scissors (prep only), paper towel tubes or dowel rods, bedsheet, chairs (2), crown, king costume

Ahead of time, make a simple model of the ark of the covenant. Cover a box with yellow paper or gold foil. Then cut two holes on one side of the box and two holes on the other side, directly across from them. Insert the paper towel tubes or dowel rods to provide handholds for the ark. The ark of the covenant was only supposed to be carried by priests, and they could only touch the handles (not the ark itself), so ensure the tubes or dowel rods are sturdy enough for kids to grasp and carry the ark. In addition, set up two chairs at the side of your storytelling space and throw a bedsheet over the top of the chairs to become the tent the ark goes into.

Before the lesson, choose six kids to act out the parts of David, Michal, and the four priests who carried the ark.

**Leader Tip:** For David, make sure to choose a child who will be comfortable dancing and being very silly in front of the group. He can wear the crown and other kingly attire.

**A long time after God gave His people a great land to live in, David became king of the Israelites.** Welcome David to the front. **Let's say "Hi" to David. Hi, David!**

**David was king of God's people, the Israelites. David trusted God. He was a man after God's own heart** (Acts 13:22). **That means David loved God!**

Ask David to look fierce. **David won lots of battles because he was on God's side. David grew powerful, but he did not care about his own power. He only cared about God. David wanted everyone to know how great God is!** Ask David to point up.

Point to the ark. **There was a big gold box called the ark of the covenant. This special box stood for God's power and Him being with them. It reminded people that God is in charge. David wanted to bring the ark to Jerusalem, where he ruled. David wanted the people there to worship God and remember that God is in charge. To get the ark to Jerusalem, the priests had to carry it in a really special way because it was such a special box.** Invite the priests to carry the ark. Remind them to only touch the handles, not the box! **Four priests carried it by the handles all the way to Jerusalem.**

**David was full of joy when the ark came to Jerusalem.** Ask David to act happy. **It was a day of worship. Everyone thanked God and knew that God was the best! David danced in the street to show God how much he loved Him.** Ask David to dance. **The Bible says, "He danced in front of the LORD with all his might"** (2 Samuel 6:14). Ask David to keep dancing! **David danced and danced and danced while the ark of the Lord came into Jerusalem. David wasn't acting like most kings. They probably would have been embarrassed to dance like that. But David wasn't embarrassed. He only cared about God. So David worshiped God with all his might! And guess what? The people of Israel did too. Let's all get up and do a dance for God.** Invite kids to dance with you for a minute, then have them sit back down.



Ask Michal to stand off to the side and look angry. **David's wife Michal thought he looked silly when he was dancing. She was upset.**

**David told the men to put the ark in a special tent.** Have the priests put the ark in the tent. **Then the people worshiped God more.**

Invite kids to dance with you for another minute, then have them sit back down.

Ask Michal to look angry again, wagging her finger at David. **When David got home, Michal told him he looked silly when he was dancing for God. But David told Michal he didn't care how he looked when he was praising God.**

Ask David to point up. **David said he did it all for God. He just wanted to worship God with his whole heart. He didn't want to hold back from God. He didn't want to worship just a little.** Ask David to do a little tiny dance.

**David wanted to worship a lot.** Ask David to do a big, wild dance.

**We can worship like David. We can show God we care more about what He thinks than what people think about us. God loves when we worship with our whole hearts.**

## Connecting the Wonder Truth

### SLIDE: WONDER TRUTH

Ask the following question to kids to help them connect the Wonder Truth to God's big story:

**Our Wonder Truth today is GOD LOVES WHEN WE WORSHIP WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS.**

**Where did you see our Wonder Truth in the story?** Allow kids to answer freely.

**David cared more about worshiping God than about himself. Though he was king, he knew that God is Lord. Many years later, Jesus came as the everlasting King—God as a human. Jesus is worthy of all our praise. And like David, we can honor Jesus with our worship!**

## Prayer and Blessing

Pray with kids, thanking God for giving them lots of ways to worship Him. Use your own words. Here is an example:

**Thank You, God, that we get to worship You in so many amazing ways. Help us to worship You with our whole hearts. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them. Use your own words. Here is an example:

**Blessing:** May you worship the Lord your God with your whole heart every day this week.