

David praises the Lord

Hello Mom and Dad

The spring rains have transformed a dreary landscape into a budding flowers across the landscape in our nation. In all of this, we see our God, creator of heaven and earth, that is with us and for us. We will therefore make our boast in who He is and all that He has done. "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God." Psalm 20:7

This week we seek to understand the life of David, the beloved shepherd and king who lived an exemplary life of praise. His boast was always in the Lord His God. We believe that as our children walk in the power of praising God, giving glory to His name, they will continue to grow from faith to faith.

Our lesson objectives for this week:

- To learn to better praise the Lord
- To boast in God

Thanksgiving is the door through which we enter the presence of God. "Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name." (Psalm 100:4) We encourage you to thank the Lord out loud for His goodness and faithfulness as you start your time together. We have put together a selection of songs you may use as you launch into the lesson.

Have faith in God.

We are cheering you on!

With love,
3CKids Team



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What to prepare:

- 1 Samuel 16-17
- Psalm 23

Praise and Worship:

Copy these links and paste it into your browser to play the songs of the week:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twFAZfU_x4 (**Send Your Rain**)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Wxi-F9R7I0> (**First**)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shzOEbCWWS0&t=21s> (**I will go**)

Memory verse:

Psalm 20:7

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Declaration for the week:

I brag about God – He is an awesome God.

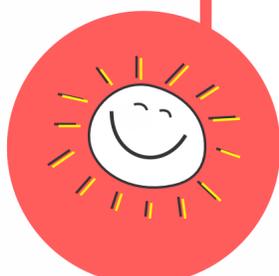
Activity Sheet

The activities are added to aid with general knowledge

- Activity – Word search
- Activity – Spot the difference
- Activity – Find the path
- Activity – Colouring

Fitness Fun

There's an exercise for each day of the week. Join in the fun with the whole family.



Lesson Time

Opening Activity:

Let each child sit and draw a picture of their favourite musical instrument and colour it. Ask:

- What your favourite song to praise to?
- Do you have a favourite artist/singer?
- Do you play a musical instrument? If so, which one? If not, which instrument would you like to play?
- Would you rather sing really well or play a musical instrument really well?

Say: Today we are going to learn about David, who loved praising God with singing and playing the harp. God is going to help us be people who love praising Him. We will praise Him when we have and when we don't.

Pray with me: Father God, thank You for this day. Teach me Your word today so I can praise You and be happy in who You are. You are everything to me Lord. In Jesus name, Amen.

Repeat the declaration: I brag about God – He is an awesome God.

Lesson: Read the scriptures ahead of time: 1 Samuel 16-17 and Psalm 23

Say: In the Bible, God told a king in the Old Testament that Jesus would come from his family line. Who is that king? (Pause for answers.) That's right! It's King David. David loved to praise and worship God for who He is and what He has done.

When David was young, he was a shepherd. Ask: what is a shepherd? (pause for an answer). A shepherd is someone who takes care of sheep.

As a shepherd he learned to worship and praise God while taking care of the sheep. He would play the harp and sing to the Lord. God's presence in David's life helped him in many other ways too. David was able to kill a lion and a bear while watching sheep in the field. David also defeated the giant Goliath.

Say: God called the prophet Samuel to anoint David as the next king, and God's Spirit was with David. One way David worshipped God was by writing psalms. What are psalms? (pause for an answer). Psalms are poems and songs of praise. No matter what David was going through in his life—when he was happy, sad, afraid, even when he made mistakes, he wrote songs to praise and worship God. Let us read one of David's psalms together! (Read Psalm 23).

Say: As king, David led the Israelites (God's special people) in many more victories against their enemies. David and the Israelites took back the Ark of the covenant which was stolen by their enemies, the Philistines. The Ark of the covenant was a special huge gold box that reminded God's people of His presence with them. When the Israelite army brought the ark back to Jerusalem (where God's temple was), David was full of joy and he began to dance in front of everyone. He took off his royal clothes and praised God with singing and dancing. David loved God so much that he did not care what anyone thought of him. He did not let being a king stop him from praising God. He did not let the fact that he had many riches stop him from praising God.

Say: David learned to praise God when he had nothing. He also praised God and bragged about God when He was king and had everything. He never made his brag about who he was or the things he had as a king. He always bragged about who God is what He was able to do. God loves to give us good things. He wants to bless us to be a blessing and help other people. When we think of our lives and all that God has given us, even if we have little, we must praise God and brag about what He has done.



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Application:

Say: Think about the things that you talk about the most. What do you brag about? Do you brag about your marks at school, your sport, your family, your friends? How much do you talk about who God is and what He has done? Let us pray that God will help us to always give Him the praise and talk about what He has done for us.

Pray after me: ""Father God, thank You for loving me always. Please forgive me where I have talked and bragged more about other things than about You. Please help me to show people how good You are by talking about You. With You, I know I will change the world. In Jesus name, Amen."

- Write five things that you are thankful to the Lord for. Example:
 - o I am thankful to the Lord for protecting me
 - o I am thankful to the Lord for giving me a family
 - o I am thankful to the Lord for helping me with my school work
 - o I am thankful to the Lord for my church
 - o I am thankful to the Lord for giving me good health

Now give Him praise for those things that you have written down – (leader/teacher must demonstrate)

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Declarations of the blood of Jesus

When we speak about what the blood of Jesus has done for us, we are changed to be just like Him so we can love all people the way He loves them. Let us declare the blood of Jesus has done for us.

- By the blood of Jesus, I have been redeemed from the power of the enemy.
- By the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven.
- Because I spend time with other Christians, the blood of Jesus cleanses me from sin.
- By the blood of Jesus, I am justified, and God sees me as if I have never sinned.
- By the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified and set apart for God's holy purpose.

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Devotion plans:

The devotions are aimed to help each child spend daily quiet time with the Lord through His word. If you have the means, assist each child to create a special place and help allocate a special time for their devotion. Younger children: we encourage you to spend a few minutes a day reading the scripture to your child and helping them say the declaration.

Older children: help the children to read the daily scripture, reflect on what the Lord is saying to them and then write their own declaration for the day.

