

## Family Lesson 36

**Principle:** Worship, celebration, and praise.

**Bible Character(s):** David

**Scripture Reference:** 2 Samuel 6

**1. Worship** - Gather your family and play the [worship video](#) found on the curriculum resource page! Have fun, sing loud, and follow along with the motions!

**2. Skit Video** - Watch the short [skit video](#) with your family to hear a special message about what you will be learning this weekend.

**3. Bible Lesson** - Read through the lesson with your family. The bold font is meant to be read aloud along with the Scripture references.

### Bible Lesson

Last week, we learned about how David had the chance to kill Saul and get revenge on him. What did David do? Did he kill Saul? (David chose not to kill Saul). Why did David not kill Saul? (Because he knew that God would judge Saul). What does God call us to do? (God calls us to forgive others who hurt or wrong us instead of judging them).

Now David is the king of Israel. He has waited patiently and served faithfully in many roles since Samuel anointed him as the future king of Israel. David has decided to bring the ark of the Lord, or the Ark of the Covenant, to Jerusalem. Do you remember what the Ark of the Covenant is? Can you remember what is in the Ark of the Covenant? (The Ten Commandments, Aaron's staff, and manna.)

Let's begin reading the Bible in 2 Samuel 6 [NLT].

### 2 Samuel 6:12-16, 20-22

<sup>12</sup> Then King David was told, "The Lord has blessed Obed-edom's household and

everything he has because of the Ark of God." So David went there and brought the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the City of David with a great celebration. <sup>13</sup> After the men who were carrying the Ark of the Lord had gone six steps, David sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. <sup>14</sup> And David danced before the Lord with all his might, wearing a priestly garment. <sup>15</sup> So David and all the people of Israel brought up the Ark of the Lord with shouts of joy and the blowing of rams' horns. <sup>16</sup> But as the Ark of the Lord entered the City of David, Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked down from her window. When she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she was filled with contempt for him.

<sup>20</sup> When David returned home to bless his own family, Michal, the daughter of Saul, came out to meet him. She said in disgust, "How distinguished the king of Israel looked today, shamelessly exposing himself to the servant girls like any vulgar person might do!" <sup>21</sup> David retorted to Michal, "I was dancing before the Lord...so I celebrate before the Lord. <sup>22</sup> Yes, and I am willing to look even more foolish than this, even to be humiliated in my own eyes!

**Why was David's wife, Michal, upset with David?** (Allow responses.) **She was embarrassed that her husband was dancing around in the street. She thought he was being shameful and foolish with his actions. Do you think David was worried about how he looked to others?** (Allow responses.)

David was totally focused on God, not what others were thinking. He wanted to celebrate and praise God, giving God the worship he deserves. Are you totally focused on God when you worship him? Are there things that keep you from worshipping him? (Allow responses.)

Let's take a look at how God wants us to worship him. (Refer to the "Set of worship pictures" on the [curriculum resource page](#)).

Show the different pictures to the campers and ask them what they think when they see these people worshipping.

What do you think of these pictures? Do the people in them look embarrassed? Do they look silly? Do they look like they are worshipping God? (Allow responses.) The people in these pictures might look kind of silly to you, but they do look like they are worshipping God. They do not look distracted or concerned with what others think. They are totally focused on God, just like David was when he was worshipping God in the streets. Worship is acknowledging God and responding to who he is and what he has done.

Are there times that you don't know how to worship God or you feel embarrassed to worship him? Do you worry about what others might think about how you worship God? Many people are distracted by others, or worried about what others think and this makes it hard for them to worship God. When you are in Big Group at church or worship in your home with your family, you have a chance to worship God. What are some reasons you might not sing or do the motions in Big Group when you are at church or at home with your family? What is in our hearts when we choose not to worship? (Pride, selfishness, anger, fear.) These reasons keep us from worshipping God in the way that he wants us to worship him. If we take the focus off of ourselves and focus on how great our God is, it is easier to fully worship God without holding back.

If worship is acknowledging God and responding to who he is and what he has done, what other ways can we worship? (Allow responses.) Bowing our heads in prayer, talking with a friend about who Jesus is or what Jesus is doing in our life, thanking God for loving us and for being a good God; singing songs of praise and dancing in celebration—these are all ways we can worship God. But worshipping him is not limited to these things. Anything you do for God with a heart fully focused on him is worshipping him.

We have an awesome God who created us and everything around us. He is Sovereign over all, but he is also merciful and gracious. All we deserve is death, but he gave us the gift of life through Jesus' sacrifice even though we did not deserve it. God loves us more than we can ever imagine. He is so worthy of our worship and praise! When we remember God's character and Jesus' sacrifice, and we have a heart like David's, our worship can be real and respectful of God.

### **Prayer**

Spend some time in prayer to close small group time. Praise God for who he is and ask him to help you worship him with all of your heart.

### **Activity**

#### **Ways to Worship God Worksheet**

Print the Ways to Worship God worksheet from the [kids resource page](#) and allow your child to complete on their own or with the help. Talk with your child about the ways they worship God and help them think of other ways they can worship God.

### **Optional Additional Activity**

#### **Why We Worship God - Paper Plate Tambourine**

The purpose is to have a reminder of what worship is and why we worship.

**Supplies:**

paper plates (2 per child)  
bag of beans  
markers, crayons  
stapler or glue

Give each child two paper plates. On the bottom of one plate have them write, "I was dancing before the Lord." On the bottom of the other plate have them write, "I celebrate before the Lord." Then, have them color their plates with bright, fun colors and pictures. When they are finished decorating each paper plate, help them make a tambourine by putting beans on one plate and stapling the other plates to it around the edges. Sing some songs to God and have a worship parade!

**David gave us a great example of how we can worship God. His heart was totally focused on giving God the praise and glory he deserves. Worship is acknowledging God and responding to who he is and what he has done. God wants us to have a heart filled with a desire to worship him. We do not have to worry about or be concerned with what others think of us when we are praising God with our whole heart. Let's all thank God for who he is as our Creator, Savior, and sovereign Lord!**



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