

GROUPS 2/4

Praise Parade

Bible Story Review

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ Paper or toy crown
- ☐ Music player
- ☐ Praise music

EveryChild Tips

Move with a buddy so every one has an opportunity to participate.

If a child prefers, allow them to carry the crown or lead without the crown.



① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Gather children in an open area of the room.

During the Activity

1. Take turns wearing the crown and leading everyone around the room in a praise parade.
2. Encourage children to dance, clap and make music with hand horns.

After the Activity

Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Let's have parade and praise God together!"

During the Activity

"In our Bible Story today, King David praised God! When we praise God, it's like a big THANK YOU to God!"

"Hey! Let's take turns pretending to be King David leading a praise parade! [CHILD'S NAME], you can be King David first and stand at the front of our parade. Everyone else can dance, clap, or toot a horn like this (DEMONSTRATE) while they follow King David!"

(START THE PRAISE MUSIC.) "Come on everyone! Let's have a praise parade and follow [CHILD'S NAME]! Woo-hoo! Now let's have a new king. [CHILD'S NAME] it's your turn to be King David and lead our praise parade! (CONTINUE AS TIME AND INTEREST ALLOW.) Great job friends!"

After the Activity

"I love praising God with you! We can praise God any time we want to thank Him for something like friends, a toy, people who help us, even for a bowl of cereal, because we can thank God for everything! Who can thank God for everything? [BOTTOM LINE] I can thank God for everything!"

2 Year-Olds

Small Group

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GROUPS 3/4

Thank God

Application Activity

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What You Need

→ No supplies needed



EveryChild Tips

Pair children to act it out together.

Assist children by quietly giving ideas or drawing picture cues.

① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Gather the children in an open area in the room.

During the Activity

1. Help children act out things we can thank God for.

After the Activity

Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Friends come over here and let's play a fun game to remember our Bible Story!"

During the Activity

"I will say 'I can thank God for... spaghetti! Show me how you act out spaghetti. (PAUSE.) Whoa! Super fun! Okay next one. I can thank God for... family! Give yourself a big hug! (PAUSE.) Great job! I can thank God for... friends! Everyone go give a friend a high five! (PAUSE.) So good. I can thank God for... people to help me! Pretend to help someone carry a box or open a door. (PAUSE.) Great job! Now when I say 'praise God,' I want you to do a dance of praise! Ready? Praise God! (REPEAT THESE AS MANY TIMES AS YOU DESIRE. IT MIGHT BE FUN TO GO THROUGH THEM SUPER-FAST OR SUPER SLOW.) Great job everyone!"

After the Activity

"Praising God is a big thank you! Today in our Bible Story, David praised God to tell Him thank you. We can praise God to tell Him thank you too. Who can thank God for everything? [BOTTOM LINE] I can thank God for everything! One more time. Who can thank God for everything? [BOTTOM LINE] I can thank God for everything!"

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Small Group

November — Week 5

GROUPS 4/4

Dancing Ribbons

Application Activity

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What You Need

- ☐ "Dancing Ribbons Label" Activity Page
- ☐ Avery® Labels #5160 or equivalent
- ☐ Ribbons in a variety of colors and widths
- ☐ Rubber bands
- ☐ Craft sticks
- ☐ Stickers
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Permanent marker

EveryChild Tips



Create an example for children to see.



① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Dancing Ribbons Label" on label paper, one label per child.
2. Cut ribbons into 16-inch lengths, five per child.
3. Write each child's name on a craft stick.

During the Activity

1. Encourage children to pick five ribbons of any color and stack them together.
2. Thread the stack through the rubber band and knot.
3. Wrap each child's rubber band around one end of their craft stick until secure.
4. Encourage children to decorate their craft stick with their label and stickers.

After the Activity

Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Hooray! I'm so glad you're here! Come join me at the table. I have something fun for you to make today! It's a ribbon dancer that you can wave and dance and praise God with!"

During the Activity

"Look at all these pretty colored ribbons! You can pick any five ribbons for your dancer. They can be all the same color or different. **(COUNT AS THE CHILDREN PICK THEIR RIBBONS TO MAKE SURE THEY GET FIVE.)** Great job! Now let's thread them through the rubber band like this **(DEMONSTRATE.)** Then we need to tie them in a knot. **(DEMONSTRATE. HELP AS NEEDED.)** Next, I'll wrap the rubber band around your craft stick several times, so the ribbons stay put. **(PAUSE.)** Ta-dah! **(SHAKE THE RIBBON DANCER.)** Put this sticker on your craft stick. It says, **[BOTTOM LINE]** I can thank God for everything. Finish decorating your stick with any of these other stickers. **(PAUSE.)** Great job! Hold them still and we'll use them after we review."

After the Activity

"Today we learned about a king named David. David loved God, and he wanted to praise God to show Him he was thankful for everything. David danced to praise God. David used his voice to praise God and David used instruments to praise God. You can praise God by playing an instrument, singing, or dancing too! There are all kinds of ways we can praise God and say, Thank You, God, for everything. Wave your rainbow dancer and say, Thank You, God, for everything. **(WITH CHILDREN.)** Thank You, God, for everything. Who can you thank for everything? **[BOTTOM LINE]** I can thank God for everything."