



WEEK  
**FOUR**  
NOVEMBER 2023

SMALL GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
-OLDS

PRELUDE      SOCIAL      WORSHIP      STORY      GROUPS      HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

### MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



## 1. DANCING LIKE DAVID

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Painter's tape

### WHAT YOU DO:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Tape two parallel lines on the floor about three feet apart and six feet long to create a pathway. Ask the children to sit on the lines on either side of the path. Review the memory verse with the motions together.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Call on the children, one at a time, to walk down the path, dancing like David as you repeat the words of the memory verse together! Make sure each child has a turn as "David."

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Review how David danced and used music to tell God thank you and we can too!

### WHAT YOU SAY:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, gather here and sit on either side of our pathway. Let's say our memory verse together with the motions. 'Always (draw large circles with index finger) give thanks (move flat hand forward from lips) to God;' (hold open palm with thumb to forehead and pull down) Ephesians 5:20. (Open hands like a book.) Great job!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "In our Bible story today, we talked about how David danced and sang as a way to say thank you to God! When I call on you, I want you to dance all the way down this path as we say our memory verse together. [Child's name], show us your dance down the path as we say the memory verse. 'Always give thanks to God,' Ephesians 5:20. Great dancing! Sit down on the tape line. [Child's name], your turn! (Continue with each child.) Wow! I saw some pretty awesome dance moves! Everyone clap for yourself. (Pause.) Super-duper!"

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "David showed God that he was thankful by dancing and singing, and we can too! There are lots of ways we can say 'Thank You, God,' anytime and anywhere. **Who can you thank for everything? I can thank God for everything!**"

### BIBLE STORY

I can thank God all the time.

**DAVID PRAISES GOD**  
**2 SAMUEL 6:12-15;**  
**PSALM 149:1-5**

### MEMORY VERSE

"Always give thanks to God."

**EPHESIANS 5:20, NIRV**

### KEY QUESTION

Who can you thank for everything?

### BOTTOM LINE

I can thank God for everything.

### BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.



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**MADE TO REFLECT**  
an activity that encourages personal application and prayer

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## 6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Memory Verse Card" from Week One in Bible, journal, fun-shaped pen, and reward stickers or handstamp

### BIBLE STORY

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**DAVID PRAISES GOD**  
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"Now let's sit back down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. Today, we learned that we can praise and thank God all the time! That means we can praise and thank God everywhere we go! Let's make a list of places where we can praise and thank God. It really can be anywhere, so when I say your name, tell me the name of a place, and I'll write it in our prayer journal." *(Remember to print as you write in the journal so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

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### MEMORY VERSE

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**EPHESIANS 5:20, NIRV**

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Thank you for making this list with me. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? *(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)*

"Dear God, I'm so thankful we can praise and thank You all the time. That means we can praise and thank You when we're *(read the places the children listed)* and everywhere we go! You are so awesome, God! Thank You for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

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