

Together @ Home

Here are some activities you could do together as a family. Begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.



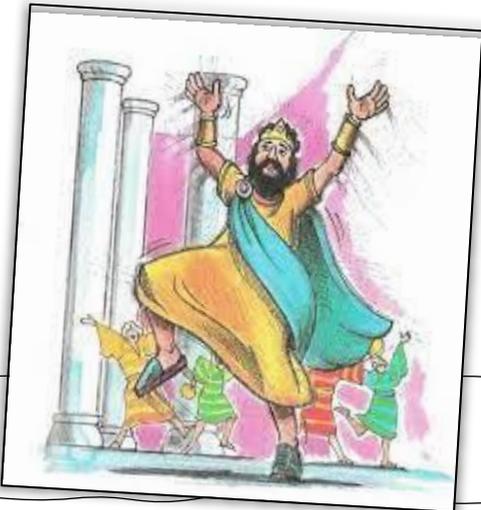
Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring the story of dancing King David.

You can find it in your Bible in:

2 Samuel 5–6

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children’s story version which best suits your group.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of David dancing with joy as the Ark of the Covenant returned to Jerusalem.

Help us to be worshippers of you, giving you glory and praise for the good things you do in our own lives.

We pray for the leaders in our own lives that they would give themselves whole-heartedly to loving and serving you.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

Why do you think David celebrated and danced when the Ark of the Lord was brought to Jerusalem?

The Ark of the Covenant was built to carry the stone tablets, containing the laws that God had written for his people. God gave instructions to Moses of how it should look (Exodus 25) and you can read about it being constructed in Exodus 37. In 1 Samuel 4 we read about how the Philistines captured the Ark of God, it caused so many problems for them that they returned it and for many years it was kept in the house of a man called Abinadab.

When the Ark of the Lord was brought back to Jerusalem it was a reminder that God was with his people and that God’s promises and agreements with his people had not changed.

A question for children to ask adults

What is your favourite way to worship and praise God?

Family Activity 1

Play a game of musical statues together, when the music plays everybody should dance and celebrate, when the music stops then everybody should stand still like statues.

Take it in turns to control the music and watch to see who is the best at standing still.



A verse to remember

Psalm 149 v 2–3



Let the Israelites be happy because of God, their Maker.
Let the people of Jerusalem rejoice because of their King.
They should praise him with dancing.
They should sing praises to him with tambourines and harps.

Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

Family Activity 2

David loved to worship and praise God, in his Psalms he wrote about worshipping God with many different instruments.

Why not create one of these musical instruments from recycled materials?

- Decorate an empty bottle and fill it with dried rice, lentils or pasta to make a shaker.
- Stretch elastic bands of different sizes across an empty pot e.g. butter, ice cream container. Decorate the outside of the container and then pluck on the elastic bands like a harp! Add a tube to turn it into a guitar.
- Fill some empty bottles or jars with different amounts of water, tap them with pencils or spoons and see what different sounds you can make.



Active Worship

There are so many different ways that we can show our love for God and worship Him. How many of these ways could you family try together this week?

Put on a favourite worship song and praise God with music, singing, dancing and instruments.



Get creative together and worship God through crafting, drawing or painting.

Worship God through sharing love and serving others.



Worship God by taking care of His creation, why not see if you can collect litter in your local area.



A colouring page you could print and colour together

Picture from www.myactivitymaker.com

Praise Him with dancing!



Psalm 149 v 3

PUZZLE SHEET

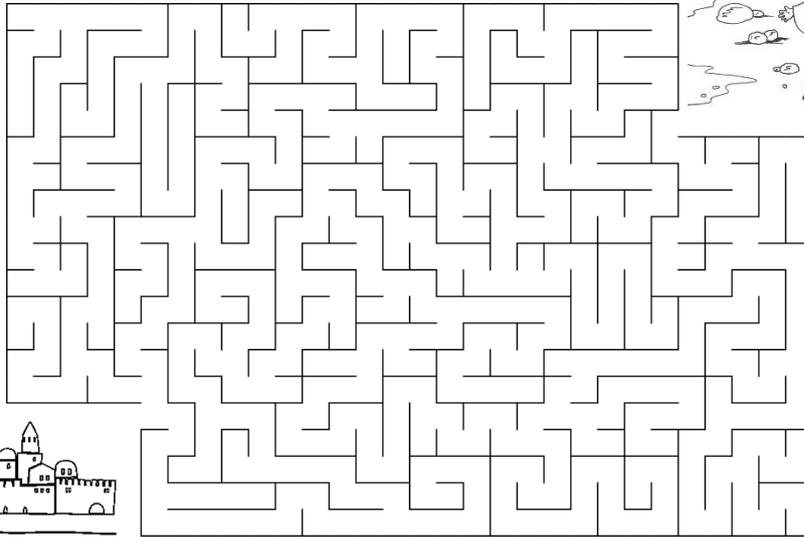
Can you help the Ark of the Covenant make its way through the maze and back to Jerusalem.

David was the new King of God's people.

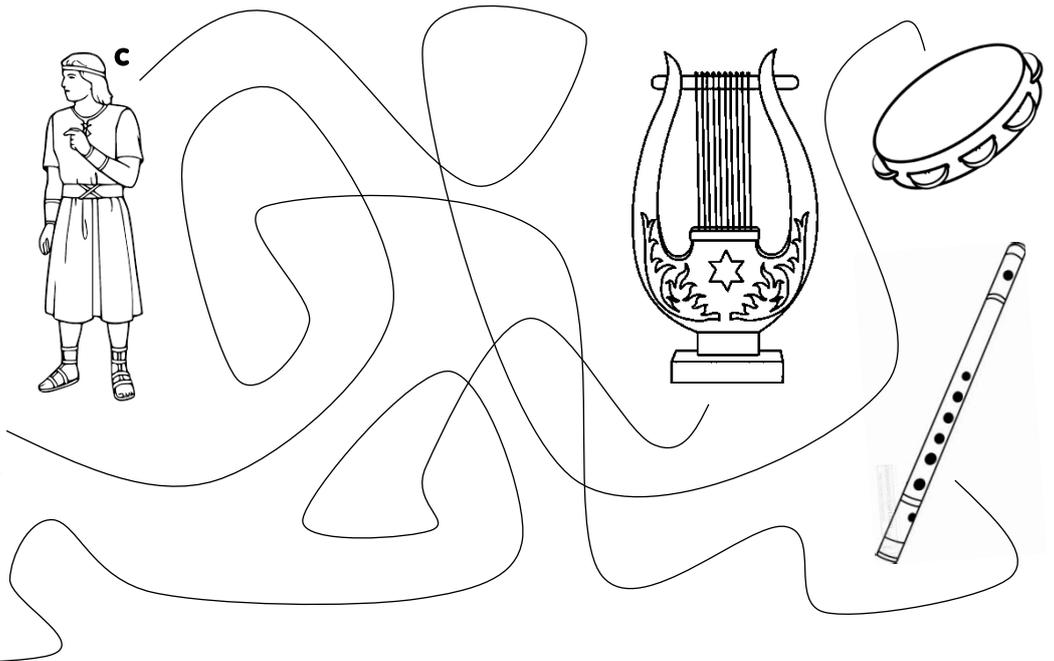
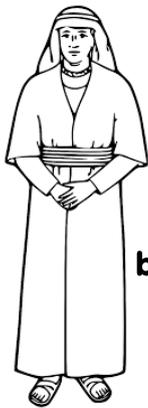
Find the matching crowns and colour them the same.



Which crown does not have a pair?



Can you match the musicians to their instruments?



Can you find all the words hidden below?

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 z a z f f a z a w o r s h i p t f r y n
 b k n x d r m h v m e l a s u r e j a i
 b p o c g p s a q i s l a b m y c i x k
 z z o j e s x h s q d z w k q n a l u g

- David worship
- Jerusalem harps
- Ark cymbals
- king dance

