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INVITATION

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God Loves When We Worship with Our Whole Hearts

SCRIPTURE: [2 Samuel 6](#)

WORD OF WONDER: [Psalm 100:2](#)

I have a comfort zone. I'm not the type to volunteer for youth group games or paint my face at football games. However, when I was a worship pastor at a large church, I discovered a different side of myself during kids' events like Christmas parties and VBS. When I put on a costume, something shifted. My usual reservations disappeared, and I found myself jumping, spinning, and even leaping with energy all over the stage. A part of me that only cared about joy and being in the moment came alive. It was a side of me that was uninhibited and undignified.

Take a minute and read [2 Samuel 6:13–22](#).

The Lord was “enthroned between the cherubim on the ark” ([2 Samuel 6:2](#), NIV). God's presence was entering the holy city of Jerusalem to be with His people, a powerful testament to His goodness. An undignified part of David's heart came alive, just as mine has when joy has taken over. As David declares in verses [21](#) and [22](#), “I will celebrate before the Lord. I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes” (NIV).

When was the last time God's goodness and presence unlocked a piece of your heart that you were holding back? What would it look like to worship with your whole heart, fully open?

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Activity: Exploring Worship

SUPPLIES: toy instruments such as shakers, tambourines, small drums; ribbons or scarves

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

Welcome! We're so glad you're at church today. We're going to learn about a king who danced and made music because he was so excited about God. Would you like to dance or make some music with me?

Encourage kids to experiment with the instruments and ribbons or scarves. Show them how each one works.

Activity: Worship Postures

Worship is when we tell God how much we love Him. We can do that by saying, "I love you, God!" Can you say, "I love you, God"? Encourage kids to say the words, if they are able.

We can also worship God by jumping up and down. Let's jump up and down together. Yay, God!
Encourage kids to jump.

We can also worship God by kneeling. Can you kneel with me? Kids can get on their knees, or even their hands and knees.

We can worship God by clapping our hands! Let's clap together. Invite kids to sit down and clap their hands along with you.

Leader Tip: Toddlers have vastly different skill levels. You may have some that can speak but not walk, or can bend their knees but not jump. With this activity, it's not so much about practicing a specific skill as it is about enjoying worship together.

Good job! God loves when we worship Him. Our Wonder Truth today is **GOD LOVES WHEN WE WORSHIP WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS.**

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

GOD—*Point up.*

LOVES—*Hands on heart.*

WHEN WE WORSHIP—*Raise hands in the air.*

WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS—*Point to your heart.*

Worship

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: songs from the [Worship with Wonder Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

Today we're learning to worship God with our whole hearts. Let's sing and dance and worship God!

Play songs from the [Worship with Wonder Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: [God's Big Story Video](#)

Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about a person named David. Encourage the kids to say "David." **Let's find out from the Bible what happened to David!**

Show the kids the [God's Big Story Video](#) or read the story from the Bible or use the Script provided.

David was king of God's people, the Israelites. David trusted God. He was a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22). That means David loved God! Place your hand on your heart.

David won lots of battles because he was on God's side, and he wanted everyone to know how great God is! Point up.

There was a big gold box called the ark of the covenant. It reminded people that God is in charge. David wanted to bring the ark to Jerusalem, where he ruled. David wanted the people there to worship God and remember that God is in charge.

David was full of joy when the ark came to Jerusalem. Show a big smile. It was a day of worship. Everyone thanked God and knew that God was the best! David danced in the street to show God how much he loved Him. The Bible says, "He danced in front of the Lord with all his might" (2 Samuel 6:14). David danced and danced and danced while the ark of the Lord came into Jerusalem. He worshiped God with all his might! And guess what? The people of Israel did too. Let's all get up and do a dance for God. Invite kids to dance with you for a minute, then have them sit back down.

David's wife Michal thought he looked silly when he was dancing. She was upset. Shake your head. But David told Michal he didn't care how he looked when he was praising God.

David said he did it all for God. Point up. He just wanted to worship God with his whole heart. He didn't want to worship just a little. Place your palms an inch apart. David wanted to worship a lot. Open your arms wide.

We can worship like David. We can show God we care more about what God thinks than what people think about us. God loves when we worship with our whole hearts. Place your hand on your heart.

Prayer and Blessing

Let's talk to God. Thank You, God, for Your great big love! Help us worship You with our whole hearts. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: May you worship the Lord your God with your whole heart.

Closing Activity: Worship Party!

SUPPLIES: toy instruments such as shakers, tambourines, small drums; ribbons or scarves

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: music from the [Worship with Wonder Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

Let's have a worship party! I'll play some worship music, and you can sing, clap, dance, kneel, use the instruments, or worship God however you like.

Play music from the [Worship with Wonder Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#). Lead the kids in worshipping together. Pass them instruments, hold hands and dance together, or clap with them; be playful and worshipful alongside them.

Make It Inclusive! Invite and encourage kids to participate, but if they'd rather just watch, allow that as well. Some kids might prefer to worship quietly.

