



Week 2 Preschool 8:30/11:00

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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Play Stations

Play Station: David Worships God Coloring Sheet

Set-up: Print one copy per kid of the [coloring sheet](#) and set out the coloring utensils.

Play: Let the kids color. The kids can also turn the sheet over and draw themselves dancing or singing.

Word of Wonder

SUPPLIES: Bible

WORD OF WONDER

**Worship the LORD with gladness. Come to
him with songs of joy.**

—Psalm 100:2

The Word of Wonder for the Worship with Wonder series is [Psalm 100:2](#). Today we learned about how David worshiped God with all his heart. We can do that too! Let's learn the Word of Wonder together.

Display the Word of Wonder slide and open your Bible to [Psalm 100:2](#). Read the verse aloud to the kids then encourage them to do the motions with you.

- **WORSHIP THE LORD**—Put hands over your head in a “praise” motion.
- **WITH GLADNESS**—Smile and point to your mouth.
- **COME TO HIM**—Move one arm toward your body, as if inviting someone to come with you.
- **WITH SONGS OF JOY**—Place open palm in front of your mouth. Move it in circular motions away from your face.
- **PSALM 100:2**—Hold your hands together in front, palms together, as if opening a book.

In our story today, David moved his body and danced while worshipping. We can add our own movements while we're saying the words of praise to God in this verse. Let's add some rhythm to our Word of Wonder! Let's pat our legs and say the verse together. Repeat the verse several times to the beat in a “spoken word” or rap style rather than as a song. You can encourage kids to make up their own dances while saying or singing the verse.

Leader Tip: If kids are squirmy at this point, have them stand up and stomp the beat instead. It may not sound like much of a beat because kids this age aren't always good at rhythm, but they can still have fun with their bodies!

Gather kids to discuss these questions:

How do you think David, the person who wrote the Word of Wonder, felt when he worshiped God? Have you ever felt this way when you worshiped God? Tell about it.
What are your favorite songs to sing to God?

Circle Time: Hidden Hearts

SUPPLIES: jumbo crafts sticks (at least 1 per kid), red marker (prep only), cup

Ahead of time, draw hearts on one side of several craft sticks, draw half-hearts on a few of the craft sticks, and leave the rest blank. Put the craft sticks heart-side-down into the cup so kids can't see the hearts.

Invite kids to sit in a circle. **In today's story, David worshiped with his whole heart. He loved God so much, and he wanted to show God! We're going to use whole hearts to help us answer questions about the story. I'm going to pass around this cup, and you'll get to pull a craft stick from it. If yours has a whole heart on it, you get to answer a question!**

Leader Tip: If a child is upset for not getting a stick with a whole heart, remind the kids they can try again after everyone gets a turn. Some questions have multiple answers, so everyone who wants to can have a chance to speak.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **In God's big story today, what did King David bring back to Jerusalem?** (*the ark of the covenant*)
- **What did King David do as the ark was arriving in the city?** (*danced and worshiped God*)
- **What did David's wife Michal say to him, and how did David respond?** (*She was upset, she thought he looked silly; David said he did it all for God.*)
- **Why do you think David was so excited to worship God?**
- **What are some different ways to worship God?** (*singing, dancing, praying, waving flags, clapping, etc.*)
- **What's your favorite way to worship God with your whole heart?**
- **Is it easy for you to only focus on God during worship, instead of the people around you? Why do you think that is?**

Leader Tip: You may need to explain how the "ark" in this story is different from Noah's ark. The ark of the covenant was a special golden box that reminded people of God's power and presence, while Noah's ark was a large boat.

God isn't like Michal, who was embarrassed when David worshiped with his whole heart. In fact, God loves it when we worship Him with our whole hearts! That doesn't mean we all have to be dancing around like David. But it does mean we don't need to worry about what other people think of us when we're worshiping God. Let's talk to God now in prayer! We can ask the Holy Spirit to teach us how to worship.

Invite kids to share prayer requests and praises and to pray for each other. Some kids may not be comfortable praying out loud. That's OK! Encourage them to pray silently and to ask God to teach them to worship.

Prayer and Blessing

After the kids finish their activity, pray with them, thanking God for giving them lots of ways to worship Him.

Thank You, God, that we get to worship You in so many amazing ways. Help us to 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 every day this week.

Closing Game: Worship Party!

SUPPLIES: instruments such as tambourines or shakers creative worship items such as scarves, ribbons, and flags

Let's take everything we learned today and put it together ... 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 upbeat music and encourage the kids to dance and celebrate. You can even call out certain movements to get them moving, such as jumping jacks, kicking (away from others), marching, walking on tiptoes, or jumping.

Lead the kids in worshipping together.

Make It Inclusive! Invite and encourage kids to participate, but if some kids don't want to participate, you can offer them paper to draw on or small streamers to use independently away from the group. Some kids might prefer to worship quietly or independently.

