

## NOVEMBER THEME



### BIBLE STORY

2 Samuel 6:12b-22a

I Just Want to Celebrate | David Dances

### BOTTOM LINE

Celebrate what God has done

### MEMORY VERSE

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
His love endures forever."

Psalms 136:1, NIV

### LIFE APP

**Gratitude** | Letting others know you see  
how they've helped you

### BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what

## ●● THEME OVERVIEW

**Key Question: What are creative ways to show gratitude?** Saying thank you doesn't have to feel like a chore. We have great imaginations that can run wild as we discover all sorts of fun ways we can show gratitude to God and others.

This week, we head to **2 Samuel 6:12b-22a** where we find King David in a powerful moment in Israel's history. David had the privilege of bringing the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem. He was so overwhelmed with gratitude and excitement that he danced and celebrated. David was willing to make himself look foolish to give God the credit God deserved.

**Bottom Line: Celebrate what God has done.** Just like King David took time to thank God for God's faithfulness, we pray that we will do the same. Even in a strange year like 2020, God has still done so much for us. We pray that we will take time to celebrate and offer thanks to God.

## ●● WOW @home

**What You Do:** Watch this week's WOW @home in the comfort of your family's @home prayer + worship spot. The video can be found on [popmn.org/youtube](http://popmn.org/youtube) or [facebook.com/popchildrens](https://www.facebook.com/popchildrens). Then use this Family Guide, GodTime & ParentCue cards, and FAITH5 daily devos to keep the conversation going...

## ●● CELEBRATE WHAT GOD HAS DONE [Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

**Made to Move** | An activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

**What You Need:** Music player or phone, and upbeat worship music; streamers or bandanas (*optional*)

### What You Do:

- Read the "David Celebrates" Bible story review printed below.
- While reading the story, when you come to **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God has done**, play upbeat worship music.
- Encourage your family to dance when they hear the music.
- When you stop the music, instruct your family to freeze in place while you keep reading the story.
- Vary the length of time you play the music.
- Optional: Guide your family to dance in a certain way each time: slow-motion, tip toe, fast-motion, disco, conga-line, etc.
- Optional: Provide streamers or bandanas to wave as they dance.

### David Celebrates

After many years of waiting, David had finally become king of Israel. But something was missing from Jerusalem: the Ark. The Ark was a wooden

chest covered in gold. In some special way, it carried God's presence among the Israelites. It had been captured by the Philistines, but then it was brought back to Israel. Now, it was at the home of Obed-Edom. David wanted to bring the Ark back to the capital city of Jerusalem so it could be in the middle of all the activity of Israel. It could also be close to him since he was the king. King David loved God and wanted to **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God had done**. His wife Michal was not as happy about bringing the Ark to Jerusalem. David gathered soldiers and marched to the Ark. The men lifted the Ark with carrying poles, just like God had told them to. After six steps, David stopped the soldiers. He wanted to **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God had done**. As they continued carrying the Ark to Jerusalem, David danced for God with all his might. He wanted to **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God had done**. The people who helped him bring the Ark shouted and blew trumpets. They wanted to **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God had done!** Michal watched from a window. She saw how David danced in simple linen clothing. She thought he looked silly. David continued to dance all the way to the tent he had set up where the Ark would stay. He wanted to **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God had done**. Then, David blessed the people. He gave everyone loaves of bread, date cakes, and raisin cakes. He wanted to **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God had done**. When David went home, Michal came out to meet him. She told him he had made a fool of himself by dancing. David said that he did it to honor God. God made him king over God's people. David was grateful! He would always **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God had done**.

**What You Say:** "How did David celebrate all the good things God had done? (*he danced, he played instruments, he ate, he gave sacrifices, he shared food with others.*) What are some ways we can **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God has done?** (*We can sing; we can thank God; we can dance; we can draw pictures of things we are thankful for.*) Great ideas! **[Make It Personal]** (*Tell your family one way you like to celebrate what God has done, too.*) God wants us to celebrate what God has done because that's one way we can show God we're thankful for what God has done for us. It's a way we can show God gratitude. So, remember, **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God has done.**"

●● **CELEBRATE!** [Live for God | Application Activity]

**Made to Create | An activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving**

**What You Need:** Paper, pens, markers, crayons, and/or colored pencils

**What You Do:**

- Guide your family to create their own holiday where they would celebrate what God has done.
- Lead them to imagine what they would do to celebrate God's goodness—like throwing a party or cooking a special meal.
- Encourage each family member to draw or write how they would celebrate God during their new holiday.
- When everyone has finished, take turns sharing about what you drew or wrote.

**What You Say:** "You have such creative ideas for how we can **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God has done!** We celebrate what God has done on special days like Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. We celebrate all that Jesus did for us when we share communion or the Lord's Supper. There are so many ways we can **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God has done**, and we can do it any time we want to! We can make any day a day to celebrate, and you guys have some great ideas how to do it! So remember to **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God has done.**"

●● **MEGA SHOUT-OUT** [Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

**Made to Create | An activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving**

**What You Need:** Bible, paper, tape, markers/crayons, stickers (*optional*)

**What You Do:**

- Lay out supplies for each family member to make a megaphone: paper, tape, markers/crayons, etc.

- Look up the memory verse, Psalm 136:1, and read it out loud.
- Encourage your family to decorate a piece of paper with markers/crayons, using the words of the Memory Verse.
- Then, help them make a megaphone by rolling the paper into a cone shape and taping the edge.
- Challenge your family to work together to create a cheer or a chant using the words of the Memory Verse.
- When finished, use your megaphones to shout-out your cheer.
- *(Optional)* Record your family cheering the memory verse and send it to Dawn Ridgway ([dridgway@popmn.org](mailto:dridgway@popmn.org)) to use in a future WOW family worship video.

**What You Say:** “What a great way to **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God has done!** We can celebrate and give God thanks because God is good. Reading the Bible is a way we can **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God has done.** The Bible is full of stories of real people, like King David, who have experienced God’s goodness and love. When you remember what God has done and what God is doing in your life right now, celebrate God by giving thanks. And if you can’t find the words, just remember our Memory Verse. Let’s show God our gratitude by shouting out Psalm 136:1 one more time.” *(Shout-out Psalm 136:1 together.)*

•• **PRAY** [Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

**Made to Reflect | An activity that creates space for personal processing and application**

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**What You Do:**

- Call out different ways your family can celebrate God, leading them to do what you say.
- Possible actions:
  - You can walk and celebrate God.
  - You can tiptoe and celebrate God.
  - You can spin in circles and celebrate God.
  - You can move in slow motion and celebrate God.
  - You can jump and celebrate God.
  - You can dance and celebrate God.
  - You can sit quietly and celebrate God.
- End by saying, “You can pray and **[Bottom Line] celebrate what God has done.** Then use the prayer below as a guide to lead your family in prayer.

**What You Say:** “Dear God, thank you for all that you have done for us. Thank you for making this wonderful world for us to live in. Thank you for loving us so much that you sent Jesus to be our Savior. Thank you that we can celebrate all the good things you do. Help us take time today, this week, and every day to celebrate what you have done. We love you SO much. You are more amazing and wonderful than words can say. We celebrate you! Amen.”

•• **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Looking for a devo for your kids? Want to keep the conversation going? Check out the following resources at [popmn.org/cm](http://popmn.org/cm). Use them this week to continue the conversation around our **[Bottom Line]: Celebrate what God has done.**

**GodTime Card** | A 4-day devotional for elementary-aged kids based on the weekly theme kicked off on WOW @home  
**ParentCue** | A tool for parents based on the weekly theme. Also available as an app, it sends alerts and encouragement specific to the age of your children ([parentcue.org](http://parentcue.org))

**FAITH5** | A 6-day family devotional based on Faith Inkubators’ FAITH5

•• **WHAT’S NEXT**

Set a reminder to join us for WOW @home on Wednesday 11/11 at 6:00 pm live at [facebook.com/popchildrens](https://facebook.com/popchildrens) or anytime after that at [popmn.org/youtube](https://popmn.org/youtube) for a time of worship centered around the **[Bottom Line]: Say thank you.**