



HOUSE PARTY

PARENT GUIDE

November 08th

Life App Definition

Gratitude — letting others know you see how they've helped you

Main Idea

This week 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 He deserved. Just like King David took time to thank God for His faithfulness, we pray that kids will do the same.

Memory Verse

"Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever"
(Psalm 136:1 NIRV).

Bottom Line

Celebrate what God has done.

Monthly Profession

I will fulfill every purpose that God has for me because my steps are ordered by the Lord.

Small-Group Discussion

Review the story and use the following questions to reinforce the lesson learned from the story.

- Who was the king of Israel?
 - David
- What was still missing from Jerusalem?
 - The ark of the covenant
- What did the ark of the covenant carry?
 - The presence of God
- What did David do as they brought the ark into Jerusalem?
 - He danced and celebrated.
- How did David's wife Michal feel about the way David was acting?
 - She was upset because he wasn't acting like a king.

- What did David tell his wife when she corrected him?
 - That he would bring even less honor to himself, and it would bring more honor to God
- What's your favorite way to celebrate and worship God?
- If someone said to you, "I don't have anything to be grateful for," what would you say to help them realize that they do?
- Why should we celebrate God every day?
- How can having a grateful heart help you have a better day?

Object Lesson

The following activity is intended to help your children apply the lesson that was learned in today's House Party. Complete the activity as a family by following the steps below.

Supplies Needed

- Paper
- Pencil
- Crayon or markers

Activity

- Guide your children to create their own holiday where they would celebrate what God has done.
- Lead them to imagine what they would do to celebrate His goodness, like throwing a party or cooking a special meal.
- Give your children a sheet of paper and encourage them to draw or write out the details of their holiday and how they would celebrate God.
- When kids finish, let them share about their drawings.
- Make it personal by making your own drawing and also telling how you would celebrate what God has done.
- Share with them that we celebrate what God has done on special days like Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. We also celebrate all that Jesus has done for us when we share Communion, or the Lord's Supper.
- Remind them that there are so many ways we can celebrate what God has done, and we can do this any time we want! We can make any day a day to celebrate, and we have some great ideas on how to do this! So remember to celebrate what God has done.

Prayer

Take a few minutes to pray with your children. Take turns thanking God for all He has done for you.

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.