David Dances – Coloring Page

King David praised God by dancing! How do you praise God?



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Match the Dancers - Puzzle

King David led the parade of musicians and Jewish priests. While King David led the parade, he danced in praise. There are lots of ways to dance in praise. Can you match the dancers below?

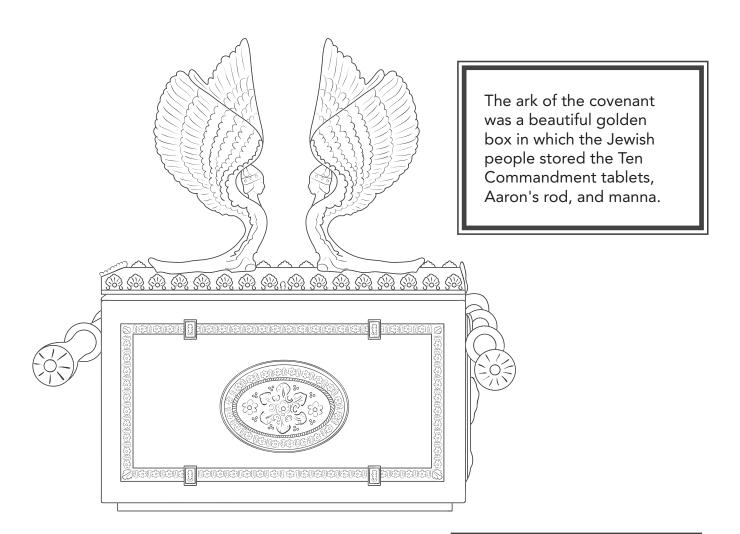


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Ark of the Covenant – Informational Coloring Page

King David led the parade of musicians and Jewish priests who were carrying the ark of the covenant.



The ark of the covenant was carried by the priests from place to place when the Jewish people were wandering in the desert.

The ark of the covenant represented God's presence with the Jewish people. King David wanted to bring it to the city of Jerusalem where he lived.

Dance - Movement Activity

King David led the parade of musicians and Jewish priests. While King David led the parade, he danced in praise. There are lots of ways to dance in praise. Let's try a few ways!



Bring your heels together and make a "V" with your feet. Bend your knees.



Break Dance: RobotMove robotically—stiff and precise movements.



Make some noise with your feet! Pick your foot up and stomp it back down.



Extend your arms into a "T" shape. Slide your body from left to right.

Act It Out - Drama Activity

Perform this week's story for the younger kids.

Parts:

King David Priests Musicians Crowd Narrator

King David (leading the parade): Today is a special day!

Narrator: King David was very happy! God's chest was being moved to Jerusalem.

Priests (pretending to hold the chest): The sacred chest, called the ark of the covenant, represents God with us. We're bringing it to Jerusalem and that is a reason to celebrate!

Narrator: David assembled thirty thousand people and they set out for Balaah to get the chest. They loaded up the chest and headed back to Jerusalem. As they walked along they celebrated with songs, zithers, harps, cymbals, and tambourines.

King David leads the parade. Priests follow David and hold the ark of the covenant. Musicians follow behind playing instruments.

Narrator: Every six steps the procession stopped. David offered sacrifices to God. And then David danced with all of his might. King David wanted to praise God with his whole body.

King David (dancing): Thank you, God!

Narrator: When the procession arrived in Jerusalem, the celebration continued.

The parade gets to the crowd. The crowd is there cheering.

Crowd: Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!

Narrator: All of the people of Israel rejoiced that God's chest was in their city.

King David: May God bless each of you!

Narrator: What a great day to praise God!



David Dances – 2 Samuel 6:12-19

King David was very happy! God's chest was being moved to Jerusalem. The sacred chest, called the ark of the covenant, represented God's holiness and presence with the people. Bringing it to Jerusalem was a reason to celebrate!

David assembled thirty thousand people and they set out for Balaah to get the chest. They loaded up the chest and headed back to Jerusalem. As they walked along they celebrated with songs, zithers, harps, cymbals, and tambourines. Every six steps the procession stopped. David offered sacrifices to God. And then David danced with all of his might. King David wanted to praise God with his whole body.

When the procession arrived in Jerusalem, the celebration continued. All of the people of Israel rejoiced that God's chest was in their city. King David blessed the people in the name of the Lord. He distributed food to all of the people—bread and date cakes and raisin cakes.

What a great day to praise God!



Family Spiritual Practice

Bible Passage: 2 Samuel 6:12-19

Wonder: After reading the story from the Bible or from the *Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook*, wonder together. **Ask:** Why do you think King David danced in praise?

Do: Praise is one of the many ways we say thank you to God. This week, say thanks through moving your body. Turn on your favorite music and dance like King David.

Pray: Dear God, thank you for reasons to praise you. Amen.



Draw to the Beat

King David danced to music as he praised God's many blessings. Can you draw to the beat of music? Turn on some tunes and draw what the music makes you feel.

