



First, watch
this week's
video!

Gratitude:
Letting others
know you see
how they've
helped you

Memory Verse

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

Bible Story

David Dances
2 Samuel 6:12b-22a

Bottom Line

Celebrate what
God has done.

Use this guide to help your family learn how
God wants us to be grateful.

Activity

Create Your Own Holiday

WHAT YOU NEED:

Paper and writing utensil

WHAT YOU DO:

Tell your child that the two of you are going to create your own holiday. Ask your child the following questions, and write down their answers.

- What is the name of your holiday celebration?
- What does your holiday celebrate?
- What date is your holiday?
- What are the holiday's colors?
- What do people eat on your holiday?
- What do people do to celebrate on your holiday? Do they go anywhere? Do they wear anything special? Is there special music?

Say, "I think your holiday sounds awesome. Holidays are fun because they give us a reason to celebrate the things and people that are most important to us."



Talk About the Bible Story

David was so grateful for what God had done that he couldn't keep from celebrating. What is something you can celebrate with that kind of excitement?

What do you think David might have been saying while he was dancing? (*"Thank you, God! You are a good God! You are awesome, amazing, and wonderful!"*)

David's wife Michal was clearly not as excited as David when the ark was returned to Jerusalem. What makes some people more grateful than others? (*The way they choose to see things*)

What are some things we can celebrate about God no matter what is happening in our lives? (*He loves us; He sent us Jesus; He hears us when we talk to Him.*)

Parent: Share a few ways you celebrate God when times are good, and when times are not as good.

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, You are worthy of our greatest expression of gratitude and our most joyful celebration. We praise You for what You have done in the past, and we look forward to all You will do in the future. We thank You for sending us Jesus. We know that we always have something to celebrate when we follow Him. In Jesus' name, amen."