



PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group



2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: *Optional: musical instruments*

WHAT YOU DO:

- If using musical instruments, invite each kid to use one.
- Tap or clap a pattern, i.e., clap your hands, snap your fingers, tap your legs, etc.
- Instruct the kids to follow your pattern.
 - If the kids are using instruments, invite them to follow your pattern on the instrument.
- Play a few rounds, changing the pattern each time.
- Invite the kids to lead and make up a pattern for the rest of the group to follow.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Permission to Dance
David Dances
2 Samuel 6:12b-22a

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Celebrate what God has done.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You did an incredible job of catching the rhythm! When we clap our hands, snap our fingers, tap our legs, and stomp our feet, it feels like we are celebrating something. **[Transition] Today, we'll hear about a man named David who was also celebrating something. Let's find out more!**"

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

MONTHLY VIRTUE

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

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing



*2. CELEBRATE GOD BANNER [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Large sheet of butcher paper and markers; *Optional: posterboard or individual pieces of paper instead of butcher paper*

WHAT YOU DO:

- Roll out the paper.
- Set out the markers.
- Instruct the kids to work together to make a “Celebrate God!” banner that will hang in the room—similar to a birthday banner!
- Invite the kids to decorate the banner with reasons to celebrate God.
- Make sure you participate by writing down things you're grateful for, too!

WHAT YOU SAY:

“A life with God is certainly worth celebrating! Not only can we thank God, but we can also tell people what God has done in our lives. We can even use our gifts and talents to thank God—like we did when we drew and decorated our banner! We're going to hang this banner in our room as a reminder to be grateful and **celebrate what God has done!**”

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2-3

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3. FILL THE GAP

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, dry erase board or posterboard, sticky notes, and dry erase marker or marker

WHAT YOU DO:

- Look up Psalm 136:1 and read it out loud to the group.
- Write the memory verse on the dry erase board or posterboard.
- Lead the kids to recite the verse several times.
- Use sticky notes to cover a few words of the memory verse.
- Invite the kids to say the entire verse out loud together, filling in the missing words as they do.
- Play a few more rounds, covering more words each round.
- Continue playing until all words are covered and kids are repeating the verse by memory.

WHAT YOU SAY:

“Just like our memory verse says, we can “give thanks to the Lord because he is good!” God has done some wonderful things in our lives, just like we talked about today. When we live our lives with thankfulness and gratefulness, we can **celebrate what God has done**. By being grateful, we can show other people just how good God is—and that’s something to celebrate!”

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MADE TO REFLECT

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4. PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Banner from “Celebrate God Banner” activity

WHAT YOU DO:

- Tell kids that one way we can start our prayers is by thanking God before we ask for anything.
- Set out the “Celebrate God!” banner.
- One by one, invite the kids to read something from the banner and thank God for it out loud.
- When the kids are done thanking God, close your group time in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

“Dear God, there is so much to celebrate in our lives because of You. We’re so grateful for everything You do for us—from the air in our lungs to the important people in our lives to the gifts and talents You’ve given us. We want to always remember what You’ve done for us and share that good news with others. Help us celebrate You with everything inside of us for everything You’ve done and everything You continue to do. Thank You, most of all, for giving us Jesus as our Savior. That is something we can always celebrate! Amen.”

As adults arrive to pick up, invite the kids to show the adults what they added to the “Celebrate God!” banner.

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