

**LESSON 2—September 12, 2021**

**Fall Quarter 2021 Theme:**  
Celebrating God  
**Unit I. God's People Offer Praise**

**Lesson Titles:**  
**Celebrating with Enthusiasm**  
(Faith Pathway Bible Studies)  
**David Dances Before the Ark**  
(Townsend Press Sunday School Commentary)

**Devotional Reading:** Ecclesiastes 3:1-9

**Background Scripture:** 2 Samuel 6

**Print Passage:** 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 14-19

**Key Verse(s):**

David and all the house of Israel played before the Lord on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.  
(2 Samuel 6:5, KJV)

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David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrams and cymbals.  
(2 Samuel 6:5, NIV)

**► Questions to Consider:**

1. Why were King David and all of Israel celebrating?
2. How did they celebrate?
3. What was King David's wife's reaction when she saw him leaping and dancing before the Lord?

**► Lesson Context:**

- David, after being crowned king over all of Israel and once he had consolidated power and authority into his hands, the first strategic decision that he made was to move the ark from the home of Abinadab to Jerusalem.
- The **ark** of the covenant represented the presence of God who dwelled among His people in a special way.
- The Law specified that the ark be carried by Levites.

**► Lesson Aims:**

As a result of experiencing this lesson, the participants should be able to do these things:

- Explore David's joy and Michal's contempt for him.
- Appreciate many ways to celebrate God's presence.
- Plan celebrations that honor God through praise and worship.

**► Lesson Outlines/Key Points:****I. Corporate Praise (2 Samuel 6:1-5)**

- Key Point 1: David gathered chosen men from Israel in preparation for retrieving the ark of the covenant.

- Key Point 2: David and all of Israel celebrated and praised God with all their might and with a variety of instruments.

## II. **Personal Praise (2 Samuel 6:14-19)**

- Key Point 1: David gets the right people, and follows the proper procedures and protocols in transporting the ark.
- Key Point 2: The people worshipped God joyfully with many musical expressions and instruments.

### ► **Lesson Summary:**

- As King David energetically and eagerly engaged in the worship service for the Lord, we should also be enthusiastic every time we gather to give glory to God.
- Every moment of **worship** should be a celebration of God's grace and mercy.
- It is good to give thanks unto the Lord.

### **What Do You Think? (These questions are found in this week's Faith Pathway student book.)**

1. What are ways that we can ensure that our entire congregation is engaged in worship service? Is it possible?

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2. When was the last time your worship moved or inspired you to extend yourself in serving or giving to others? Share. If you have never been so moved, identify any apprehensions or thoughts that have kept you from participating in worship through personal sacrifice or service.

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### **As a result of this lesson, I will do the following:**

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