



Bible Character Study



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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 5 and distribute them to your students.



Topic:

David, the Psalmist – praising God always.



Read the Bible References:

The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goal of Lesson:

- To encourage students to praise God always – in good and bad times.



Lesson Takeaway:

There is always a reason to praise God.



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Bible References:

Psalms 103: 1 – 22; 34: 1 – 10;
1 Chronicles 16: 7 – 12, 28 – 36



Who was David?

David was the youngest son in his family (1 Samuel 16: 10 – 13). The name of his father was Jesse (1 Chronicles 2: 13 – 15).

As a young boy, David took care of sheep, meaning he was a shepherd (see 1 Samuel 16:11). He also liked to play harp, a musical instrument (1 Samuel 16:16 – 23). Later, as a 30-year-old man, he became the king of Israel (2 Samuel 5: 1 – 5).



What did David do?

In different parts of the Bible, David is known for different things. But in this study, we will focus on David's love for worshipping and praising God.

Right from the time when David was a young boy, he loved to sing and play musical instrument. He loved to sing and praise God. If you read the book of Psalms, you will know that David loved to praise God; in fact, he wrote the most chapters in the book of Psalms.

David always praised God (Psalm 34:1). He said, "Seven times a day I praise You because of Your righteous judgements (Psalm 119:164).



What did David do? - Continued

When he was in trouble, he prayed and when God helped him out of his troubles, he praised Him. “I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears” (Psalm 34:4).

David experienced fear, distress and confusion. But even with these negative experiences, he praised God. “Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance” (Psalm 42:5; see also Psalm 46:10).

David did not just praise God by himself. He was fond of calling people to praise God too. “Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises” (Psalm 98:4).



What can we learn from David?

First, David recognized the wondrous nature of God, he knew that God is a loving Father and praised Him for that always. God is our loving Father. He deserves our praise.

Second, David was not afraid to tell God how he felt. Whenever David was sad, scared, distressed or happy, he told God about it. He praised God because He trusted that God would take care of how he felt and fill him with joy and peace.

Third, David praised God when he was young, and he still praised God when he became old. He praised God as a shepherd and praised him as a king. What does this tell us? Praise is for everybody – whether you are young or old, rich or not-so-rich – anybody can praise God!



What can we learn from King David? - Continued

Fourth, David was always able to find something to praise God for. In Psalm 103:2, David wrote, “Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits”.

He remembered all the beautiful things God did for him and praised Him for them.

When we think of how good God has been to us, we will always have something to praise God for. God has kept you safe; given you life every day; and given you all that you need. When you are sick, God heals you. When you are afraid, He makes you calm with His presence – He sends people to make you calm too. When you feel guilty about something you have done, and tell God about it, He forgives you and gives you His peace.

What else can you praise God for today?



Memorize:

Psalm 34:1 - I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.



Scenario review:

Your Mum was driving you home from school when she almost crashed into another car at a junction. Both of you jerked and cried out, “Jesus, save us!”, as the car came to a stop. Thankfully, no one got hurt. Mum started singing a song, “Thank You Jesus we bless You Lord”. What if there was a car crash and you both had minor injuries? Will you still praise God? What will you do? Why did you make that choice?



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Remember:

There is always a reason to praise God, whether the situation is good or bad.



Let us pray:

Dear God, thank You because of Your love and care for me. You are worthy to be praised in all the earth. There is none like You. There is none to be compared to You. Help me to always find a reason to praise You, in good and bad times. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen!



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