

THE KING OF GLORY

David Worships
God
2 Samuel 7:18–29;
Psalm 24
975 BC

OVERVIEW

BIBLE TRUTH

God enables me to worship Him.

BIBLE VERSE

The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory! Psalm 24:10

LEARNER GOAL

I understand that God helps me to worship Him, and I give Him thanks for that.

LAW & GOSPEL

I am sinful, neither prepared nor worthy to be in God's presence or worship Him.

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SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

King David prays, thanking God for His blessings and seeking His guidance. As David worships and acknowledges the true God, he asks God's blessing on his household and nation. David's psalm praises and glorifies God as it looks ahead to the coming of the glorious Savior and King.

LESSON PREP

BASIC Read 2 Samuel 7:18–29; Psalm 24 and study notes in *The Lutheran Study Bible*.

MORE TIME Read the leader devotion, found in the digital resource center.

IN DEPTH Read the articles on the Psalms on pages 839–46 in *TLSE*.

This lesson can be used for Christmas.

SUPPLY LIST

FOR THIS LESSON

- Bible story book with pictures
- Christmas cards, Christmas craft supplies, envelopes
- Lutheran Service Book* hymnals, digital device
- Unfrosted cupcakes, frosting, sprinkles
- Pony beads, jingle bells, pipe cleaners, ribbon

FOR EVERY LESSON

- Bible
- Device with prepped music
- Copies of downloadable activity page
- Copies of Enduring Faith Page
- Supply Box

LAUNCH

Plan your lesson by reading through the options in each section. Choose the activities that will best fit your learners, and mark those boxes to guide you as you teach the lesson.

BEGIN

- Follow the Order of Opening Worship, use the Lesson Opening, or do both (part of the planning resources in the digital resource center).
- Sing songs, using music found in the digital resource center or your own favorite songs.

SAY

- Welcome, children! Do you like to sing songs to praise Jesus? What is one of your favorite Christmas songs? Today, we'll talk about how David liked to sing songs to God.
- Tell me about going to church. What do you do and see there? How do you talk and behave there? What's your favorite part of going to church?

PRAY

Dear Jesus, thank You for being born as a little baby to be my Savior and King. You are the King of glory and I praise You! Amen.

LEARN

Show your Bible, and remind the children that all the stories in God's Word are true.

TELL THE BIBLE NARRATIVE

Choose one of the options on the next page to tell the Bible narrative.

DO THIS!

Use one or both of the following activities to talk about the Bible narrative.

- FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE YOUNGER** Have students divide an 8½ x 11-inch piece of paper into four quadrants. As you read the first part of the narrative, direct students to draw a picture of King David in the first box. Then draw David writing a psalm in the next box. Then direct students to draw Jesus, our King, as a baby in the manger fulfilling the prophecy. And finally, in the last quadrant, have students draw the church where they worship.
- FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE OLDER** After you read the narrative from the next page, have students read or listen to Psalm 24 directly from Scripture. Together, identify as many Advent and Christmas hymns as you can find with a "king" theme. If possible, provide several hymnals for students to use.

TALK ABOUT IT

Choose the questions that best fit the learning level of your group.

- How did David praise God?
- What did Jesus do for you?
- How can you praise God for Jesus, your Savior and King?

KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

Guide discussion, using these key points.

- David wrote psalms (songs) to praise God.
- God uses His Word to tell us about Jesus, our Savior. The promises made throughout Psalms and all of Scripture find their fulfillment in the person of Jesus Christ.
- Psalm 24 was likely written for the return of the ark of the covenant to the tabernacle. In 2 Samuel, we learn about David, and then in the psalm, we read what David had written. David was not writing about himself. The Holy Spirit was working through David to prophesy of the coming King—Jesus.



CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to rescue us from our sin. He is the promised King, the true King of glory.

BIBLE NARRATIVE FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

STORYTELLING DIRECTIONS: Show pictures of King David and the infant Jesus from a Bible story book as you tell this narrative.

This is a story about two people in the Bible. The first person is David. Do you remember him? David was born in the little town of Bethlehem. As a boy, David took care of sheep for his father. David liked to play music to God on a lyre, a little harp that he held in his arms. David made up songs to praise God. Some of those songs are written in God's Word, the Bible. They are called psalms.

But David didn't stay a shepherd forever. What did David do when he got older?

God chose David to be the next king after King Saul. God helped David win many battles for God's people so they would have peace. Because God's love filled David's heart, David wanted to build a temple-church for God. But God told David, "Your son will build the temple-church for Me, not you. But I will make you a great king, and I will make your kingdom great too. Someday, the Savior will be born from your family."

Even as a king, David liked to praise God and sing songs to Him. In Psalm 24, David sang, "Lift up your heads . . . that the King of glory may come in." Do you know who David was singing about? He was singing about Jesus! Jesus is the King of glory. Jesus is the second person in our story.

One night many years after David lived, some other shepherds were watching over their sheep on the hills near Bethlehem. All of a sudden, angels came and told them, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,

who is Christ the Lord." Then, the angels praised God, saying, "Glory to God in the highest!" God's Son, Jesus, had come to earth to be our Savior and King!

In some ways, David and Jesus were alike, and in some ways, they were very different. David was born many, many years before Jesus, but both David and Jesus were born in the little town of Bethlehem. David was the son of a man named Jesse. Jesus is the Son of God! David took care of sheep. Jesus came to be our Good Shepherd. He takes care of us!

When David became king, he wore a crown. King Jesus took off His crown when He left His home in heaven. He was born as a little baby and slept in a manger, a feeding box for animals. But later, Jesus wore a different kind of crown. He wore a crown of thorns when He suffered and died on the cross for us to pay for our sins. But Jesus didn't stay dead. He came alive again and went back to heaven to get a home ready for us.

Jesus, our King, will always love us and take care of us. He comes to our hearts through God's Word and fills them with His love. David sang songs to worship Jesus, the King of glory. We can sing songs to Jesus too! Someday, King Jesus will come back to earth again. He will make a new heaven and earth for us where we will live with Him forever. Won't that be wonderful?

BIBLE NARRATIVE FOR OLDER CHILDREN

After King Saul died in battle, David became king over the twelve tribes of Israel. He fought many dangerous battles to defend Israel from their enemies. God was with him and helped him win every time. David captured a high, strong city called Jerusalem and made it his new home. He brought the ark of the covenant up into it. The Israelites called it the city of David.

Finally, a time came when the enemies stopped rising up against Israel, and David had peace. He built a fine house to live in. But then he thought about God's ark. He felt bad knowing he was in this nice house while the ark was still in a tent. Israel was at peace, and the ark did not have to move around anymore. David thought, "God is so great and wonderful; shouldn't He have a house that is great and wonderful too?"

The day the ark arrived in Jerusalem, David danced for joy. Soon, David called the prophet Nathan and told him he wanted to build a great and beautiful temple to hold the ark of God, a much nicer place than the tabernacle.

At first, Nathan agreed. He knew the Spirit of God was in David because Samuel had anointed him, and he thought God was telling David to build it. But that night, God

came to Nathan and told him to go back and talk to David. Nathan told the king God did not want him to build His temple. David had fought in many, many wars. God wanted David's son Solomon to build it because Israel would be at peace all the time Solomon was king.

But Nathan said that God wanted to build something for David. "The Lord will make you a house." After David's work was finished and he died, God would raise up one of David's offspring to reign in David's place. This Son of David would be king forever.

David knew God wasn't talking about his son Solomon anymore. God was talking about the Savior He had first promised to Adam and Eve in the garden, and then to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—Jesus Christ, God's Son. Now, David knew the Savior would come from his own family. He was very happy and wondered why God had chosen him. David knew he was a sinner like all of us and that he didn't deserve to be in the line that would lead to the coming Savior.

When Jesus was on earth, people called Him the Son of David. That meant they believed Jesus was the Savior God had promised long ago.

LIVE

Choose from the following activities and crafts to help connect Bible learning to life.

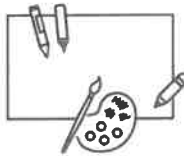
Happy News Song

Instruct two children to form a bridge by holding hands and raising them up, and have other children go under the bridge. Sing to the tune of “London Bridge”: **We have happy news to tell, news to tell, news to tell. We have happy news to tell. It is [child’s name]’s turn.** Drawbridge captures a child, who then tells something about Jesus. Play until each child has a turn to tell.



Psalm of Praise

Provide students with art supplies, including paper, markers, paints, and colored pencils. Have students create an artistic expression of David’s psalm of praise in Psalm 24. Display completed drawings in your classroom or meeting space.



Christmas Cards

Using the king theme or phrases from Psalm 24, make Christmas cards for shut-ins or deployed military members of your congregation. Utilize old Christmas cards or other holiday craft supplies. Write notes of praise to God and encouragement for the receiver of the card. Get addresses from the church office and prepare the cards for mailing.



Sing the Psalm

Have students compare the words of Psalm 24 with the lyrics of “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” (*Lutheran Service Book* 340/341). As an alternative, use online resources such as YouTube to have students listen to the chorus “Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates” from Handel’s *Messiah*.



Happy Birthday, Jesus! Snack

Give children unfrosted cupcakes. Set out frosting and sprinkles for them to decorate their own little cake. Talk about how we celebrate Jesus’ birthday at Christmas. Sing “Happy Birthday” to Jesus before eating your snack.



Praise Waver Craft

Thread pony beads and jingle bells onto a pipe cleaner. Twist ends closed. Tie about five lengths of ribbon to the pipe cleaner circle. Shake to make a jingly sound. Say, **David played music and sang songs to worship God. We can shake our wavers and sing a song about Jesus.** Sing or play Christmas songs, and let the children use their praise wavers.



Shepherds Tell

Say, **The shepherds praised God and told everyone about Jesus.** Have children pretend to be shepherds as they run in place and say, “I want to run and tell,” after you say each of the phases below.



It’s Your birthday, Jesus. I want to run and tell!
You came to be our Savior. I want to run and tell!
I know it’s not a secret. I want to run and tell!
You love all people, Jesus. I want to run and tell!
You are the King of glory! Say the Bible Verse.

LEAVE

SAY

God helps us to worship Him. As with everything else, we don’t have to do it on our own. We don’t have to be good enough. God covers all those imperfections with His Son, Jesus.

PRAY

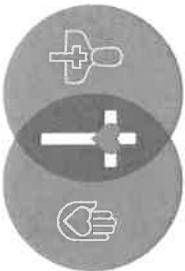
Dear Jesus, You are the King of glory, a king born in a lowly manger, who came to save us from our sins. We praise and worship You, Jesus. Thank You for all that You have given us, Lord Jesus. In Your name we pray. Amen.

THE KING OF GLORY

LESSON 12

2 Samuel 7:18–29; Psalm 24

GOD ENABLES ME TO WORSHIP HIM.



CONNECTING IDENTITY & CALLING

IDENTITY: WHO AM I?

God dwells with me and all His people. He comes to us in Word and Sacrament.

CALLING: WHY AM I HERE?

As God's child, I can give Him praise and glory in all that I do and say.

GROWING IN FAITH FOR LIFE

See how this lesson builds on previous learning for each age.

ADULT

I can express my gratitude to God for enabling me to worship Him.

YOUTH

I can share the joy of worshipping God together with others.

ELEMENTARY

I understand that God helps me to worship Him, and I give Him thanks for that.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

I know Jesus is the King of glory.

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TAKING IT HOME

- ▶ *On the Go*—What makes someone a good leader? How was David a good king? What are some mistakes he made?
- ▶ *At Mealt ime*—When he was young, David played a stringed instrument. Do you play any instruments? How can you use your talents, musical or otherwise, to praise God?
- ▶ *Something to Do*—David often wrote psalms of praise to God. Read a favorite psalm or sing a hymn of praise to God as a family.
- ▶ *Before Bed*—Pray as a family that God would help you to forgive one another, just as God forgave David for his sins.



Psalm 24:10

Leader Devotion LESSON 12
THE KING OF GLORY—DAVID WORSHIPS GOD
2 SAMUEL 7:18–29; PSALM 24

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DEVOTION

Holidays, church anniversaries, dedications, and other events often mean special worship services. These services typically include special music with choirs, instrumentalists, and singing. There might even be brightly colored banners, processions, or other visual highlights.

We can only imagine the celebration described in this week's lesson, where King David is filled with joy at the arrival of the ark in Jerusalem. "Today, when great blessing comes your way, glorify the Lord for His gifts. His greatest gift is the great One to come, Jesus, the Son of David" (TISB, p. 498).

Pray: O Lord Jesus, You are both true man and true God. Thank You for all the blessings You have given me. In Your name I pray. Amen.

LESSON 12 OPENING

THE KING OF GLORY—DAVID WORSHIPS GOD

It makes me feel good when my *name someone such as wife, daughter, son* does *name an appropriate task* for me. I like to have people do things for me. But do you know something? It's very easy to be a "getter." *Hold paper hands; bring them close to you.* It's not so easy to be a giver. *Extend paper hands outward toward children.*

Jesus gave us the best example of giving. He gave His life on the cross for our sins. Today, Jesus wants us to think about giving—giving to others. A giver helps others. What are some things that you can do to help your mom or dad? *Clean up my room, put away toys, set table for dinner, and others.* How about your neighbor? *Help rake up leaves or pick up trash.* What about a person staying at the shelter in your town? *Help prepare and serve meals or gather food for food pantry.*

In our lesson today, we are going to learn about King David and how he gave thanks and praise to God. God allowed David to build a great kingdom, and now David wanted to do something great for God. As the events unfold, David literally dances for joy before the Lord. God provided the opportunity for David to give praise and thanks to the true God.

You and I have the opportunity to give thanks to God by serving and giving to others. When you and I are givers, we will be happy. Helping others will help us to be happy, and we will be truly blessed!

Pray: Dear Jesus, help us to follow Your example and to give ourselves to others. Thank You for loving us. Amen.

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FAITH FOCUS

The Second Article, Part 3

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VISUAL HELPS

Two paper hands, cut out in advance

THE KING OF GLORY—DAVID WORSHIPS GOD

Unit 5, Lesson 12

A Prayer to Our Triune God

Directions: Review David's prayer in 2 Samuel 7:18–29, in which he thanked God for His goodness. Also review Psalm 24, where David praised the triune God for being the “King of glory.”

On the praying hands below, write a prayer that

praises our triune God for who He is,
confesses a sin for which you need forgiveness,
thanks God for a specific blessing He has given you, and
asks God for help for a need you have.

