

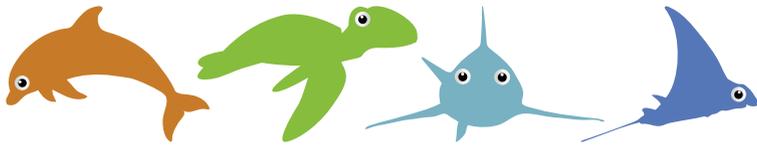


Junior Church

LESSON PLANS: 20-06-21

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Family Fun

(All Ages)

Modelling thanks

Activity time: 10–15 minutes

Aim: to thank God, as David did

You will need: modelling clay

1. Say that David did four things when he prayed: he thanked God for what he'd done; he praised God for being wonderful; he reminded God of his promises; and he asked him to keep them.
2. Give out some modelling clay. Demonstrate to the children how they can create a simple model of something they want to thank God for. This could be a person or people, an object such as their home or the park, or a symbol of things less tangible like hope or love.
3. Encourage them to create one model each, or as many as they like.



Dolphins

(Age 3, F1 & F2)

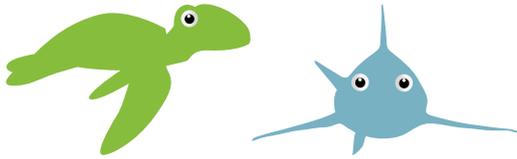
Thank-you box

Activity time: 5–10 minutes

Aim: to thank God

You will need: large buttons (avoid anything small enough to be a choking hazard); a box to put them in

1. Say that, in today's Bible story, God tells King David that someone from his family will always be king. King David is very happy about that and he says a big 'thank you' to God.
2. Show the children the buttons. What a lot there are! Ask the children to help you count them.
3. Can you think of that many things to say 'thank you' to God about?
4. Let the children put the buttons, one at a time, into a container. Mention one way in which God has made us happy, with each button.
5. If you can think of more 'thank you's', tip the buttons out and start again!



Turtles Sharks

(Year 1 & 2)

(Year 3 & 4)

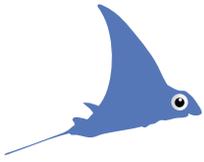
Prayer tent

Activity time: 15–20 minutes

Aim: to pray like David did

You will need: a tent or sheets and pegs, coloured sweets, a display board, construction kits

1. Create your own prayer tent using a pop-up tent or sheets.
2. Encourage the children to pray by setting up some creative prayer activities inside the tent, such as:
 - Invite the children to draw pictures of people they want God to do something for and fix them on a board. (Set up a board and put out paper and pens.)
 - Encourage the children to choose and eat a coloured sweet and pray about a certain topic, for example: a red sweet for family, yellow for friends, green for nature. (Put out a bowl of coloured sweets; be aware of allergies and hygiene)
 - Challenge the children to build the letters of a word to describe God using construction kits. (Put out some construction kits.)



Xstream descendants

Activity time: 10–15 minutes

Aim: to explore who 'descendants' are

You will need: copies of the Xstream sheet from page 111

1. Ask the children what the word 'descendants' means. Get several suggestions for a definition before, if necessary, explaining that descendants are your children and all the people born to them and their children for ever afterwards.
2. Give out copies of the Xstream sheet from page 111. Challenge the children to draw arrows from each person to their descendants. Encourage them to use the Bible verses to help them or to check their answers.

