



# David Praises God

GOD MADE EVERYTHING

PSALM 100



## Music

You'll need the *Play-n-Worship* DVD, a DVD player, and a television. Play "The Work of His Hands," and have kids follow the actions on-screen whenever a star appears.

## Toy Play

Set out a collection of stuffed or plastic animals. Help children pretend to care for the animals as David cared for his sheep. Point out that the animals need food and drink, places to play and sleep, and someone to protect them and keep them safe. Thank God for making animals. Remind children that God made everything.

## Sensory Play

Gather children around a large child-sized table. Give children washable markers and let them "draw" (scribble) on the table as you name things God made. Use this list: mommies, daddies, doggies, kitties, flowers, trees, you, me, everything.

Let children help you "erase" their drawings by smearing small blobs of non-medicated shaving cream over the marker. (It really does clean up!) Then wipe kids' hands clean.

## Game

Play this game in a large, open area. Have children sit in a circle.

Say: **When David took care of his father's sheep, he had to watch out for wild animals. The Bible says that David protected the sheep from lions and bears. Let's pretend we're all sheep. I'll be the shepherd, and when I touch you on the head and say, "Sheep," you say, "Baa!"**

Let children practice responding a few times. Then continue: **If I say, "Lion," you say, "Roar!" and jump up and chase me around the circle.**

Play the game several times. If more than one child chases you around, that's okay. Older twos may be ready to take a turn being the shepherd, but younger toddlers will enjoy simply running around the circle.

When you're ready to end the game, herd all the "sheep" back to the circle. Say: **God made everything. God made lions and sheep, and God made you and me.**

## Art

Put a thin layer of glue on several paper plates. Cover a table with dark-colored bulletin board paper. Set out the plates of glue and cotton balls. Show children how to make fluffy "clouds" by dipping the cotton balls in glue and sticking them on the paper. Add star stickers if desired. Play "The Work of His Hands" as you work. Talk with children about all the things God made.

After the glue dries, write "Psalm 19:1" along the top or bottom of the paper and display it in your room or entryway.

## Bin Play

Help children thank God for everything in your room as they play or clean up. Teach children the sign for "thank you": Put your dominant hand, open palm facing inward, on your lips. As you smile and say "Thank you," move your hand away from you and slightly downward.

Invite each child to bring a toy to the toy basket or bin. As the child puts the toy in the bin, lead children in saying and signing "thank you" to God for that toy. When the bin is full, dump and fill again!



## BIBLE STORY

Gather children in a circle. Open your Bible to Psalm 100, and show children the words.

Say: **When David was a little boy, he played outside with his big brothers. He helped them take care of their father's sheep. Let's pretend we're sheep right now. Baa, baa!** Have children "baa" and pretend to be sheep. **Now crawl around and eat some green grass.** Pause for children to pretend. **Drink some water from the river. Pause. Now crawl back to the circle and sit down to rest.** Have children sit in the circle.

Say: **When David's big brothers went away to do grown-up work, David was all alone with the sheep. What do you think he did all day?**

Show children the open storyboard. Say: **All day long, David took care of the sheep.**

Help children count all the sheep. **While David watched the sheep, he made up songs to sing to God. He sang about the mountains** (have kids touch their hands to make a mountain peak overhead), **the rivers** (have kids wiggle fingers to make rippling water), **the trees** (have kids hold arms out like branches), **and the sky** (have kids point and look up). **He even sang about the sheep. David sang about all the things God made.**

Say: **Tell me some things God made.** Let children respond. **God made everything!**

Say: **When David grew up, he was a great king for God's people. But he never stopped singing songs to God. He sang about all the things God made, and he sang songs to thank God for loving him and taking care of him. Some of David's songs are written in the Bible, God's special book.**

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