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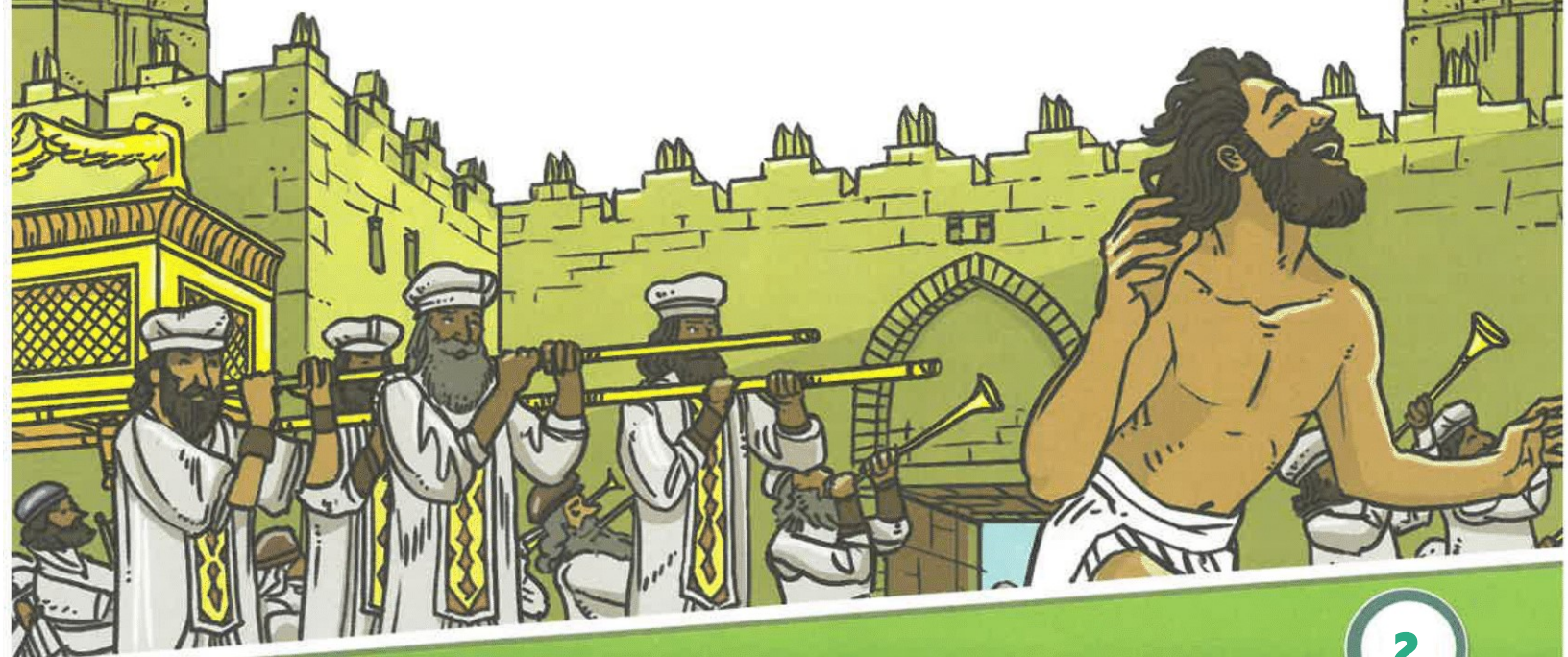
Discover!
Finding Faith in Life

We Celebrate Our Covenant with God

2 Samuel 6:12-15

Prayer

Dear God, we praise you. You alone
are holy. You alone bring us joy. Amen.



Use the Featured Story on page 424 in *The Catholic Children's Bible* (2 Samuel 6:12–15) to help you answer the following questions.

1

What is your favorite song from Church or Sunday School?

2

When do you like to dance like crazy?

3

Does your family and friends like to dance with you?



Find the following words in the word search puzzle that relate to celebrating God's presence. Words may be found running horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

Ark
celebrate
Covenant

dancing
joy
Mass

music
praise
presence

singing
Tabernacle

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Family Page

Background Reflection

Can you imagine being so excited that you just burst into dance? That is exactly what we read in today's Featured Story about David dancing before the Ark of the Covenant. David was so overcome with joy and thanksgiving for the presence of God that he sang and danced to welcome the Ark into his city. David did not care how he looked—he cared only for praising God.

Can we say the same when we worship God through the Mass? Mass is the ultimate way we celebrate our covenant with God today. We may not dance like David did, but our hearts and minds should completely fill with awe at what takes place during the Mass. We should participate fully, lifting and joining our hearts and minds and voices to praise and celebrate God's presence with us.

At Mass, Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, under the appearances of bread and wine. We are truly in the presence of God, and the presence of God is within us. This great gift of his presence with us and in us should fill our hearts with joy and wonder. Praise God!

Family Activities

- Read together the Featured Story on page 424 in *The Catholic Children's Bible* (2 Samuel 6:12–15). Invite your child to tell you what she or he learned about this passage.
- Discuss with your child how you worship and celebrate your covenant with God at Mass. In what ways could you improve your participation in the Mass? Could you sing a little louder or with more enthusiasm, for example? Could your family offer to bring up the gifts of bread and wine? Could your family spend quiet time after Mass thanking and praising God for his great gift of the Eucharist?
- Watch the video "Bible Theater: 2 Samuel—David Dances" (YouTube, 2:13) together. Discuss how your family can be more like David in celebrating your covenant with God.

People of Faith

Saint David the King (c. 1000 BC)

David was king of Israel, chosen by God. He made Jerusalem the capital city and helped the nation thrive. David organized ways for the priests and the people to worship. David gravely sinned, but he humbled himself and asked for God's forgiveness. King David loved and praised God and encouraged his people to love God too. King David's feast day is December 29.

Prayer

Pray this prayer together as a family, beginning and ending with the Sign of the Cross.

Dear Lord, we praise you because you alone are worthy of our praise. Your presence fills us with joy and wonder. Thank you for your many gifts, especially the gift of your presence in the Eucharist. Amen.

