



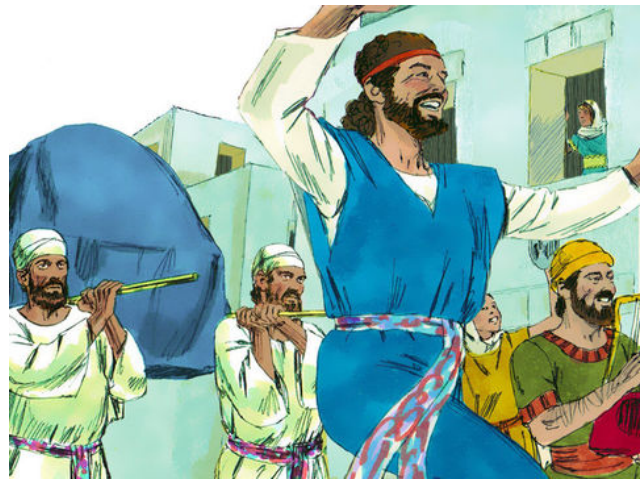
L1.53: David and the Ark

1 Chronicles 15-17, 22

King David had built a house for himself in the City of David which is in Jerusalem. Though he had a beautiful place to live, he was sad because the ark of the covenant, the special box which represented God's promises to Israel, was being kept in a man's home at a place called Kirjath Jearim. He wanted the ark to be put in its own special house. He knew that the ark represented God's dwelling place, so he wanted to build a house for God in Jerusalem to help show the people that God was with them. Before the house - the temple - could be built, David set up a special tabernacle in Jerusalem where the ark could be placed. He was very excited that the ark would finally come into the City of David, so he prepared a special celebration.

Discuss:

- Who were the only ones who were allowed to carry the ark of the covenant? What was the special way the ark was to be carried?
- What kind of instruments did David want to accompany the ark being brought into the city? What do you think the music sounded like?
- What was David doing to worship God when the ark was brought into the city of David? What are some ways that we can worship God?
- What did David give all the people so they could join in the celebration? (1 Chronicles 16:3)
- What is a psalm? How do we use psalms and music in church today?
- What was the covenant God made with David about the temple that he wanted to build?



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Memory Challenge:

2 Chronicles 15:3

And David gathered all Israel together at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the Lord to its place, which he had prepared for it.