CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

A Tambourine for King David's Dance
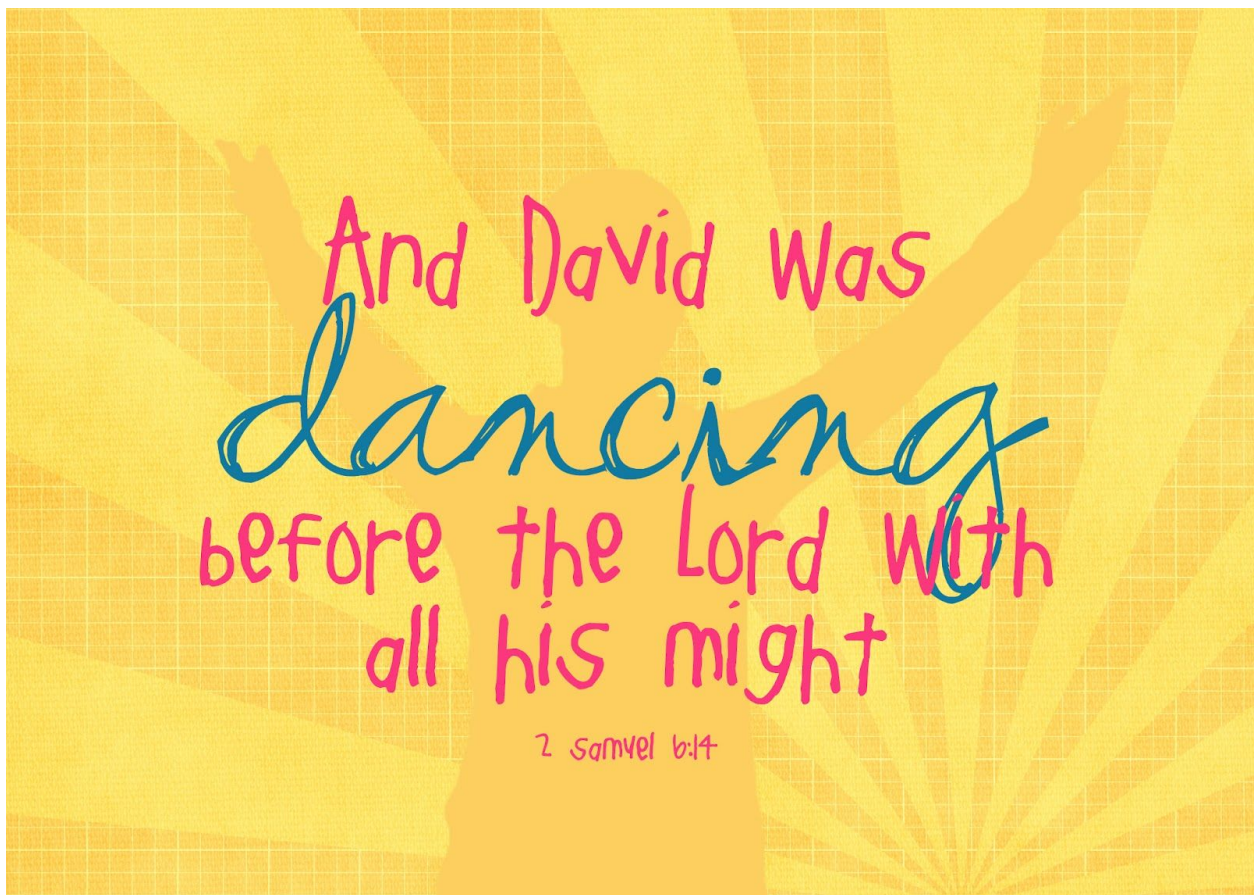
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.
2 Samuel 6:5

The ark of God symbolized God's presence with the people. God is always present with us. There are some times when we are aware and feel God's presence in special and even exciting ways. In those moments, we often celebrate. As King David and the followers brought up the ark of God, it was an exciting and joyful time. So much so, until people began playing instruments, making music, singing, and dancing. Even King David danced! One of the instruments that made the dancing music was the tambourine. Let's make a tambourine! Then let's use it to make joyful music to celebrate the presence of God.

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Instructions

1. Decorate the back sides of two plates. You may want to draw a picture or write a passage of scripture with markers, pencils, or other things. You can use the King David's Dancing graphic below, cutting it out and gluing/pasting it to the back of the plates. Be careful not to use things that will make the plates too heavy.

2. If the paper plates you will be using are stiff enough you will only need two. One for each side of the tambourine. If they are thin, then use four. Glue two together, at the end you will have two sides.

3. Lay one side down fill it with pinto beans, garbanzo beans, popcorn, or pebbles.

4. Lay the second plate on top. Staple it shut. Add enough staples so that the filling does not come out.

5. If you choose you can cover up the staples using a little bit of white-out and the back of the staples with a little tape. After you finish stapling it shut, you can use a hole puncher around the edge. Then add different colored ribbons if you would like.

And David Was *dancing* before the Lord with all his might

2 Samuel 6:14

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