

David's Prayers - July 4

Parents: King David prepared plans to build a temple for God. He gave and collected treasures and materials for the amazing structure. He made sure his son, Solomon, had everything needed to build and complete it. The people followed King David's actions and gave generously for the temple. In front of everyone, David humbly praised the Lord for it all. Let's talk about his words of praise and thanks.



Read: 1 Chronicles 29: 10-14 David's Prayer

10 David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

"Praise be to you, Lord,
the God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.
11 Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.
Yours, Lord, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.
12 Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.
In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.
13 Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.
14 "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as
this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

Discuss: King David was happy that the people gave generously to build the temple for God. In front of the people he said a prayer of praise and thanks to the Lord. Did David say *some things* or *everything* in heaven and earth are the Lord's? *That's right, EVERYTHING.* David was a very powerful king. He said the Lord is exalted, which means placed at a very high level, as head over all. What do you think head over all means? *He is the King of kings.* Wealth or richness comes from God. David says, "Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand." If God gives us a home, food to eat, and all we have, how can we thank Him? *Like David we can say prayers of thanks and we can give our time and money to God out of a grateful heart.*

Key Point: We Live to Praise God

We Live to (Point to yourself and others, then give two thumbs up)
Praise God (Clap your hands, take both fists thumbs pointing to
forehead and spread fingers out)

Family Activity: Color the sheet included. Think about all of the reasons we have to praise God. Write them down on the coloring sheet.

Prayer: Dear God, We praise You for You for being the King of kings. You give us everything we have. Help us remember to praise You and be grateful everyday. We thank and love You. Amen.

Next Steps: Memorize 1 Chronicles 29:11 - "Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours."

PRAISE THE
LORD

