

# Through The Bible In One Year

## The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

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### Theme: Dancing Before God

#### Week 21 Small Group Bible Study & Sunday School Lesson

#### Open (Sharing our Own Stories & Getting To Know One Another)

1. How do children express great joy? 2. How do most adults? 3. What gives children the freedom to be so expressive?

#### Going Deeper Into God's Word Together

Read aloud 2 Samuel 6.12-22; Psalm 119.41-48; John 16.5-15, 20-22, 33.

Samuel: 1. David strips away his royal robes, one of the symbols of his power and kingship, when he is in the presence of the real king - God. What do Christians need to "strip away" before God to acknowledge his kingship? 2. David's wife expresses her disapproval of his unusual, worshipful behavior. How should Christians respond when other believers are critical of the way an individual or group worships God? 3. David danced - how do we celebrate before God?

Psalm: 1. What gives the psalmist the courage to witness to others? 2. Why does he love God's laws? 3. What does it mean for the psalmist (and us) to meditate on God's decrees.

John: 1. What is the work of the Holy Spirit, as described in verses 8-11? 2. For Christians, what is the process/experience for turning grief into joy? 3. How does knowing "the truth" lead to peace? (vs. 33)

#### Reflecting On What God Is Telling Us:

1. Where do you express your joy at being in God's presence? \_\_\_\_\_ church \_\_\_\_\_ home  
\_\_\_\_\_ work \_\_\_\_\_ community \_\_\_\_\_ nowhere

2. How can you become more joyful before God?

#### Applying/Putting Into Practice What God's Told Us

How will you "dance" before God this week?