



## City of David

2 Samuel 5:6-12; 6:1-18; 7:1-17; 1  
Chronicles 15:1-2, 11-15; 22:6-10

### Story Context for Leader:

David was a shepherd in Bethlehem when God chose him to become king over Israel. God promised him that his descendants would continue down through the years until Christ was born. These promises would affect all the nations on earth.

### Bible-Telling Story

#### Moving the Ark to Jerusalem

God was with king David and gave him victory over all his enemies. David chose Jerusalem to be the center of his government, so it was called "The City of David."

The king decided to bring the Ark of God to his new capital. His men did not follow God's instructions on how the Ark was to be moved. Instead they put it on a new cart and pulled it with a team of oxen.

As the cart moved toward Jerusalem, the king and the people walked along celebrating. They sang songs, and played instruments. Suddenly one of the oxen stumbled and shook the cart. A man reached out to steady the Ark. As soon as his hand touched it, God struck him dead!

#### Moving the Ark Properly

David was shocked and confused. He didn't know why God had done this. So he put the Ark in a home nearby, so he could think about what to do. It stayed in that home for three months, and the Lord blessed the family that lived there.

David heard how God was blessing the family, so he once again decided to bring the Ark to Jerusalem. This time he did it properly.

The people of Israel were excited as the Ark of God entered Jerusalem. They made sacrifices to the Lord, and shouted for joy and blew trumpets. David placed the Ark in a special tent he had prepared for it.

#### Building the Temple

Years went by and David's kingdom became strong. He had fought all the nations around him, and had been victorious. Finally there was peace throughout all the land.

One day David said to the prophet of God, "I live in a beautiful palace, while the Ark of God remains in a tent!"

The prophet said, "Go ahead and build the Temple. God will be pleased."

That night the Lord spoke to the prophet and gave him a message for David. "You were following sheep when I made you king of Israel. I have been with you all these years, and have given you victory over your enemies. Now I will establish your name among the greatest men who will ever live. Your royal family line will last forever.

Still, you will not build my house. I have made you a man of war and many have died because of you. Your son will be a man of peace, and he will build my house. I will be a father to him and establish his kingdom."

King David was content when he heard this message, and he humbled himself before the Lord.

## Moving the Ark to Jerusalem

### flex biceps

*victory over enemies*

### indicate several rooftops

*Jerusalem – City of David*

### reach out as if to get something

*David went to bring Ark to new capital*

### thumb down while other hand pulls in

*wrong way – cart pulled by oxen*

### one hand held up

### finger move across throat

*held out hand – struck dead*

## Moving Ark Properly

### shrug – three fingers

*David didn't know why – in home for three months*

### sign for blessing – fingertips together

*God blessings – on that home*

### thumb up while other hand pulls in

*brought Ark to Jerusalem – move it PROPERLY*

### hands out - place object to right side

*people were excited - placed Ark in special tent*

## Building the Temple

### flex biceps – hands together

*strong kingdom – peace throughout land*

### fingertips together held high

### fingertips together held low

*beautiful palace – Ark in tent*

### nod yes

*go ahead and build Temple*

### hand over ear

*God sends a message to David*

### point out – hands on head like a crown

*following sheep – became king*

### hand on chest – hold fist up

*I have been with you*

*given you victory over your enemies*

### hand high like over a tall person

### and point out

*your name among the greatest men*

*your family line will last forever*

### palms out in front – knife in palm

*you will not build my house – you are a man of war*

### hand low like over a small person

### hands together

*your son – a man of peace*

### open hand with thumb touching forehead

### fist in palm

*I will be a father to him*

*and establish his kingdom*

### hand on chest

*David was content*