
Application Guide: 2 Samuel 6

1. Warm-up (5-10 min)

Choose one:

- a. What is your favorite style of music? Why?

- b. Have you ever heard people fight over what style music should be played in church? Why do you think that is?

2. Engaging the Chapter (15-20 min)

The Situation: David has decided to bring the Ark of the Lord to Jerusalem where he will establish the religious center of his empire. The procession consisted of 30,000 elite troops and lots of people singing and playing instruments. Here are just a few of the instruments mentioned: Lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets, and cymbals. This chapter also says that David danced before the Lord with all his might in a priestly robe and offered sacrifices along the way.

Why do you think David brought so many soldiers in the procession?

Why do you think David offered sacrifices along the way?

Why do you think David and his people used loud instruments like cymbals and tambourines for a sacred procession?

Why do you think David danced before the Lord? What do you think is the difference between David's style of dancing and the style of dancing that takes place in bars where people go to drink alcohol late at night? Do you think there are kinds of dancing that are appropriate and inappropriate?

3. Applying the Chapter to Your Life (5-10 min)

Choose 2-3:

- a. Different churches use different styles of music during their worship services. Search the internet and try to find several different styles of church music.
- b. Have a discussion with the pastor or other leaders of your church to try and find out why your church used the style of music that it does.
- c. Have some discussions with your parents and other youth leaders about what kind of secular music is appropriate to listen to. Do different people have different feelings about what kind of music is appropriate to listen to? Why do you think that is?
- d. Have a discussion with your youth leader about dancing. Discuss what each of you thinks is appropriate and inappropriate..

4. Prayer Time (3-5 min)

Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you when you choose which styles of secular and sacred music to listen to. Pray for God to impress you if there is any music you need to delete from your life.