After many years of waiting, David had finally become king of Israel. But something was missing from Jerusalem: the Ark. The Ark was a wooden chest covered in gold. In some special way, it carried God's presence among the Israelites. It had been captured by the Philistines, but then it was brought back to Israel. Now, it was at the home of Obed-Edom.

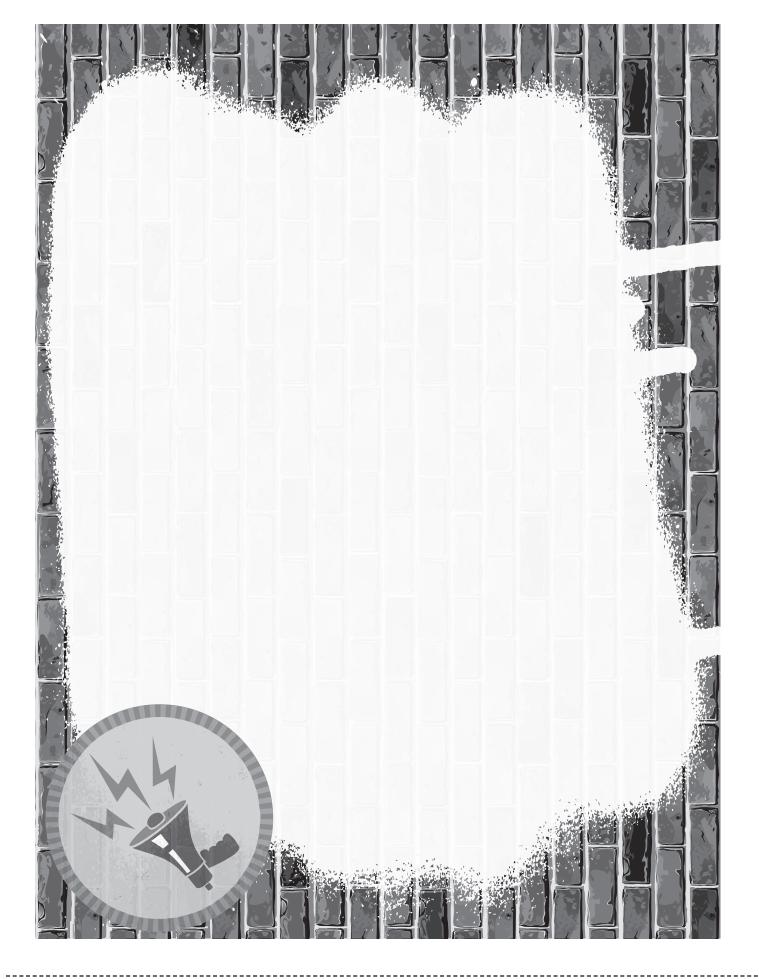
David wanted to bring the Ark back to the capital city of Jerusalem so it could be in the middle of all the activity of Israel. It could also be close to him since he was the king. King David loved God and wanted **to celebrate what God had done.** His wife Michal was not as happy about bringing the Ark to Jerusalem.

David gathered soldiers and marched to the Ark. The men lifted the Ark with carrying poles, just like God had told them to. After six steps, David stopped the soldiers. He wanted to **celebrate what God had done.** 

As they continued carrying the Ark to Jerusalem, David danced for God with all his might. He wanted to **celebrate what God had done.** The people who helped him bring the Ark shouted and blew trumpets. They wanted to **celebrate what God had done!** 

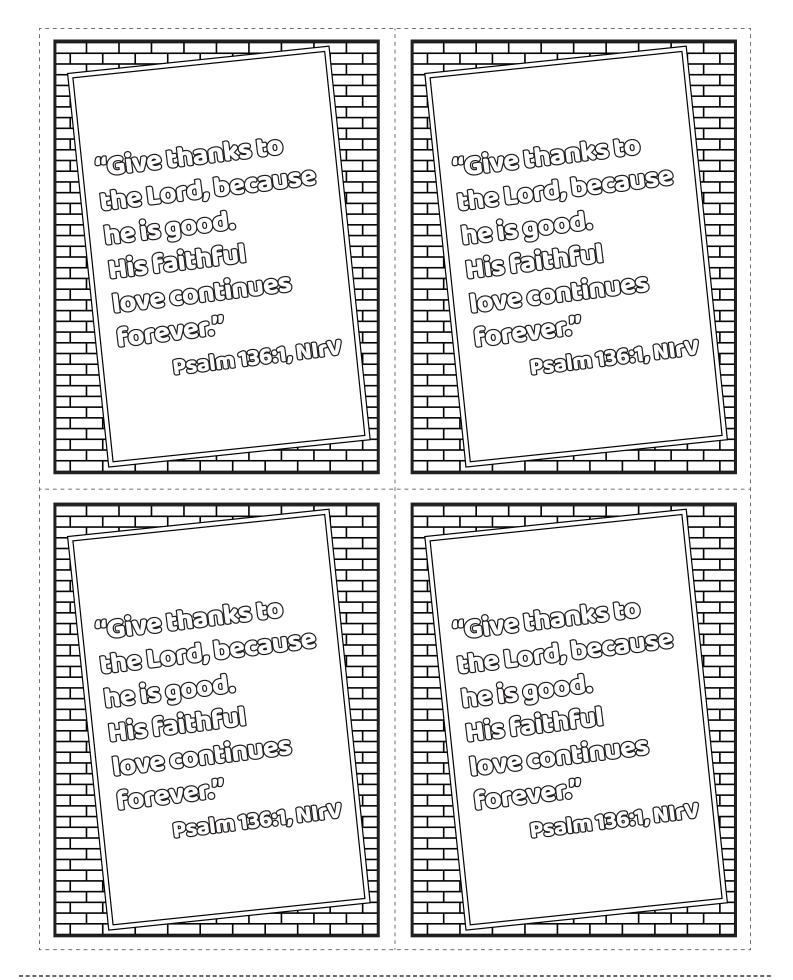
Michal watched from a window. She saw how David danced in simple linen clothing. She thought he looked silly. David continued to dance all the way to the tent he had set up where the Ark would stay. He wanted to **celebrate what God had done.** Then, David blessed the people. He gave everyone loaves of bread, date cakes, and raisin cakes. He wanted to **celebrate what God had done.** 

When David went home, Michal came out to meet him. She told him he had made a fool of himself by dancing. David said that he did it to honor God. God made him king over His people. David was grateful! He would **celebrate what God had done.** 



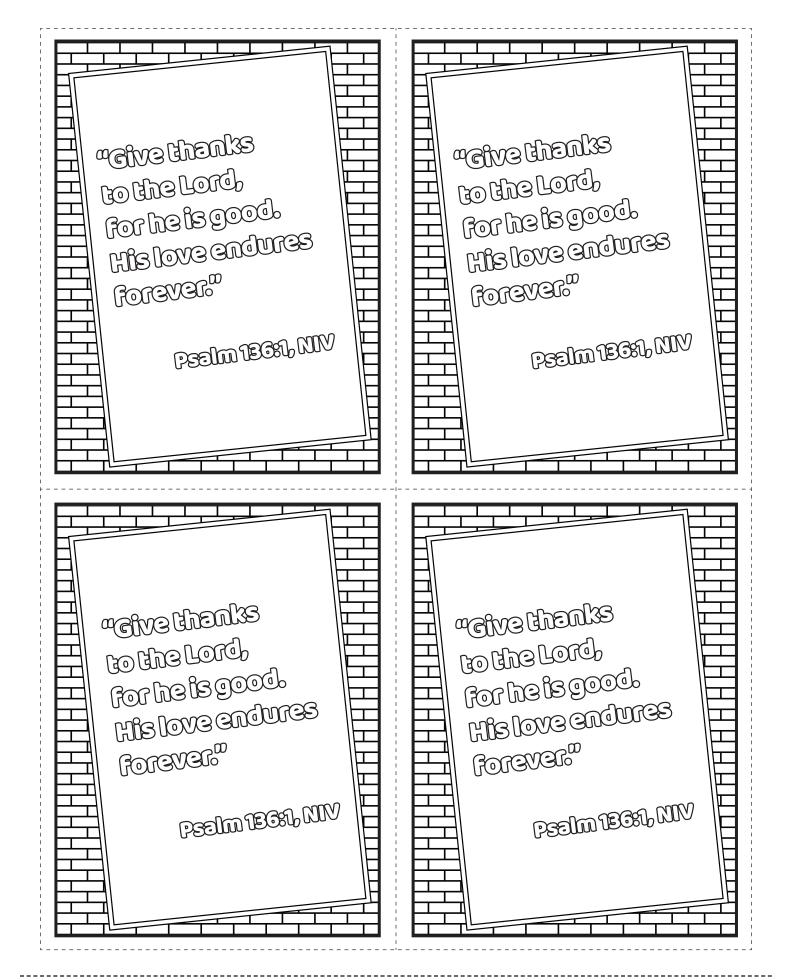
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