**Note:** Consider taking turns reading

 Consider reading from different Bible Translations

Consider underlining memory verses in your Bible

 Consider having everyone write their memory verses in a journal

 Consider keeping track of family members’ prayer requests in a journal

Please adapt these lessons for the needs of your family

**Songs of the Bible**

**Lesson 16 – David’s Psalm of Thanks**

**Start with a prayer**

**Memory Verse: 1 Chronicles 16:34 – Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

 **Lesson 16 - Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:7-36**

**Lesson 16 – Part 1 – Why the Song**

**Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:1-6**

**Comment:** The recovery of the ark of God from the Philistines took place in the fourteenth chapter and the Levites carried the ark with great jubilation, music and song in the fifteenth chapter as they brought the ark to the tent that David had pitched for the resting place of the ark of God. Now here we see David acting more as a priest than a king, with the priestly robes and doing priestly duties.

**Read: 1 Chronicles 16:1-6 and answer these questions:**

 1. How was David dressed? (See 1Chronicles 15:27)

 2. What all did David do in verses 2 and 3?

 3. What all were the Levites appointed to do?

**Something to talk about:** Who was David pointing to in his priestly role? Just think of the daunting amount of loaves of bread, dates and raisins that were given out that day! What was the reason for the food? Discuss the importance of getting the ark back.

**Next time we will look at the psalm or song!**

**Family Prayer Requests:**

**Pray:** Dear Heavenly Father, thank-you for the example of David, stepping out of his comfort zone to do the things required of him. Help us to never be ashamed to proclaim your name with music and song. In Jesus’ Name we pray and in the Power of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

**Songs of the Bible**

**Lesson 16- David’s Psalm of Thanks**

**Start with prayer**

**Review Memory Verse – 1 Chronicles 16:34**

**Lesson 16-Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:7-36**

**Lesson 16 - Part 2 – Call, Sing, Seek and Remember**

**Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:7-13**

**Comment:** We have the ark in place, the sacrifices and the meal done, it was time to minister before the ark of the Lord, to make petition, to give thanks and to praise the Lord and this is the psalm that David committed to the Levites as psalm or song of thanks to the Lord.

**Read: 1 Chronicles 16:7-13 and answer these questions:**

 1. What is to be done to all the nations?

 2. What are to be told?

 3. What are we to seek always?

**Something to talk about:** What is to be remembered? Who in this setting are told to do this? How about us, which of these things are we to do?

**Next time we will talk about the covenant to the forefathers.**

**Family Prayer Requests:**

**Pray:** Dear Heavenly Father, help us to do all these things, to call on your Name, sing songs of praise, to seek your face always and remember all that you have done for us. Help us to make your Name known to the Nations and thank-you for always being there. In Jesus’ Name we pray, and in the Power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Songs of the Bible**

**Lesson 16: David’s Psalm of Thanks**

**Start with prayer**

**Review Memory Verse – 1 Chronicles 16:34**

**Lesson 16 Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:7-35**

**Lesson 16 - Part 3 – Covenants to the Forefathers**

**Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:14-18**

**Comment:** David is speaking to the descendants of Abraham and Jacob here reminding them that the Lord is our God and that he has not forgotten the covenants and the commands he gave them and neither should they.

**Read: 1 Chronicles 16:14-18 and answer these questions:**

 1. Who do God’s judgments cover?

 2. How long does God remember?

3. What was the covenant God made to Abraham?

**Something to talk about:** Is God one to forget? Did God change his mind about the covenant with Abraham? How about us? Is God always the same?

**Next time we will look at God’s protection.**

**Family Prayer Requests:**

**Pray:** Dear Heavenly Father, thank-you for not changing your mind that you make covenants, and keep them, you are our Lord and God as well. In Jesus’ Name we pray and in the Power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Songs of the Bible**

**Lesson 16- David’s Psalm of Thanks**

**Start with prayer**

**Review Memory Verse – 1 Chronicles 16:34**

**Lesson 16-Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:7-36**

**Lesson 7 - Part 4 – Looking Back**

**Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:19-22**

**Comment:** David looks back probably all the way to Egypt when they were few in numbers and how God protected them until they were ready to settle down.

**Read: 1 Chronicles 16:19-22 and answer these questions:**

 1. Where all did they wander?

 2. How did God protect them?

 3. Who were the anointed ones?

**Something to talk about:** Here is a good time to look at the parallel Psalm 105:1-15. Why would the psalm be repeated in Psalms? Talk about a time when Christians are few in numbers.

**Next time we will talk about why God is different.**

**Family Prayer Requests:**

**Pray:** Dear Heavenly Father, thank-you for looking out for the Israelites and looking out for us today. Be with us when we as Christians are few in numbers help us to always remember all that you have done for us. In Jesus’ Name we pray, and in the Power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Songs of the Bible**

**Lesson 16: David’s Psalm of Thanks**

**Start with prayer**

**Review Memory Verse – 1 Chronicles 16:34**

**Lesson 16 Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:7-35**

**Lesson 16 - Part 5 – God is Different**

**Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:23-27**

**Comment:** We sometimes forget even today that any other god besides God Almighty is not the true God. We have so many “religions” that profess Jesus to some degree or another.

**Read: 1 Chronicles 16:23-27 and answer these questions:**

 1. What is to be proclaimed?

 2. What is to be declared?

3. What is one thing that puts God above other gods?

**Something to talk about:** What is the salvation of the Lord? Is it different for David and the Israelites back then, than for us? How is the fear of God described?

**Next time we will look at what is ascribed to God.**

**Family Prayer Requests:**

**Pray:** Dear Heavenly Father, thank-you for the splendor and majesty we see not only in this world but also in your everlasting love and faithfulness. We have a place of strength and joy to come to when our time on earth is done. In Jesus’ Name we pray and in the Power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Songs of the Bible**

**Lesson 16- David’s Psalm of Thanks**

**Start with prayer**

**Review Memory Verse – 1 Chronicles 16:34**

**Lesson 16-Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:7-36**

**Lesson 16 - Part 6 – Give to the Lord**

**Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:28-33**

**Comment:** David talks about God and how he made covenants with their ancestors, kept those promises, how God looked after them in their wanderings. David is saying that this love and dedication from the very creator of the world needs to be praised and feared, in awe and reverence, because God is different than the gods of other nations are non-living idols. The word “give” is used in another translation for the NIV word “ascribe”.

**Read: 1 Chronicles 16:28-33 and answer these questions:**

 1. What all is to be ascribed or given to God?

 2. How is God to be worshiped?

 3. What are the “let” statements?

**Something to talk about:** Whatare they saying among the nations? Do we echo the same statement? Here we again have inanimate objects personified, rejoicing, singing etc. What will make this possible?

**Next time we will talk about giving thanks.**

**Family Prayer Requests:**

**Pray:** Dear Heavenly Father, the joy will be so great when you return that the very earth and all that is in it will praise and rejoice! All glory is due your Name; help us to give that praise and glory to you. In Jesus’ Name we pray, and in the Power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Songs of the Bible**

**Lesson 16: David’s Psalm of Thanks**

**Start with prayer**

**Review Memory Verse – 1 Chronicles 16:34**

**Lesson 16 Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:7-36**

**Lesson 16 - Part 7- Praise and Thanks**

**Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:34-36**

**Comment:** We have a wonderful psalm/song here that is a praise and tribute to the Lord for who his is, what he has done as creator and sustainer of the Israelites as well as our Savior and Lord. Interestingly enough another translation has gather us and deliver us from the Gentiles instead of nations in the 35th verse!

**Read: 1 Chronicles 16:34-36 and answer these questions:**

 1. What are the reasons given to give thanks to the Lord?

 2. What are the reasons for crying out to be saved?

3. How long is God to be praised?

**Something to talk about:** Do we still have the same reasons to praise God’s name? On this side of the cross, Gentiles also have access to God and Salvation, so who or what do we need to be saved from? What did all the people say?

**Next time we will look at a song in Relvelations.**

**Family Prayer Requests:**

**Pray:** Dear Heavenly Father, thank-you for your enduring love, for gathering us together and being our Savior, from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus’ Name we pray and in the Power of the Holy Spirit. Amen