

**Year 2**

**Week 77**

### **David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem**

**Scriptures: 2 Samuel 6 and 1 Chronicles 13-16**

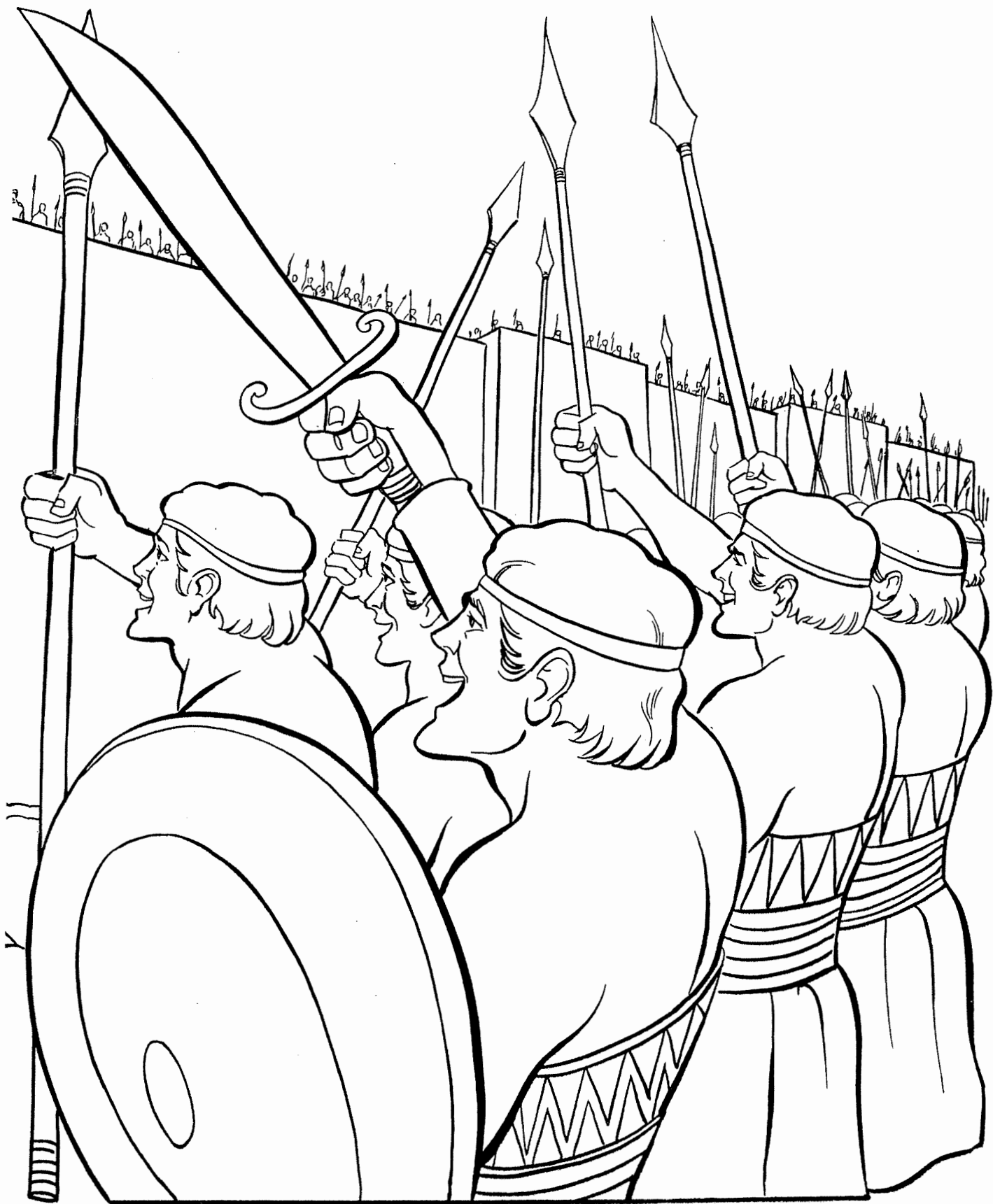
**Key Verse: 2 Samuel 6:15 “So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet”**

**Key Points:**

1. After the ark was returned from the enemy Philistines, King David decided to move it from the home of Abinidab (which was on a hill), to Jerusalem where he had erected a tent for it.
2. Instead of the ark being carried by the priests on poles as God commanded (see Numbers 4: 4-15), they placed the ark on a new cart pulled by oxen. Uzzah was instantly killed by God because he touched the ark to steady it when the ox stumbled. David was first angry, and then the fear of The Lord came over him.
3. After 3 months, the ark was properly carried by the priest with poles to Jerusalem. David and the Israelites rejoiced greatly with dancing, singing, and musical instruments offering sacrifices also. They were careful in their dedication to treat the ark as Most Holy this time.
4. Michal, David’s wife disapproved of the zealous, joyous, exuberant display which David presented as the ark returned from the Philistines to its proper place. He humbled himself by removing his regal robes down to his common linen garments to celebrate just like the rest of the people. Because of her disapproval and judgmental attitude, she was barren the rest of her life (never having any children).



David, now king of Judah, brought the Ark of God to . . .



. . . Jerusalem, and there was great joy in the city.

## **MEMORY VERSE**

2 SAMUEL 6:2

“And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, whose name is called the Name, the LORD of Hosts, who dwells between the cherubim.”

## **WHAT YOU WILL NEED:**

Small slips of paper (2”x 4”).

Enough straws for each child in your class, four bowls and masking tape.

Crayons or markers and drawing paper.

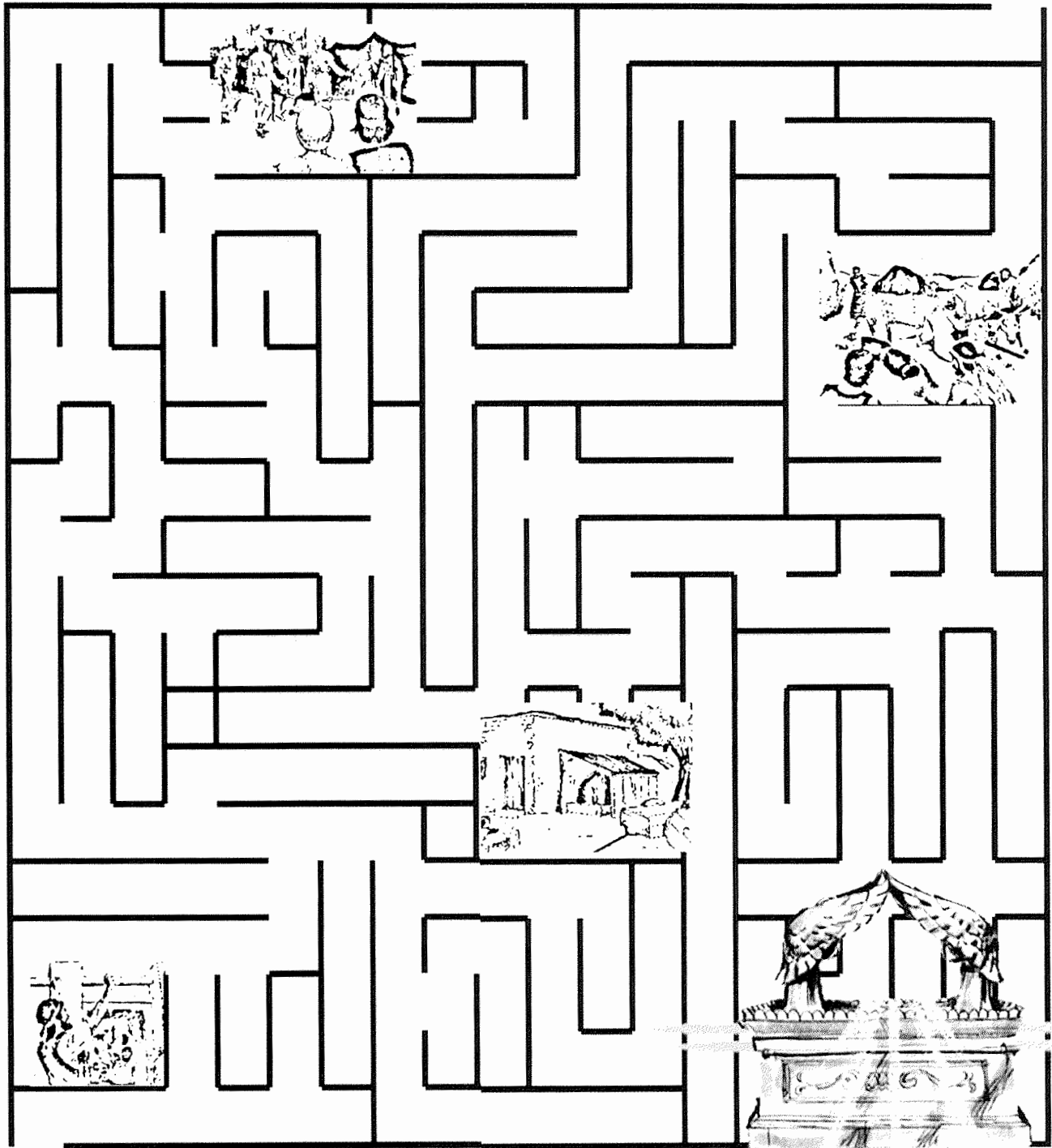
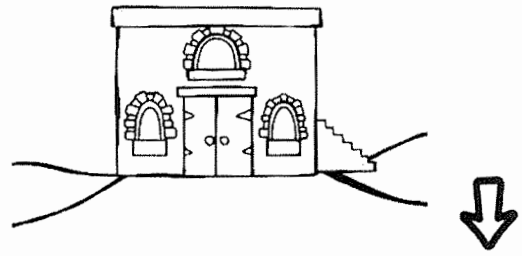
## **ATTENTION GRABBER!**

### **Memory Hop**

Prior to class write out today’s theme on small sheets of paper (one word per sheet). Do two sets. For the younger classes try shortening the theme to “Serve God the right way.” Have everyone gather together and explain to them what the theme will be for today’s lesson. Ask them to repeat the theme a couple of times.

Choose two players and have them come to the front of the class. Next tell the two children to turn around and close their eyes (No Peeking!). While they have their eyes closed distribute both sets of the words of the theme in various areas of the classroom. Then have them open their eyes and have them find the words of the theme in order. See which child can put together the theme first. This will test their memory and how well they were listening for the theme. Allow some of the other children also play. God wants us to serve Him in the right way.

# The Ark is Returned to Jerusalem



David Brings Ark to Jerusalem  
II Samuel 6; I Chronicles 13-16

**Memory Verse:**

**“Because you did not carry it the first time, the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not seek him according to the rule.” I Chron 15:13**

**Choose the best answer:**

How did David choose to move the ark of God?

- a. On the shoulders of Levites.
- b. On a cart drawn by oxen.
- c. Carried by his servants.

What happened when Uzzah reached out to steady the ark?

- a. God blessed him.
- b. He was filled with the spirit.
- c. God struck him dead.

David was afraid of the Lord, so he:

- a. Left the ark with Obed-edom.
- b. Destroyed the ark.
- c. Brought the ark to Jerusalem.

Once David saw that the house of Obed-edom was blessed, he:

- a. Had the ark carried to Jerusalem by Levites.
- b. Put the ark back on the cart to return to Jerusalem.
- c. Asked Obed-edom to continue to house the ark.

David recognized that Uzzah’s death was a result of:

- a. David’s disobedience in how the ark was carried.
- b. David’s disobedience in bringing the ark to Jerusalem.
- c. Saul’s disobedience in the matter of the Amelikites.

David had the ark placed in a:

- a. Temple.
- b. House.
- c. Tent.

**Answer the following question in your own words.**

David may have been trying to do what was right, but because he did not follow the commandments of God, Uzzah lost his life. Think of a time when you may be tempted to only do part of what God has commanded, or to do something God has commanded but to do it in a way other than what God desires. How can we use the tools God has given us to avoid making the same mistake as David?