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Teacher Notes and Tips for Teaching 2 Samuel 6 to Elementary Students

Objective:

- Help students understand the story of King David bringing the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem and the significance of worship, joy, and obedience to God.

Pacing Suggestions:

- Introduction (5 minutes): Begin with a short discussion about who King David was and the importance of the Ark of the Covenant.
- Storytelling (10 minutes): Narrate the story vividly, focusing on major events, including David's dance and Michal's response.
- Discussion (10 minutes): Engage students in a conversation about the events, emphasizing the moral lessons.
- Activity (10 minutes): Conduct a simple craft or role-play activity.
- Conclusion (5 minutes): Recap key points and encourage students to reflect on the story.

Explaining Difficult Concepts:

1. Ark of the Covenant:

- Explain it as a special box made to represent God's presence, like how some objects remind us of something important.

2. David's Dance:

- Describe it as a joyful celebration to thank God, similar to how people celebrate when they are very happy.

3. Michal's Disapproval:

- Discuss Michal's response as a way of showing that not everyone understands how others choose to express their happiness or faith.

4. Holiness and Reverence:

- Simplify the concept by discussing respect and how we show special things in our lives extra care, just like how the Ark was treated.

Guidance for Managing Student Engagement:

- Interactive Storytelling: Use props or visuals like a toy chest to represent the Ark, and encourage students to engage physically by mimicking the dance.
- Question and Answer: Prompt students with open-ended questions about how they show happiness and celebrate, drawing parallels to David.
- Creative Activity:
 - Craft: Provide materials for students to create a small "Ark" using paper and decorations.
 - Role-play: Have students act out parts of the story, especially the procession and dance.
- Peer Sharing: Pair up students to discuss what they learned and how they might express joy like David.

- Reflection Time: Encourage students to think about something or someone special to them and how they show importance or celebrate.

Conclusion:

Wrap up by reiterating that the story of David shows us the importance of celebrating our faith joyfully and respecting things that are important to us. Encourage students to dance and show joy in their daily lives, just like David.