

SABBATH SCHOOL

Preteen Sabbath Instruction Program — Teacher's Outline

Level K • Unit 2 • Week 3

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH SONG

OBJECTIVE:

To teach children to worship God through music and singing. There are many songs in the Bible and stories about singing and dancing. The children will learn that like most people today, God's people in the Bible loved music and that music is a way in which we can talk to God.

ATTENTION GETTER:

- Do:** As children come in to class, have a musical tape playing. It can be a church hymn or possibly a children's choir tape. If you don't have a tape to play, have the children sing a simple song along with you, possibly with clapping hands to keep a beat. If you have an instrument, similar to those in the Bible, play it along with the music.
- Ask:** Do you like music? How does music make you feel?
- Say:** Yes, we do like music and it makes us feel good.
- Ask:** Do you think God likes to listen to us when we sing and play music?
- Say:** Yes, and today we will learn what the Bible tells us about music.
- Ask:** Have any of you ever played a musical instrument? Can you name any instruments listed in the Bible?
- Do:** Show pictures of musical instruments. If possible, show pictures of those listed in the Bible such as harp, horn, flute or timbrel.
- Say:** Remember when the Israelites left Egypt and crossed the Red Sea? They were very happy and thankful to God. The Bible tells us about the Israelites singing a song to God giving thanks to Him. It also tells us about Miriam, the sister of Moses and Aaron, lead-

ing the ladies with timbrels (show a picture or explain that it is like a tambourine) in their hands, dancing and singing. They were happy and they wanted to thank God with music. The Bible tells us about many people who sang songs and played instruments to worship God. Let's learn more about how we can worship God with music.

BIBLE LESSON:

- Do:** Read from a children's Bible or tell in your own words the story of Saul and King David from 1 Samuel 16:14-23.
- Ask:** Why did King Saul want someone to play music for him? What did David use to make music? How did the music make Saul feel after he heard the music David played?
- Say:** Saul felt very sad and then he called for David. When David played his harp, his beautiful music helped Saul to feel better.
- King David loved music. David played a harp and sang many songs to God. Many of his songs are written in the Bible, and we sing them today.
- Do:** Open the Bible and show the book of Psalms. Tell them that many of the psalms, or songs, were written by David.
- Say:** People in the Bible are much like us today. They sang at the temple, at weddings, even when they won a battle. They loved to dance and play musical instruments. Instruments were different from the ones we play now. One of the first ones mentioned in the Bible is the harp. It was a wooden frame, almost like a triangle, with strings stretched between the wood. David learned to play the harp while watching his father's sheep.
- Do:** Read Psalm 150.
- Ask:** This psalm was written to praise God. What instruments were used to praise God?
- Do:** Read Psalm 98:4-6. What does this psalm tell us to do?
- Say:** Yes, it tells us to sing praises with our voices and to use different instruments. We are to make a joyful noise. King David played music and sang when he was happy and thankful and when he was sad. We can sing just like David did.
- Ask:** When do we sing praises to God?
- Do:** Open a hymnal and read a hymn that the children are familiar with, such as "Hallelujah Praise God," Psalm 146 (page 47) or "O Come and Let Us Worship Him," Psalm 95:1-7 (page 1). If possible, have the song leader close with the hymn you choose.

Say: We can sing just like King David did.

LESSON APPLICATION:

Do: Read again Psalm 98:4-6.

Say: Today we will make an instrument to rejoice with.

Do: Choose one or more of the following instruments for the children to make. This will depend upon the time available and the materials you have.

1. Tambourine

Materials: Chinet (or similar brand) lunch or snack plates
Paper hole punch
Yarn or ribbon
Bells with loops (available in craft stores) (6 to 8 for each student)
Crayons or markers

Preparation: Punch 6 to 8 holes in the edge of the plates
Cut pieces of yarn or ribbon (about 3 inches long)
Thread yarn or ribbon through the bell loops

In class: Children begin by decorating their plate. They then thread the pieces of yarn with bells through the holes. They may need help tying knots.

2. Harp

Materials: 8-inch square pieces of heavy cardboard
Large rubber bands (6 per child)
Small, round dowels or heavy plastic drinking straws
Scissors
Stapler

Preparation: Make six 1/4-inch slits in the two opposite edges of the cardboard.

In class: Help the children place six rubber bands into the slits prepared ahead. Have them slide a drinking straw or dowel under the rubber bands, in the middle of the board.

3. Maraca

Materials: Paper lunch bags
Rice or beans
Yarn or ribbon
Crayons or markers

In class: Children begin by decorating their bag while it is flat. Then add a handful of rice or beans, tightly twist the bag opening, and tie yarn or ribbon around the twisted neck of the bag to hold it closed. This end becomes the handle for shaking.

Music:

Sing to the tune of Barney's "I Love You."

God loves you,
God loves me,
We're all in God's family.
We can sing and shout, "Our God is good,"
And love our God the way we should.

For a second verse, change the last line to "And love each other the way we should."

While the children are singing the song, they can play the instruments they made earlier.

MEMORY VERSE:

Psalm 95:1 "Oh come, let us sing to the LORD!"

family activity

THE POINT:

We can worship God through music and singing. There are many examples in the Bible. Your child learned about David and Saul. They learned that David wrote many of the songs in the book of Psalms. God likes music.

ASK ME...

Why did King Saul want David to play for him?

What instrument did David play?

Why do we sing praises to God?

FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:

If your child is familiar with Barney's "I Love You," sing the following words to the tune.

God loves you,
God loves me,
We're all in God's family.
We can sing and shout, "Our God is good,"
And love our God the way we should.

For a second verse, change the last line to: "And love each other the way we should."

You can also play some good music and talk about the different instruments used.

MEMORY VERSE:

Psalms 95:1 "Oh come, let us sing to the LORD!"