

Music

Recommended Songs and Activities for 'Numbers 9' – Cloud and Fire

Song: "Follow the Cloud"

Paraphrased Lyrics:

Verse 1:

When the cloud moved, the people would go,
Following God's plan, they'd be in the know.
By day or by night, the cloud in the sky,
Showed them it's time to pack up and try.

Chorus:

Follow the cloud, follow the light,
God led his people through day and night.
Step by step, they didn't fear,
God was with them, always near.

Suggested Actions:

- Verse 1: Point to the sky, mimic packing a bag, and pretend to march.
- Chorus: Walk in place, look left and right, make an outline of a cloud with your hands.

Connection to Lesson:

This song emphasizes trust and obedience, teaching children that God leads and we should follow, just like the Israelites followed the cloud.

Song: "Fire by Night"

Paraphrased Lyrics:

Verse:

God lit up the sky with a flame so bright,
To guide His people safely through the night.
They trusted in His fire to lead the way,
Keeping them safe till the break of day.

Chorus:

Fire by night, cloud by day,
God's guiding us, come what may.
We walk with Him in heart and soul,
His love and light make us whole.

Suggested Actions:

- Verse: Wave fingers upward like flames, hands shielding eyes scoping the landscape.
- Chorus: March forward confidently, hug arms as in comfort.

Connection to Lesson:

The song reinforces the idea of God's protection and guidance. Children learn that God is a constant presence, guiding them even in the darkest times.

Worship Activity: "Cloud and Fire Journey"

Objective: To simulate the experience of following the cloud and fire.

Materials:

- Large pieces of white and orange fabric for cloud and fire.
- Tape to mark start and finish lines.
- Open space for movement.

Activity Steps:

1. Divide the class into two groups: "Cloud Travelers" and "Fire Travelers."
2. Use the white fabric to represent the cloud and the orange for the fire. Hold them up high.
3. "Cloud Travelers" follow the cloud as it moves around the room. "Fire Travelers" follow the fire.
4. Take turns being the cloud/fire leaders who decide where to move next.
5. Discuss how it feels to follow and trust without knowing the destination.

Connection to Lesson:

The activity helps children embody the experience of the Israelites, fostering a deeper understanding of faith and trusting God's guidance.