

Music

Song Recommendation: "We're Spies for the Lord!"

Paraphrased Lyrics:

(Verse 1)

Twelve were sent to the Promised Land,
Eyes wide with wonder and a plan.
They spied the grapes, the milk, the honey,
But some were worried, oh so funny!

(Chorus)

But Joshua and Caleb said, "We can do this!
Trust in the Lord, for He won't miss!"
Giant or not, we are brave and bold,
With God on our side, the story's told!

(Verse 2)

Ten were scared of the giants tall,
But two knew God could handle all.
They whispered, "Let's move ahead,
For God's promises are not dead!"

Suggested Actions:

- Verse 1:

Act like spies sneaking around cautiously.
Show eyes wide by opening your hands near your face.

- Chorus:

Flex muscles to show bravery.
Point upwards when mentioning God.
Clap on the words "brave and bold."

- Verse 2:

Pretend to tremble with fear for the first two lines.
Show whispering actions and marching ahead for the final lines.

Connection to Lesson:

This song helps children connect with the story in Numbers 13 by focusing on the bravery and faith of Joshua and Caleb. The actions reinforce the message that fear can be overcome with trust in God. Through singing and movement, students can engage physically and emotionally with the narrative, making the lesson memorable.

Worship Activity: "Promised Land Journey"

Setup:

- Create a simple obstacle course representing different elements of the journey (e.g., a small space for 'crossing rivers,' a wall of chairs for 'giants,' etc.).

- Have stations where students can collect 'fruit' (grape-shaped cutouts) as they make their way through the course.

Instructions:

1. Divide students into groups, assigning them the role of either Joshua and Caleb or the other ten spies.
2. Have each group navigate the course while considering their character's perspective.
3. Discuss how the groups felt acting out their roles and relate it to the importance of having faith in God like Joshua and Caleb.

Connection to Lesson:

This interactive activity helps children experience what it might have felt like to be a spy. By physically moving through challenges, they better understand the obstacles the Israelites faced and learn the lesson of trusting in God's promises.