

Music

Song Recommendations

1. "Obedience" by Cedarhurst Kids

- Lyrics Summary: The song talks about the importance of obeying right away and joyfully because obedience is the very best way to show that you believe.
- Suggested Actions:
 - Clap hands to the beat to emphasize words like "obey" and "believe."
 - Use thumbs up for "right away" and "joyfully" to reinforce positive actions.
- Connection to Lesson: This song connects to the parable's teaching about the importance of actually doing what is right, rather than just saying it.

2. "The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock"

- Lyrics Summary: While not directly from Matthew 21, this song emphasizes the importance of making wise choices and taking action, paralleling the message of the two sons.
- Suggested Actions:
 - Mimic building actions and rain motions.
 - Use hand gestures for the rock (fist pounding into open palm) and for the house (fingers forming a roof).
- Connection to Lesson: Reinforces doing as Jesus teaches (building on the rock) rather than just ignoring His words (sand).

Worship Activities

1. Role-Playing the Parable

- Activity Description: Have students act out the parable. Assign roles for the Father, the first son, and the second son.
- Purpose: Helps students understand the heart of the story—saying versus doing.
- Connection to Lesson: Engages students in the narrative and clarifies the message about actions reflecting true intentions.

2. Discussion and Craft: Two Paths

- Activity Description: Have students draw two paths on a piece of paper—one representing saying "yes" but not acting, and the other saying "no" but later doing what's right. Decorate the paths with characteristics or actions that represent them.
- Purpose: Visualizes the choices we make and the importance of following through with good actions.
- Connection to Lesson: Illustrates physically how actions matter more than words, akin to the two sons' choices.

Summary

Through songs and activities, students can learn the importance of sincere actions over mere words, resonating with the teaching in Matthew 21:28-32. These interactive methods reinforce the lesson that actions reflect true belief and commitment to following Christ's teachings.