

# Music

Lesson Theme: Counting and God's Faithfulness

Song Recommendations:

1. Song: "Count Your Blessings"

- Paraphrase of Lyrics:

- Instead of listing traditional blessings, incorporate details from Numbers 26: mention God's faithfulness in keeping His promises to the Israelites, and encourage counting God's blessings like the Israelites were counted.

- Suggested Actions:

- For "count your blessings," have students use their fingers to pretend to count.

- For each blessing mentioned, encourage a clap, jump, or other simple movement.

- Connection to the Lesson: Emphasizes gratitude and awareness of God's work in our lives, much like how God had a plan and purpose for each tribe mentioned in Numbers 26.

2. Song: "God Knows My Name" by Tommy Walker

- Paraphrase of Lyrics:

- Highlight that every individual tribe and person was counted because God knows and values each one.

- Suggested Actions:

- Encourage students to point to themselves when singing "my name."

- Use hand gestures to simulate writing or a scroll for the list of names.

- Connection to the Lesson: Just as God was deeply involved with the Israelites, He cares for and knows each of us by name.

3. Song: "Every Move I Make" by David Ruis

- Paraphrase of Lyrics:

- Focus on God's presence and guidance through the Israelites' journey.

- Suggested Actions:

- Use "waves" and "moves" hand gestures to visualize the Israelites moving through the desert.

- "Making ways" could lead students to walk in place or lead an imaginary line.

- Connection to the Lesson: Highlights faith in God's guidance, similar to the faith and dedication seen in Numbers 26 as the Israelites prepare.

Worship Activity:

Activity: "Tribe Group Counting"

- Divide students into groups, each representing a different tribe from the chapter.

- Have each group come up with a number-related fact or detail about "their tribe" based on the chapter context.

- Play a musical number game: each time music stops, the group forms a coordinated shape or design representing their "tribe."

Connection to the Lesson:

- Engages students in understanding the purpose of counting and organizing the tribes, emphasizing unity and purpose.

- Encourages connection as part of a greater community, mirroring how God counted and cared for every tribe and person in Israel's history.

These activities and songs are designed to be interactive, helping children understand the idea of counting as a sign of God's faithfulness and plan for His people.