

Music

Song Recommendation: "The Blessing" (Children's Version)

Lyrics Paraphrase:

May the Lord bless you and protect you.

May the face of God shine on you and with you.

May the Lord show you His favor and bring you peace.

(Amen, Amen, Amen)

Suggested Actions:

- "Bless you" - Kids can open their arms wide as if giving a big hug.
- "Protect you" - Pretend to put on a strong, protective shield.
- "Shine on you" - Raise arms and wiggle fingers, like sunshine rays.
- "Bring you peace" - Hands over heart with a relaxed face.

Connection to Lesson:

This song is based on Numbers 6:24-26, known as the Priestly Blessing. It's a beautiful, simple way for children to learn about God's care and love for them. Through song and movement, children engage with the idea that God is always watching over them, blessing them, and bringing them peace.

Worship Activity: "Blessing Banner" Craft

Objective:

Create a banner that illustrates Numbers 6:24-26.

Materials Needed:

- Large paper or fabric
- Markers, crayons, or fabric paints
- Glitter, stickers, decorative elements
- String or dowels

Instructions:

1. Write "May the Lord Bless You and Keep You" at the top of the banner.
2. Divide the banner into three sections:
 - Section 1: Draw a sun with rays (God's face shining).
 - Section 2: Draw a shield or hands holding a heart (protection and love).
 - Section 3: Draw a calm scene, like a sunset or doves (peace).
3. Decorate each section with stickers and glitter.
4. Display the banners in the classroom or take them home.

Connection to Lesson:

This craft allows children to visualize and personalize the Priestly Blessing. As they create their art, discuss how these blessings (protection, favor, and peace) show different ways God cares for us.

Interactive Storytelling: "Blessing Scenarios"

Objective:

Explore real-life applications of the blessing in Numbers 6:24-26.

Activity:

Divide students into small groups. Provide each group with a scenario where they imagine giving or receiving a blessing.

Example Scenarios:

- A friend is feeling sad at school.
- Your sibling is sick at home.
- A family member is going on a trip.

Have each group act out their scenario and share how they could give or receive the blessing of protection, favor, or peace.

Connection to Lesson:

This activity helps children see how God's blessings can be shared in everyday life, encouraging empathy and kindness. Engaging in role-play helps them understand how to be a blessing to others.