

# Music

## Song Recommendation:

### 1. "Feast of Joy" (Original Song)

#### Lyrics/Paraphrase:

- Verse: "We gather together, to honor the Lord, remembering His blessings and His Word."
- Chorus: "Celebrate the days of joy, with thankful hearts and lifted voice. God's love and grace, we rejoice!"

#### Suggested Actions:

- Verse: Use hand motions to mimic gathering (arms wide as if hugging) and looking up (hands shading eyes).
- Chorus: Clap hands in rhythm; during "thankful hearts," place hands over chest; during "lifted voice," raise hands upward.

#### Connection to Lesson:

- The song reflects the themes of gathering and celebration found in Deuteronomy 16, especially regarding the feasts and coming together in remembrance and joy.

### 2. "Celebrate His Blessings"

#### Lyrics/Paraphrase:

- Verse: "Three times a year we make our way, to give thanks and sing and pray. For all the blessings God provides, we stand in awe by His side."
- Chorus: "Let's worship, let's praise, create a joyful sound. With gratitude and cheer, our hearts are heaven-bound."

#### Suggested Actions:

- Verse: March in place to simulate the journey; for "give thanks," place hands in prayer position.
- Chorus: Create a "joyful sound" by shaking rhythm instruments or clapping; end with reaching hands toward the sky.

#### Connection to Lesson:

- Emphasizes the importance of the three pilgrimage festivals mentioned in Deuteronomy 16, as moments to give thanks and come together in worship.

## Worship Activities:

### 1. Feast Celebration Role-Play:

- Children can recreate the Feast of Booths (Sukkot) using simple props like blankets and branches to make mini shelters. Discuss how the Israelites remembered wandering in the desert and how God provided for them.

### 2. Thanksgiving Circle:

- Form a circle and pass around a "gratitude beanbag." Each child, when holding the bag, names something they are thankful for. Discuss how Deuteronomy 16 emphasizes gratitude during the feasts.

### 3. Memory Verse and Movement:

- Choose a key verse from Deuteronomy 16 and create simple hand motions to help memorize it. Recite it together as a closing prayer or declaration.

These activities and songs aim to engage children actively and help them connect with the scriptural themes of gratitude, community, and worship highlighted in Deuteronomy 16.