

# Music

Song Recommendation: "Bring an Offering" (Paraphrased Version)

Song Paraphrase:

(Verse 1)

We come before you, God so great,  
With thankful hearts and gifts to share.  
We lift our voices, celebrate,  
Your love and blessings everywhere.

(Chorus)

Bring an offering, of joy and praise,  
To the Lord who blesses all our days.  
With grateful hearts, we sing and bring,  
An offering to our God, our King.

(Verse 2)

For all you give us every day,  
Our homes, our food, our family,  
We come with gifts, a song to say,  
Thank you, Lord, for loving me.

Suggested Actions:

- During the chorus, have the children raise their hands in the air waving imaginary gifts, symbolizing offerings of joy and gratitude.
- Encourage children to hug themselves on "for loving me," to signify God's love.

Connection to the Lesson:

- In Deuteronomy 26, the Israelites are instructed to bring their first fruits and offerings as a way of showing gratitude to God for the land and the many blessings He provided.
- This song helps children connect with the idea of gratitude and offering thanks to God through both words and actions, much like the Israelites did with their first fruits.

Worship Activity: "Create a Thank You Box"

Materials Needed:

- A small box (a shoe box works well)
- Construction paper and markers
- Stickers and decorative items

Instructions:

- Provide each child with a box and decorating materials.
- Ask them to decorate their box and label it "Thank You Box."
- Instruct the children to write or draw things they are thankful for on pieces of paper and place them in their box.
- Encourage the children to bring their Thank You Box to a special place or during prayer time at the end of the week to offer their gratitude to God.

Connection to the Lesson:

- This activity mirrors the practice of Israelites offering first fruits by helping children tangibly express gratitude and reflect on their blessings, teaching them the importance of thankfulness, a key theme of Deuteronomy 26.