

Music

Songs and Worship Activities for "Deuteronomy 30" for Elementary Students

Song Recommendation 1: "Choose Life"

Lyrics Summary:

- Paraphrased Chorus: "Choose life and love, walk in His way. Follow Him each and every day. Blessings will come as you obey. Choose life, choose His way today."

Suggested Actions:

- "Choose life": Make a heart shape with hands.
- "Walk in His way": March in place.
- "Blessings will come": Open arms wide as if receiving something.
- "Obey": Salute gently with a smile.

Connection to Lesson:

- This song reinforces the core message of Deuteronomy 30 about choosing life and blessings by following God's path. The actions help solidify the idea of making active, positive choices.

Song Recommendation 2: "Walk in His Commands"

Lyrics Summary:

- Paraphrased Verse: "Listen to His words, they're a guiding light. In His commands, find strength and might. Keep them close all day and night. They lead you to what is right."

Suggested Actions:

- "Listen to His words": Cup hand to ear.
- "Guiding light": Point upward as if reaching for a star.
- "Strength and might": Flex arms to show strength.
- "Lead you": Hold an imaginary map and point ahead.

Connection to Lesson:

- Highlights the importance of listening and obeying God's commands, as emphasized in Deuteronomy 30. The actions allow children to express understanding and readiness to follow God's guidance.

Worship Activity: "Life Choices Relay"

Instructions:

1. Set up a course with two paths marked by colored tape or ropes.
2. Label one path "Life" with positive signs/pictures and the other "Destruction" with warning signs.
3. As children go through the relay, they must make choices at various intersections, selecting between "Life" (such as helping a friend) or "Destruction" (such as fighting).
4. Discuss the outcomes of each choice along the paths, emphasizing the Bible's message of choosing blessings by living God's way.

Connection to Lesson:

- This activity visually and physically demonstrates the concept of choices and consequences laid out in Deuteronomy 30. It encourages reflection on real-life decisions in alignment with God's teachings.

Song Recommendation 3: "The Promise of Blessings"

Lyrics Summary:

- Paraphrased Chorus: "Blessed are you when your heart's aligned, following God's plan and His design. Blessings today and for all time, raising His name high."

Suggested Actions:

- "Blessed are you": Hug yourself or another gently, suggesting happiness.
- "God's plan": Point skyward.
- "Raising His name high": Lift arms above the head in praise.

Connection to Lesson:

- Emphasizes the blessings that come from aligning with God's will, as described in Deuteronomy 30. It reassures children of God's promises when they follow His guidance.

These songs and activities are crafted to help elementary students internalize the lessons of Deuteronomy 30 by engaging them with music, movement, and interactive learning.