Music

Songs for Joshua 1

1. "Be Strong and Courageous"
- Lyrics/Paraphrase:
- "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid, for the Lord your God is with you every step."

- Suggested Actions:
- Flex muscles when singing "strong".
- Pretend to march in place for "every step".
- Point upward for "the Lord your God is with you".

- Connection to Lesson: This teaches the central theme of Joshua 1, highlighting God's command to Joshua to be brave as he leads the Israelites.

2. "Wherever You Go"
- Lyrics/Paraphrase:
- "Wherever you go, God's with you, leading the way and making you strong."

- Suggested Actions:
- Use arms to make a path during "leading the way".
- Pretend to hold a torch when singing "making you strong".

- Connection to Lesson: Reinforces the promise of God's presence and guidance, just as He promised Joshua.

Worship Activities

1. Memory Verse Relay
- Activity: Split students into teams. Place words from Joshua 1:9 on index cards. Teams race to put the verse in order.
- Connection: Helps kids memorize and internalize the verse about being strong and courageous.

2. Joshua’s Adventure Path
- Activity: Create an obstacle course that simulates crossing the Jordan River. Use stepping stones, rope bridges, etc.
- Connection: Reinforces the challenges Joshua faced and the strength he needed to exhibit.

3. Encouragement Shield Craft
- Activity: Students create a shield with words like "courage", "strength", and "faithfulness", referencing God's command to Joshua.
- Connection: Symbolizes God as their protector and the shield of faith in our lives.

These activities and songs will help elementary students engage with and understand the message of Joshua 1 through music and interactive learning.