Music

Songs:

1. "God is Our Refuge"

- Paraphrase/Lyrics Idea: Sing about God being a place of safety and refuge, similar to the cities of refuge described in Joshua 20. Highlight that God is like a strong fortress where we are protected.

- Suggested Actions: Have the students act as if they are running to a safe place, then pretend to enter and close the doors snugly, showing relief and safety.

- Connection to Lesson: Emphasize that just as the cities of refuge provided safety for people in ancient times, God is always our refuge and strength.

2. "Run to You, God"

- Paraphrase/Lyrics Idea: Write about the idea of turning to God when in trouble, inspired by the fleeing to a city of refuge. Include lines like "When I am afraid, I run to You, You cover me and make me new."

- Suggested Actions: Encourage kids to make running motions with their arms and "hug" themselves when they sing about God covering them.

- Connection to Lesson: This activity relates to the concept of seeking God's protection, akin to finding safety within the city boundaries.

Worship Activities:

1. City of Refuge Simulation

- Activity: Set up stations around the room to represent cities of refuge. Describe scenarios where students pretend they must find shelter and decide which station to run to.

- Purpose: Helps students understand the role of refuge cities in providing peace and safety, relating it to finding comfort in God.

2. Craft: A Refuge Poster

- Activity: Provide materials for kids to draw or paste images of places that make them feel safe. Include a caption with "God is My Refuge."

- Purpose: Allows students to visualize personal places of refuge, reinforcing God’s role as a spiritual refuge.

3. Short Drama Presentation

- Activity: Set up a simple drama where one student acts needing refuge, others represent the city gates, allowing the seeker in and celebrating their safety.

- Purpose: Engages children with the story of cities of refuge through creativity and dramatization.

Music Connection:
Through these musical activities and songs, students can better understand Joshua 20 by connecting the ancient practice of seeking refuge to their own lives, underlining that just like those cities, God is a personal refuge for each of them.