Music

Songs and Worship Activities for Joshua 23

Song Recommendation: "Be Strong and Courageous"

- Paraphrase Lyrics:
Verse: "Be strong, be brave, for the Lord is with you. When you walk in His way, He will see you through."
Chorus: "Keep His commandments, follow His way. Trust in His promises every day."

- Suggested Actions:
- March in place during the verse to symbolize walking in God's way.
- Reach out both hands forward on "Trust in His promises" to represent reaching for God's guidance.
- Make strong arm poses during "Be strong" parts.

- Connection to Joshua 23:
The song encourages students to be brave and follow God's commandments, echoing Joshua's instructions to the leaders of Israel to hold firm to God's law and rely on His strength and support.

Worship Activity: "Commandment Relay"

- Activity Outline:
1. Divide the students into small groups.
2. Create stations that each represent different aspects of God's commandments.
3. Each station involves a small task or puzzle linked to a commandment (e.g., a matching game with pictures of acts of kindness).

- Connection to Joshua 23:
This activity reinforces the importance of keeping God's commandments, similar to Joshua's farewell address, where he urged the leaders to remain faithful to God.

Discussion Points:

1. Who Joshua Was:
Explain to the children that Joshua was a leader who helped the Israelites follow God's path.

2. Following God’s Way:
Discuss how Joshua reminded everyone to love God and stay committed to His teachings.

3. Being Strong and Courageous:
Talk about real-life scenarios where students need to be strong, like standing up for what’s right or speaking kindly to others.

These activities and songs help elementary students grasp Joshua 23's themes of obedience, strength, courage, and faithfulness.