Music

Songs for Judges 9

1. "Fruits of the Spirit" Song
- Connection: This song introduces children to the concept of living according to the qualities that God desires, contrasting with Abimelech's actions.
- Suggested Actions: Use hand gestures representing each fruit of the Spirit (e.g., forming a heart shape for love, a wide smile for joy).
- Paraphrase: Explore how God's qualities can be lived out and lead to a more joyful community, unlike the division seen in Judges 9.

2. "The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock"
- Connection: Relates to the idea of building a life on strong, godly principles versus the disastrous outcome of Abimelech's rule.
- Suggested Actions: Mimic building motions and actions for the rains and floods with your hands.
- Paraphrase: Focuses on making wise choices that withstand life's trials, opposite to Abimelech's poor leadership.

3. "Obey God’s Command"
- Suggested Actions: Marching in place, thumbs up in the air for obedience, and hands covering ears for refusing to listen to bad advice.
- Connection: Highlights the importance of obedience to God's will, showing the negative consequences when leaders, like Abimelech, don't choose God.

Worship Activities

1. Role-playing Skit
- Kids can perform a simplified skit acting out major events from Judges 9, emphasizing the consequences of Abimelech's choices.
- Afterward, hold a discussion on what they learned about leadership and making Godly choices.

2. Craft: Building Strong Foundations
- Provide blocks (or use building blocks) where kids draw or write down qualities of a good leader. Discuss why these traits matter, comparing to Abimelech's actions.

3. Prayer Circle
- Focus the prayer time on asking for wisdom and discernment to make good decisions, especially regarding leadership roles they might have in their own lives.

These activities and songs aim to convey the importance of godly leadership and making choices that align with God's will, providing a strong contrast to Abimelech's story in Judges 9.