

Music

Song Recommendations

"God's Word is Our Guide" (Paraphrased Song)

- Lyrics/Concept:
- Verse 1: "In the days of the Judges, God's people would stray, they fought many battles, but God showed the way."
- Chorus: "God's word is our guide, through battles and peace, we'll follow Him always, His love will never cease."
- Suggested Actions:
- Marching in place during "fought many battles"
- Open palms while singing "God's word is our guide"
- Hug yourself during "His love will never cease"

"Stand Strong with Faith"

- Lyrics/Concept:
- Verse 1: "Even in the trials, we stand with our God, He gives us the strength to go against all odds."
- Chorus: "Stand strong, stand strong, in faith and in love, with His guidance from above."
- Suggested Actions:
- Stand tall during "Stand strong, stand strong"
- Gesture upward when singing "from above"
- Join hands with classmates for "in faith and in love"

Worship Activities

Bible Story Drama

- Activity: Dramatize the story of the conflict between Jephthah and the Ephraimites (Judges 12:1-7).
- Suggested Actions:
- Assign roles: Jephthah, Ephraimites, Gileadites
- Pretend dialogue as a conflict and resolution using simple props like cardboard shields or paper crowns
- Connection to Lesson: Discuss the importance of understanding and seeking God's wisdom before acting in conflict.

Craft Activity: Peace Shields

- Activity: Create "peace shields" using paper plates and markers.
- Directions: Draw or write things that represent peace, like doves, hearts, or the word "peace."
- Connection to Lesson: Talk about how we can be peacemakers even when there is disagreement, just like how Jephthah sought resolution.

Closing Reflection

Encourage the children to share one lesson they learned from the story of Judges 12 and how they can practice kindness and understanding in their daily interactions.