Music

Worship Songs and Activities for Judges 19

Due to the mature content of Judges 19, it's important to focus on themes that are appropriate for elementary students. Here are a couple of generalized suggestions that emphasize kindness, hospitality, and making good choices:

Song: "Love One Another"

Lyrics Paraphrase:

- "Jesus taught us to love each other, every day and everywhere."
- "Help a friend and be kind to others, show God's love and always care."

Suggested Actions:

- Form a circle and hold hands while singing.
- Use signing for words like "love," "friend," and "help" to engage the children.
- Encourage students to share a hug or high-five with their neighbor at the end.

Connection to Lesson:

While Judges 19 includes difficult themes, focus discussions on the importance of loving our neighbors and treating others with kindness and respect. Discuss how each student can demonstrate this love in their home, school, and community.

Song: "Be the Light"

Lyrics Paraphrase:

- "Be the light in the darkness, show the way to those lost."
- "Share the joy and spread God's kindness, lead others to the cross."

Suggested Actions:

- Give each student a small battery-operated candle or flashlight.
- Encourage them to raise the light at parts of the song that mention being a light.
- At the end of the song, ask them to make a 'light' gesture by opening their arms wide.

Connection to Lesson:

Emphasize the power of being a positive influence in challenging situations. Encourage students to talk about how they can be a light in their own communities, focusing on spreading love and kindness.

Activity: "Acts of Kindness Jar"

- Provide a small jar and strips of paper.
- Ask students to write down simple acts of kindness they can do for others.
- Place the strips in the jar, mix them up, and let each child pick one to complete during the week.

Connection to Lesson:

This activity reinforces the practice of caring for others and making positive choices, teaching children to contribute to a nurturing and compassionate environment in contrast to the negative behaviors depicted in Judges 19.