Music

Song Recommendation: "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

Paraphrased Lyrics for Kids:
(Chorus)
The battle is God's, He fights for you,
Stay strong and trust, He'll see you through.
Don't be scared, just have faith,
God's got your side, every single day!

(Verse)
Israel took the ark to fight,
Hoping that they'd win the night.
But it's God we must seek,
To find help when we're weak.

Suggested Actions:
- Pretend to put on a helmet and hold a shield (like putting on God's armor) during the chorus.
- For "Stay strong and trust," show muscles with a strong pose.
- For "Don't be scared," act out a reassuring hug.

Connection to the Lesson:
1 Samuel 4 describes how the Israelites thought the Ark would ensure victory. This song emphasizes relying not just on objects or rituals, but on trusting God. The actions help students remember that God is the true source of strength.

Activity Recommendation: "Trust Walk"

Description:
Set up a simple obstacle course in the classroom. Pair the students and blindfold one in each pair. The seeing partner guides the blindfolded partner through the course using only their voice.

Connection to the Lesson:
This activity symbolizes trusting God's guidance even when we can't see the outcome. It relates to how the Israelites needed to trust in God, not just the Ark, for victory and guidance.

Song Recommendation: "God is Always Near"

Paraphrased Lyrics for Kids:
(Chorus)
God is here, God is near,
In every battle, there's no fear.
We may stumble, we may fall,
But God's arms are our all!

(Verse)
When trouble knocks at our door,
We'll trust God like never before.
Israel learned that God is key,
He guides, protects, sets us free.

Suggested Actions:
- Point to the sky and your heart for "God is here, God is near."
- Pretend to fall and be caught by an invisible force for “God's arms are our all.”
- Use hands to create a knocking gesture for “When trouble knocks.”

Connection to the Lesson:
This song teaches that God’s presence is the true source of protection and strength, which was a critical lesson for the Israelites. The actions reinforce the message of divine guidance and support.