Music

Song Recommendations for 1 Samuel 13

1. "Trust and Obey"

- Paraphrase: Simplify the lyrics to emphasize trusting in God's plan and obeying His commands, just as Samuel instructed.

- Suggested Actions:
- March in place when talking about obedience.
- Pretend to put on a "trust hat" and "obedience shoes."

- Connection to Lesson: Samuel urged the Israelites to trust God's timing. The children learn that obeying God’s instructions leads to blessings.

2. "I'm in the Lord's Army"

- Paraphrase: Focus on being a soldier in God’s army, mirroring Saul’s call to lead the Israelites.

- Suggested Actions:
- Salute for "I'm in the Lord's army."
- March and pretend to fly and shoot artillery to engage the children.

- Connection to Lesson: Connects to Saul’s army and the decisions leaders make under God’s command.

3. "Obedience" (from Cedarmont Kids)

- Paraphrase: Make a short song about God’s instructions being important, following commands, like a leader in God’s story.

- Suggested Actions:
- Stand tall when singing about obeying.
- Point to the heart when emphasizing understanding God’s rules.

- Connection to Lesson: Relates to how Saul’s failure to wait for Samuel was disobedience.

Worship Activity Suggestions

1. Role Play

- Activity: Reenact the story of 1 Samuel 13. Assign roles like Saul, Jonathan, Samuel, and the soldiers.

- Connection to Lesson: Helps students understand the consequences of Saul’s decision to act before Samuel arrived.

2. "Follow the Leader" Game

- Rules: Choose a leader who gives commands that everyone must follow, mimicking Saul’s leadership challenges over his troops.

- Connection to Lesson: Illustrates the importance of listening to and trusting the right leader.

3. Story Time and Prayer

- Activity: Read a simple version of 1 Samuel 13. Discuss the importance of trusting God and praying for guidance.

- Connection to Lesson: Cement the understanding that Saul should have waited for divine guidance through Samuel.

These songs and activities should help elementary students connect with the lessons of trust, obedience, and leadership found in 1 Samuel 13 in an engaging and memorable way.