

Music

Songs:

1. "Be Strong and Courageous"

- Paraphrased Lyrics: "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid. The Lord is with you, guiding your way."
- Actions:
 - Flex muscles on "Be strong."
 - March in place during "Courageous."
 - Point upwards on "The Lord is with you."
- Connection: Encourages children to rely on God's strength, just as we see trust and decisions surrounding leadership in 2 Samuel 4.

2. "Always Trust in God"

- Paraphrased Lyrics: "In good times and in bad, always trust in God. He is our helper, forever by our side."
- Actions:
 - Join hands with a neighbor to symbolize support.
 - Place hands over heart on "always trust."
 - Walk in place on "forever by our side."
- Connection: Reinforces the theme of trust in God, relevant to Ishbosheth's fears and leadership challenges in the chapter.

Worship Activities:

1. "King's Crown Craft"

- Activity: Make paper crowns. Students can color and decorate them with reminders of being chosen by God.
- Connection: Relate to the theme of kingship and leadership seen in 2 Samuel, discussing how God chooses and protects leaders.

2. "David's Journey" Game

- Activity: Set up an obstacle course that represents the challenges faced by David. Include stops where students must recall events from the story.
- Connection: Encourages understanding of the obstacles and trust in God during leadership transitions seen in the Bible.

3. "Story Reflection Time"

- Activity: Read a child-friendly version of 2 Samuel 4. Pause to discuss David's challenges and God's guidance.
- Connection: Helps children connect personally with the story and the emotions involved in leadership and trust.

Through these songs and activities, children can engage with the themes of leadership, trust, and God's guidance in a manner that's both meaningful and age-appropriate.