

Music

Songs:

1. "Be Strong and Courageous"

- Lyrics Paraphrase: "Be strong and have courage, trust in God, He's always with you."
- Suggested Actions: Stomp feet for "be strong," flex muscles for "courageous," point to the sky for "trust in God."
- Connection to Lesson: In 2 Samuel 10, David's army faces a challenge, and this song teaches children to trust in God for courage in difficult situations.

2. "Our God is a Great Big God"

- Lyrics Paraphrase: "Our God is a great big God, and He holds us in His hands."
- Suggested Actions: Stretch arms wide for "great big God," and cup hands for "holds us."
- Connection to Lesson: The song reinforces God's power and protection, themes vital in the face of battle in 2 Samuel 10.

3. "Trust and Obey"

- Lyrics Paraphrase: "Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in God."
- Suggested Actions: March in place for "trust," and nod head for "obey."
- Connection to Lesson: David's obedience to God and how trust leads to victory echoes through the lesson.

Worship Activities:

1. Battle Formations:

- Activity: Kids form groups to mimic 'battle' formations, where they pretend to be soldiers with imaginary shields.
- Connection: This helps them visualize Joab and Abishai's strategic planning for battle as told in the chapter. It teaches teamwork and reliance on God's guidance.

2. Courage Charades:

- Activity: Children act out scenarios where they must show courage, like helping a friend or standing up for what's right.
- Connection: This reinforces the theme of courage that is prevalent in King David's leadership and the actions of his army.

3. Prayer Circle:

- Activity: Ask each child to say one thing they are thankful for and one thing they need courage for.
- Connection: Encourages students to draw strength from God, much like David and his men did during their challenges.

These activities and songs will make the lesson from 2 Samuel 10 engaging for elementary students, encouraging them to trust in God and be courageous in their own lives.