

Music

Song Recommendation: "Forgive and Love"

Paraphrased Lyrics:

(Verse 1)

When someone hurts you, it can feel so bad,
But remember to forgive, just like Jesus had.
We can show love, every single day,
Ask God to help us in His special way.

(Chorus)

Forgive and love, just like the Lord above.
He helps us every day to show the way.
Forgive and love, it's what we must learn,
So our hearts can shine and hearts can turn.

(Verse 2)

King David learned to forgive his son,
A hard choice to make, but love had won.
We can be like David, every single day,
Choosing to forgive and let love stay.

Suggested Actions:

- Verse 1 and 2: Hug yourself when "love" is mentioned.
- Chorus: Make a heart shape with hands over the chest on "Forgive and love."

Music Connection to Lesson:

The story in 2 Samuel 14 involves reconciliation and forgiveness between David and his son Absalom. This song urges children to embrace forgiveness and showcase love, mirroring the complex decision David had to make in his own family.

Worship Activity: "Heart of Forgiveness"

Activity Steps:

1. Story Circle: Sit the students in a circle and read the simplified story of David and Absalom's reconciliation.
2. Discussion: Discuss what it means to forgive someone and why it's important. Highlight how forgiveness strengthens relationships.
3. Heart Craft: Hand out paper, crayons, and scissors. Ask the children to cut out heart shapes and write or draw something about forgiveness (e.g., a time they forgave someone or a symbol of love).
4. Heart Sharing: Allow children to share their heart creations and talk about why forgiveness is meaningful.

How Activity Connects to Lesson:

The "Heart of Forgiveness" activity emphasizes the central theme of reconciliation in 2 Samuel 14, helping children to visualize and understand the power of forgiving others. It gives a practical and tangible way to reflect on the lesson's core message.

By combining music and activities, elementary students can engage with the story of 2 Samuel 14 in a memorable and meaningful way, fostering a deeper understanding of forgiveness and love.