

# Music

## Songs and Activities for Teaching 2 Samuel 18 to Elementary Students

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Song: "David's Courage Song"

Paraphrased Lyrics:

- Verse 1: "When battles come and danger is near, be like David, show no fear."
- Chorus: "Brave in the Lord, he stood strong, trusting God to guide him along."
- Verse 2: "Through the forest, troubles abound, but with God's help, courage is found."

Suggested Actions:

- March in place for the battles coming (Verse 1).
- Show muscles to represent bravery in the chorus.
- Pretend to navigate through a forest by moving hands in front as if parting branches (Verse 2).

Music Connection: This song connects to the lesson by highlighting David's reliance on God for courage and wisdom during difficult times, as demonstrated in his struggle with Absalom. It encourages students to face their own challenges with faith and bravery.

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Song: "God's Warrior Dance"

Paraphrased Lyrics:

- Verse 1: "In the battle, who will fight? God's warrior with all his might."
- Chorus: "God is with you, strong and true, helping in all you do."
- Verse 2: "Stand firm, hold on, shield in hand, trusting His perfect plan."

Suggested Actions:

- Pretend to put on armor while singing about the warrior (Verse 1).
- Open arms wide to signify God being with us (Chorus).
- Stomp and stand tall to demonstrate standing firm (Verse 2).

Music Connection: This song focuses on God as a source of strength and protection, aligning with David's reliance on God during the time of Absalom's rebellion. It helps students understand the concept of spiritual warfare and the power of faith.

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Worship Activity: "David's Leadership Role-Play"

Description:

Organize a simple role-play where students act out scenes from 2 Samuel 18. Assign roles like David, Joab, Absalom, and soldiers. Use simple costumes or props like fabric for cloaks and cardboard shields.

Objective: Have students experience the story by acting it out, emphasizing themes of leadership,

decision-making, and faithfulness.

Connection to Lesson: The role-play helps students internalize the story's events and David's decision-making process. It reinforces the importance of faith and responsibility in leadership.

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Worship Activity: "Forest of Faith Obstacle Course"

Description:

Create an indoor or outdoor obstacle course representing the forest where the battle took place. Include stations where students must complete tasks, like reciting a verse or helping a 'wounded' soldier (toy or pillow).

Objective: Encourage teamwork and reflection on the Bible story's themes of courage and support.

Connection to Lesson: This physical activity solidifies the story setting and lessons about teamwork, relying on God, and helping others amidst challenges.

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These songs and activities aim to make the story of 2 Samuel 18 accessible and memorable for elementary students by integrating music, movement, and drama into the lesson.