

Music

Songs and Activities for 2 Samuel 19 (Elementary Students)

1. Song: "David's Return" (Parody of "The Wheels on the Bus")

Lyrics:

The king went to the gate, to the gate, to the gate
The king went to the gate to greet his friends.

With love and joy, with joy and love,
The king went to the gate to greet his friends.

Actions:

- Gate: Form an arch with hands overhead.
- Love and Joy: Place hands over heart and then spread arms wide.
- Greet His Friends: Wave to neighbors.

Connection:

This song captures the theme of reconciliation as King David returns to Jerusalem and seeks to restore relationships after the conflict. By using a familiar tune, children can easily remember the lesson of forgiveness and renewal.

2. Worship Activity: "Reconciliation Circle"

Instructions:

- Gather the children in a circle.
- Discuss how David showed kindness and forgiveness despite the conflicts.
- Each child can share a simple "I'm sorry" or "I forgive you" moment.
- Pass around a "peace dove" token as each child shares, symbolizing reconciliation and peace.

Connection:

This activity emphasizes the importance of forgiveness and making peace, echoing David's actions in the story where he seeks to mend broken relationships.

3. Song: "He Restores My Soul" (Original Tune)

Lyrics:

He calls us back with open arms,
He restores my soul, makes me whole,
Just like King David came back home,
He restores my soul, makes me whole.

Actions:

- Open Arms: Stretch arms wide open.
- Makes Me Whole: Circle arms around self in a hug.
- Came Back Home: Walk in place to mimic returning home.

Connection:

This song praises God's restorative power and parallels King David's journey back to his kingdom,

teaching children that God helps heal and restore our relationships too.

4. Craft Activity: "Welcome Banner"

Instructions:

- Provide materials like paper, markers, and stickers.
- Encourage children to create a welcoming banner with the phrase "Welcome Back" or "Peace and Joy."
- Decorate with symbols of peace such as doves and olive branches.

Connection:

This activity reflects the welcoming spirit seen in 2 Samuel 19, as David returns and reconciliation unfolds, encouraging children to create an atmosphere of inclusion and goodwill.