Music

Songs for Acts 4

1. "Peter and John Went to Pray" (Parody of "Silver and Gold Have I None")

Lyrics/Paraphrase:
Peter and John went to pray,
They met a man on the way,
He asked for alms and held out his palms,
But this is what Peter did say...

Suggested Actions:
- Peter and John went to pray: Pretend to walk.
- They met a man on the way: Point to imaginary person.
- He asked for alms: Pretend to hold out hands.
- Peter did say: Cup hands around mouth to mimic speaking.

Connection to Lesson:
This song helps children understand the story of Peter and John healing the lame man, which occurs in Acts 3 but sets the stage for Acts 4, where they speak boldly about Jesus.

2. "Be Bold, Be Strong"

Lyrics/Paraphrase:
Be bold, be strong,
For the Lord your God is with you.
I am not afraid, (No! No! No!)
I am not dismayed, (Not me!)

Suggested Actions:
- Be bold, be strong: Flex muscles like a superhero.
- For the Lord your God is with you: Point up.
- I am not afraid: Shake your head.
- No! No! No! and Not me!: Wag finger.

Connection to Lesson:
Acts 4 highlights the courage Peter and John had when speaking about Jesus, emphasizing the theme of boldness.

3. "This Little Light of Mine"

Lyrics/Paraphrase:
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, No!
I'm gonna let it shine.

Suggested Actions:
- This little light of mine: Wiggle fingers like twinkling lights.
- I'm gonna let it shine: Move arms outward.

- Hide it under a bushel, No!: Cover hand with the other hand, then shake it off.

Connection to Lesson:
This song reinforces the lesson of sharing Jesus' love and the truth of the Gospel boldly, just like Peter and John did.

Worship Activities

1. Role Play

- Have the children act out the story from Acts 4 with simple costumes (a robe or scarf for Peter and John).
- Pretend to heal and praise God, then “stand up” bravely before an audience of toy figures or other students.

2. Prayer Circle

- Teach the children about the power of prayer, seen in Acts 4.
- Engage them in a circle prayer, asking God for courage and strength to share His love with others.

3. Art Activity

- Create "bravery" shields using paper plates and craft supplies.
- Talk about how the Holy Spirit helps us to be brave and share Jesus with others, just like Peter and John.

Each of these songs and activities is designed to help preschoolers grasp the essence of Acts 4: the courage and faithfulness of Peter and John in proclaiming Jesus' message, despite adversity.