
Music, Movement & Memory Activity

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

Lullabies, Bells and Lions

Materials

- CD of unit music
- Bell
- Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

What to Do

1. Tell the children: "We're going to pretend to go to sleep as children, but wake up like an animal. Everyone sit down and let's sing our lullaby before we go to bed. When you hear the morning bell ring, you can pretend to be the animal I say until you hear the bedtime bell ring and you have to sit back down."
2. Ring the bell and say, "It's time for bed, it's time for bed! Sit down where you are, you sleepy heads!" Have all the children sit down in place. Then say, "Before we go to sleep, we have to sing our bedtime lullaby. Let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn." Have the children sing the song with you, then tell them, "Shhh. Lay down! It's time for bed!"
3. Have all the children lay down and be very still and quiet like they are sleeping for a few minutes. Then say, "Sleeping, sleeping, look at all the sleeping children. But when the morning bell rang, they all woke up, and were lions (or whatever animal you choose) all day!"
3. All the children will get up and pretend to be the animal. After a few moments, ring the bell and say, "It's time for bed, it's time for bed! Sit down where you are, you sleepy heads!"
4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions after each time (or every few times) you sing the lullaby song.

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Musical Squares

Materials

- CD of unit music
- Carpet Squares, enough for all of the children (or chairs)
- Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

What to Do

1. Set out the squares/chairs in a circle. Ask the children to sit down on their square/chair.
2. Tell the children they will march around behind the squares/chairs as you play the Big Question Song/Bible verse song/Hymn/Praise Song/etc. When the music stops, they are to sit down on the nearest square/chair island.
3. Play the music, sing the song as the children make swimming motion with their arms to it. Stop the music and have the children sit down on the nearest square/chair.
4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs (or the lesson concepts) they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions, after each time (or every few times) they sit down.

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Thumping Drums

Materials

- CD of unit music
- Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)
- 1 Oatmeal container/coffee can with lid per drum.
- Tape
- Popcorn, rice, beans, etc.
- Wooden spoons, dowels, unsharpened pencils, if desired, for mallets

How to Make

1. Tape the lid of empty oatmeal or coffee cans in place. (If want to make a snare drum, add popcorn, rice, etc. in the empty container before taping shut.)
2. Children can either tap drum with hands or you can give them 2 wooden spoons, wooden dowels or unsharpened pencils with wooden spoons glue gunned to an end as mallets.

What to Do

1. Show the children the thumping drums. Tell them. "I'm going to say God's Word and make a joyful noise to Him with these thumping drums. Come and join me!"
2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
3. "Now let's make that joyful noise to the LORD!" Hand out the drums (and mallets) and let the children beat them awhile. Quiet them, then repeat.
4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

NOTE: Younger children may need to sing the Bible verse/Big Question song/etc, then thump. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND thump at the same time.