
Music, Movement & Memory Activity

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

Say, Spring Up and Shout

Materials

- CD of unit music
- Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)
- Optional: Bean bags, one per child

What to Do

1. Tell the children: "We're going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question/other song and make a joyful noise to God, crouching down like this (Crouch down). Then at the end, we're going to spring up and shout, "Amen, I agree!"
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 jump up and say, "AMEN! I agree!" After everyone springs up and says "Amen," quiet them, then repeat.
4. If desired, when the children get the crouching and jumping down, you might give them a bean bag to toss in the air as they spring up. Practicing tossing up in the air rather than AT others.
5. 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.

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Freeze Frame

Materials

- CD of unit music
- Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet Questions (optional)
- Some kind of fun hat or clothing for the leader to wear

What to Do

1. Tell the children. "I'm going to sing God's Word and make a joyful noise to Him...but I'm going to freeze in place in between songs. Come and join me!"
2. Choose one child to be the leader. Help them put on the leader hat/clothing.
3. Have the kids march around behind the leader, singing the song of your choice.
4. Have the children freeze in place when you stop the song at a random point.
5. When everyone is frozen, have the children tell you what the next word/phrase to the song.
6. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the words or another question from the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you freeze the song.
7. Choose another leader and play the song again, stopping on a different word from the song to highlight.

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Egg Shakers

Materials

- CD of unit music
- Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet (optional)
- Empty Easter eggs
- Rice, beans, buttons, pennies, popcorn, beads, small nails or bolts, etc.
- Glue and glue gun OR strong packing tape

How to Make

1. Fill empty Easter eggs with different small objects such as rice, beans, pennies, buttons, popcorn, beads, small nails or bolts, etc., then seal lid shut with glue gun or with packing tape. Different objects make different sounds. Different amounts of the same object make different sounds, too. The children will enjoy the variety.

What to Do

1. Show the children the egg shakers and tell them, "I'm going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question/other song and make a joyful noise to God with these egg shakers. 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. Hand out the egg shakers and let the children shake them a while (without singing), then quiet them.
4. Then tell them, "OK, let's try singing and shaking our eggs at the same time!" Lead the children in song and shaking.
5. 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 shake. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND shake at the same time.