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BACK TO BASICS!

THE WORD, CHURCH AND PRAYER

C3 KIDS

THIS PROGRAM

God has gifted us with all the tools we need to live a blessed and faith filled life as we follow Him. In this program we explore three of the basic tools that form a rich foundation from which to build our faith; the Word, Church and Prayer. We see the early church engaging in these areas in Acts 2:42, with many added to their number daily! By establishing spiritual disciplines of reading the bible, being an active member in church and engaging in prayer, we believe kids will flourish in their faith. To help with this, we have three memory verses to learn over four-week blocks, as kids learn about the Word, Church and prayer, finishing with Easter! Our repeated phrase is: **God has given us everything we need to follow Him - in the Word, church and prayer!**
Weeks 5-8 Memory Verse: **"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" - Psalm 122:1 (NLT)**

WEEK 8: WE PRAISE GOD AT CHURCH

This week we are teaching pre-schoolers about the importance of praise and worship at church. Praise and Worship is when we sing songs to God. When we worship God, we are showing Him that we love Him - we thank and praise Him for His great love for us.

RESOURCES

- Week 8 Illustration Aid or a musical instrument, a bible and a coin for the illustration
- A blanket or large mat for the game
- The Big Picture Bible by David Helm and Gail Schoonmaker
- Week 8 Craft Template, colouring pens and pencils, scissors and glue

GAME: CROCODILE CATCH

Lay a blanket or large mat on the ground and get the kids to walk or dance around it to music. Stop the music intermittently and yell out "Crocodile Catch!" at which point all the kids need to jump onto the blanket as quickly as possible. You can run around the edges as the crocodile and nibble at (gently tickle) any little toes that are off the blanket.

VIDEO FOLLOW-UP

The people in the story were sad because God's temple was destroyed! But God promised it would be rebuilt into a brand new temple - and he kept His promise. This made everyone so happy they sang songs to Him and made music for Him. When we sing songs to Jesus - it's called praise! We are showing Jesus how much we love Him and He is very close to us. Another thing we can do when we sing to Jesus is lift our hands. Just like when we wave we are saying 'hello!' When we lift our hands while we sing to Jesus we are saying 'Hello Jesus, I want to open my heart to you and be with you.' Can you show me how you can lift your hands when you sing to God? Good job! Now everybody whisper 'We praise God at church.'

1. When we praise God by singing to Him - what are we showing Him about how much we love Him?
2. Do we have to be loud or quiet when we sing praises to God?
3. How do you think God feels when we praise Him?

ILLUSTRATION IDEA

Have a coin, a Bible and a musical instrument ready (or picture of one here). Explain to the kids that we can worship God in many different ways, not just with our singing voices. Worship is making God number one! The most important person to us. When we bring our offering, our money to give to God at church, we worship God by telling Him He is more important to us than money (show the coin). When we read our Bible, we worship God (show your Bible) because we are showing Him we want to know all about Him! When we sing and play music we also worship God (show the instrument). We are showing God we love Him and praising Him.

CONNECT GROUP: STORY TIME

Story: Read the story 'God's Promise Remains' from The Big Picture Bible by David Helm and Gail Schoonmaker pg. 211 - stopping at page 223. Before reading, explain to the kids that our story begins in a time when God's people were very sad. These same bad men took them all away from their home in Jerusalem to a land far away! They needed God to save them.

Questions to ask:

1. God promised everybody a new temple! What is a temple?
2. Did God keep his promise - did they get a new church temple?
3. When everybody got to go home and have a new church temple, they were happy! How did they show God how happy they were?
4. What instruments do you think they played to praise God?
5. Do you think God liked to hear them sing to Him?

CRAFT

This week you'll be making trumpet! Give each child the Week 8 Craft template here, some colouring pencils and glue.

1. Get your leaders to pre-cut Week 8 template on the outline.
2. Hand each child a template and give them time to colour in the musical instruments on the template.
3. Fold the template over and glue on the dotted line. Allow for a small hole to peek out of the bottom.
4. Once you have glued, see if you can make a musical noise with your trumpet!

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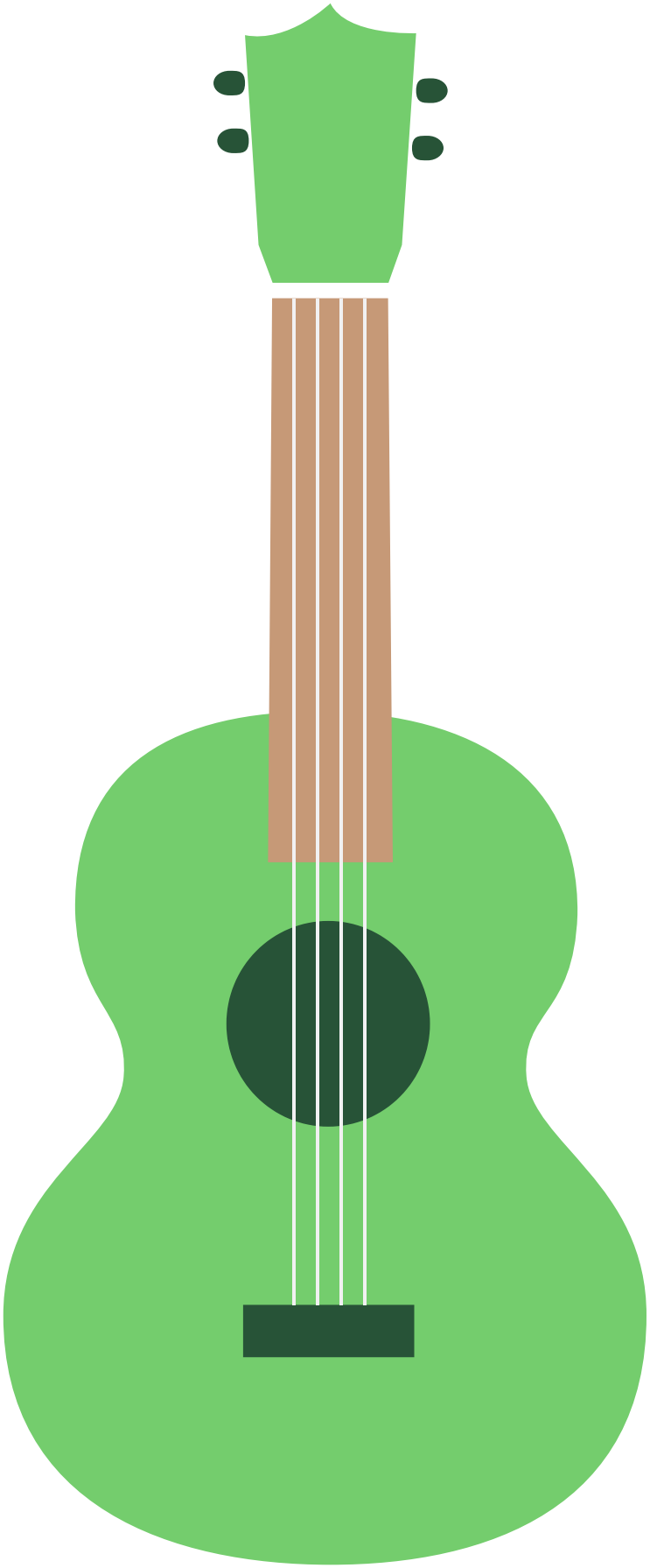
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