

Sing, Move, and Memorize!

Deuteronomy 6:5

Children's Message 2:

Set up: Before the lesson, make sure to set up each instrument. You will need 3 or more xylophones (one for you and 2+ for children).

-remove all bars but F and C

-place little circle stickers on the center of F and C to show children where to hit the bars.

-have ready a set of maracas or egg shakers

*Make sure to have enough instruments for every child that might come.

I assigned xylophones to children six years old or older. Children under 6 were given maracas.

*You DON'T NEED XYLOPHONES! Replace the xylophones with drums, boomwhackers, or handbells if you don't have xylophones. If using pitched instruments, use F's and C's.

***This lesson was designed to be done without talking. Each instruction is mimed.**

1. Sing all of Deuteronomy 6:5 showing the sign language (see video)
2. Without speaking demonstrate each of the four signs for: *love, heart, soul, and strength*. Make sure children copy you.
3. Sing all of Deuteronomy 6:5 with sign language and check that the children do the signs, too.
4. Without talking, invite half of the children to move to one set of instruments facing the church people. Show them how to hold the instrument (or mallets) quietly.
5. Without speaking, invite half of the church people (who are sitting closest to the instrument players) to pat a steady beat on their laps in half notes. Invite the children to join in on their instruments by playing along with them in half notes. While they play and the church people pat, sing Deut. 6:5.
6. Invite the second half of the children to move to the second set of instruments. Show them how to hold them quietly.
7. Invite the second half of church people, closest to the children to clap the steady beat in quarter notes. Invite the children to join in on their instruments by playing with them. Sing Deut. 6:5.
8. Invite both groups to play, starting with the first and adding the second. All sing and play Deut. 6:5.

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Where the littlest voices
touch God's greatest words