



August 23, 2020

SUNDAY MORNING *at home*

Parent Guide For
KIDS

1. Start with Worship

Begin your time with praise and singing. Reinforce the lyrics with motions.

We've made Youtube video playlists for:

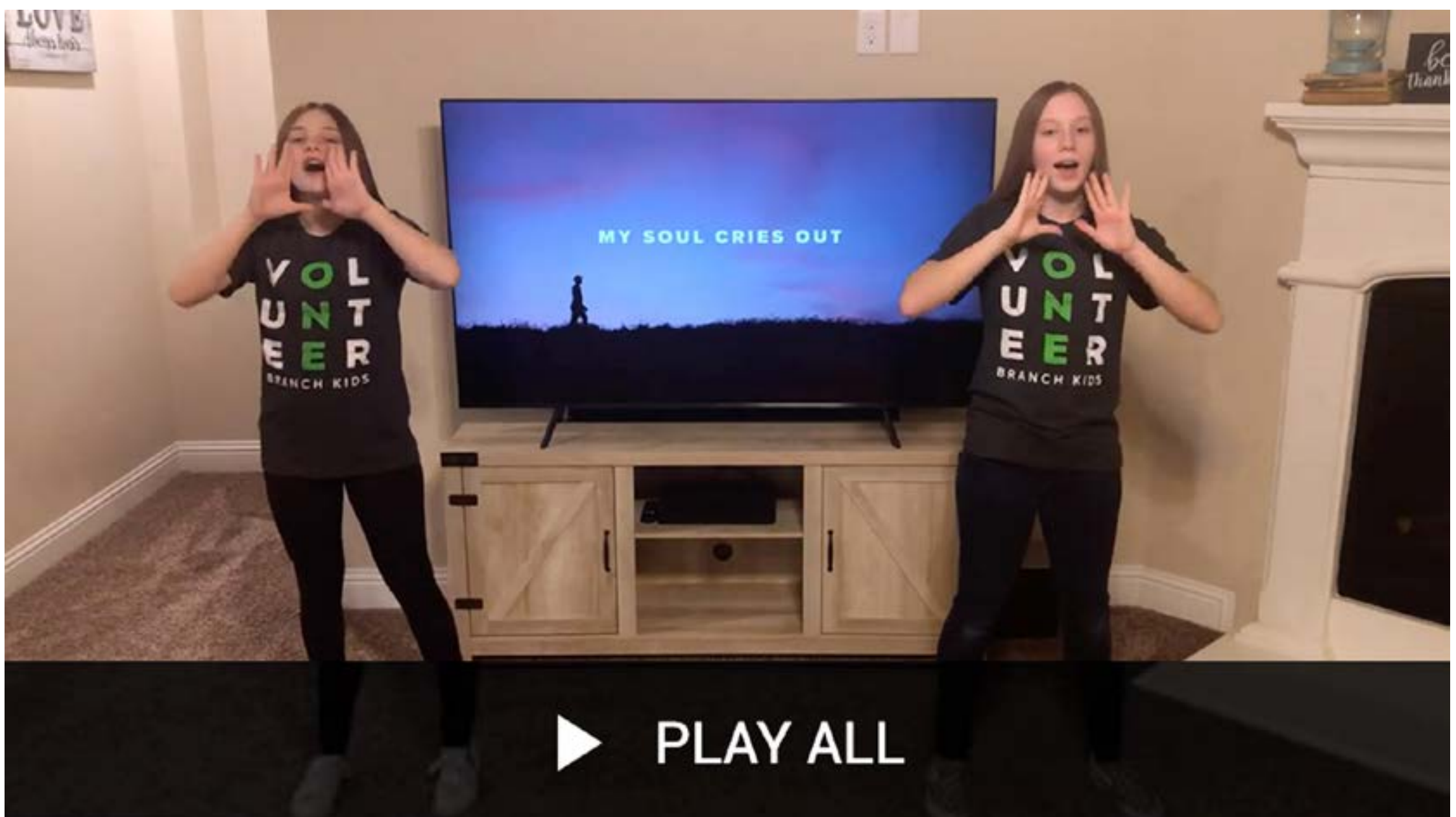


Branch Kids Worship Motions



Branch Kids Worship Lyrics

You can also search on your mobile device or smart TV by opening the Youtube app. Search for: "Branch Kids Worship Motions"



We recommend installing YouTube's TV app on your living-room device of choice if it's not there already. Roku, Apple TV, and Android TV usually have YouTube pre-installed, as do many smart TVs and Blu-ray players. If not, you can download it from your streamer's app store. ([Check YouTube's website for a full list of supported devices.](#)) If you have a home-theater PC or a Chromebox—you can access the TV-friendly version of YouTube through your web browser at youtube.com/tv.

2. Open Your Bibles

As a family, turn to today's passage in your Bibles.

Today's Bible Passage

[John 1:43-51](#)

As you turn, ask:



- Is John in the old or new testament? (New)
- Who is the author of John? (John)
- What book comes before John? (Luke)
- What book comes after John? (Acts)
- John is one of the four____? (Gospels)
- What does Gospel mean? (Good news! The gospels tell the good news of Jesus)

Tip for younger kids:

Help your little ones by reminding them that “big numbers” are chapters and the “little numbers” are verses.

3. Read the Passage

If you have kids who are readers, let them read the story or take turns reading it to the family.

Today's Story Point

Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael and they followed Him even though they had doubts. We can follow Jesus too, even if we have doubts.

Encourage active listening:

- What was the first thing Phillip did when Jesus invited him to follow Him?



4. Discuss the Passage

Discussion Questions

- What does it mean when they say “the one Moses wrote about in the law?” In the Old Testament, Moses and other people wrote about how there was someone coming who would save the world. This person was Jesus, and He was finally there!
- What does the word “Messiah” mean? “Anointed one, or the chosen one. Jesus was the person sent by God to save the world.
- Why did Nathaniel not believe Phillip? Nathaniel knew there was a savior coming. They had been waiting for so long - he wasn't sure that Jesus was the savior they'd been waiting for! After waiting that long, it would be hard to believe that the savior was really there, standing right in front of him.
- Did Jesus know Nathaniel doubted Him? Yes! Jesus knew that Nathaniel had been sitting under the fig tree, even though he wasn't there to see it. Jesus knows everything about us.
- Did Jesus invite him to follow Him anyway? YES! Even when we doubts or have questions, Jesus wants us to ask Him and follow Him.
- What does it mean to follow Jesus? To follow Jesus, or be a disciple, means to practice loving God, and loving others.
- How can I follow Jesus? When you believe in your heart and say with your mouth that Jesus died for your sins and rose again, God forgives you of your sins and you are saved. This makes you a follower of Jesus.
- What does it mean for heaven to open and angels to ascend and descend? At the end of verse 51, Jesus tells them that heaven will open up and angels will ascend and descend. Jesus is saying that if you think it's crazy that Jesus knew he was sitting under a tree, just wait til you see what amazing things will happen next!

5. Summarize

Ask your kids to tell you what they learned from your discussion. Review passage as needed.

Say: Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael and they followed Him even though they had doubts. We can follow Jesus too, even if we have doubts.

- God invites everyone to follow Him - no matter who they are, where they are from, or what they look like.
- We can always tell and ask God when we have doubts or questions.
- God loves us all and Jesus offers forgiveness to ANYONE who trusts Him as their Savior. He came for us all!
- Following Him means that we have to choose to love God and love others every day.



6. Experience the Story

Use an activity to help reinforce what you learned today.

Activity - Doubting Game

Notes:

- Today we are going to play a game called the doubting game!
- Doubt is when you think something might not be true. Belief is when you know something is true!
- I am going to read off a cool statement, and I want you to decide if you doubt it or believe it.
- When you decide I want you to run to that wall! (Designate two spaces - one for true and one for false)
- It is impossible for most people to lick their own elbow (don't have them try it!)
- A shark is the only known fish that can blink with both eyes.
- There are 2,000 thunderstorms on Earth every minute.
- There are square watermelon in Japan
- Apples float because they are one quarter air!
- Human teeth are as strong as shark teeth!
- Your nose and ears never stop growing.
- God loves you!

**God loves you NO MATTER WHAT.
Even when that is hard to believe,
or when you have questions.
Jesus wants you to follow Him.**

7. Pray Together

Pray out loud together. Even if the room isn't still or quiet - pray out loud anyway! Be a family who prays together.

Jesus wants us all to follow Him. If you or your kids have questions about following Jesus - reach out to us!

Consider these prayers

- **God, thank you for loving us all - even when we have questions about You.**
- **God, help me to see others the way You see them. Help me to include others and tell them about Jesus.**
- **God, help _____ know how much You love them and help them. In Jesus' Name, protect them from any lies from the enemy that tell them they cannot have doubts. You are the God who sees and the God of love!**

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!



If you are reading this and would like more information on building a relationship with Jesus, we would love to talk to you!

Reach out to us at
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