



July 19, 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:

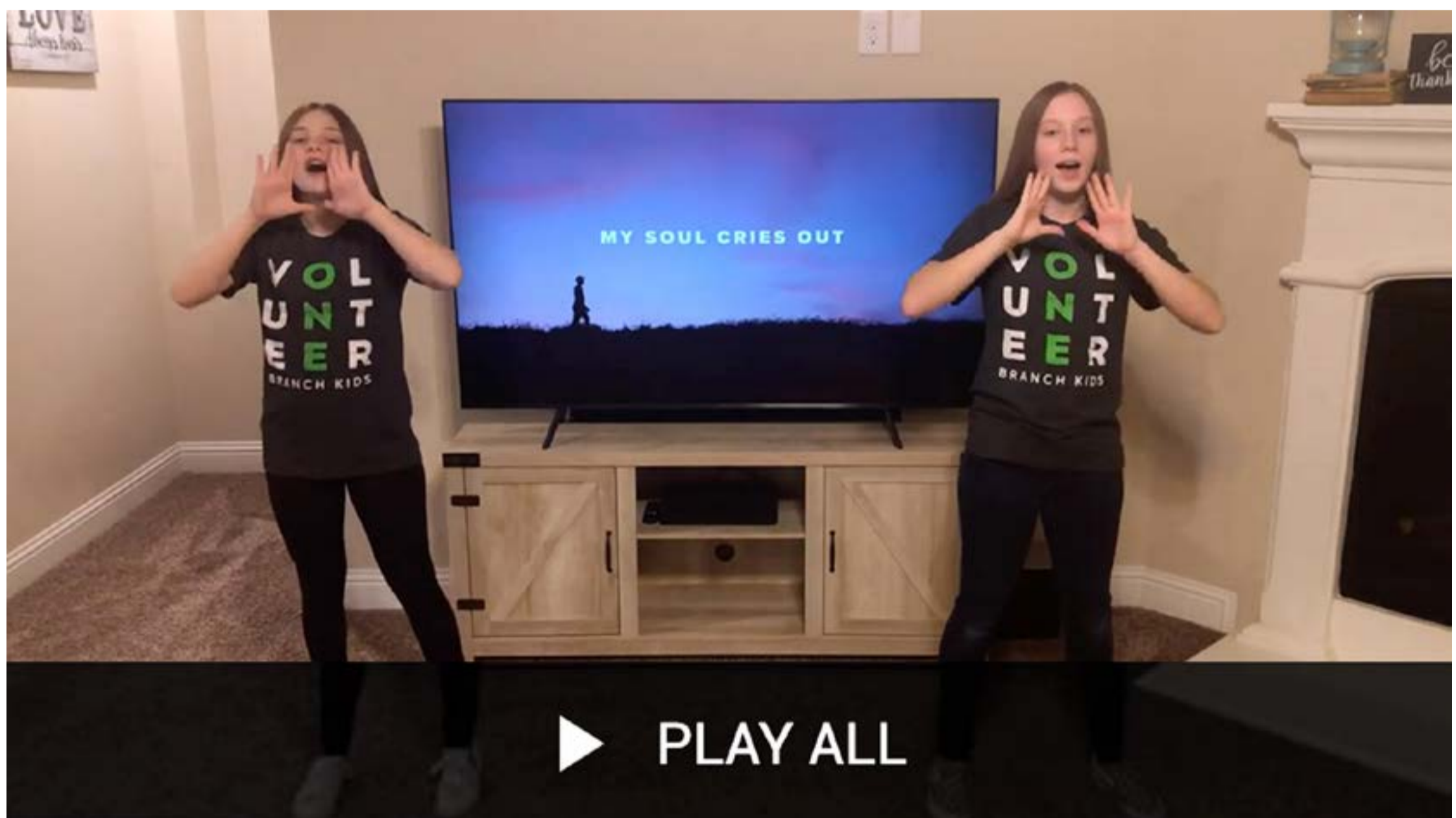


Branch Kids Worship Motions



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

Luke 6:12-17

As you turn, ask:



- Is Luke in the old or new testament? **(New)**
 - Who is the author of Luke? **(Luke)**
 - What book comes before Luke? **(Mark)**
 - What book comes after Luke? **(John)**
 - Luke is one of the four____? **(Gospels)**
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- 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' disciples followed Him.
He wants us to follow Him, too.

Encourage active listening:

- What are the names of three of the Apostles?



4. Discuss the Passage

The next few weeks we will be talking about a few of Jesus' disciples.

Discussion Questions

- Who are the twelve disciples? Simon Peter and Andrew; James and John; Phillip and Bartholomew; Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alpheaus and Simon; Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot.
- What did the twelve disciples do? These twelve people left everything behind to follow Jesus. They followed him for three years and listened to him teach, witnessed the miracles he performed, and told others the good news.
- What is a disciple? Somebody who follows/learns from Jesus.
- Were there other disciples in the Bible? Yes! Lots of people followed Jesus and listened to him teach.
- Who can be a disciple? Anyone who chooses to follow Jesus can be a disciple. It is not just people from the Bible or grown ups from church. Anybody who chooses to follow Jesus is a disciple. (That means you!)
- How can I be a disciple? By choosing to follow Jesus, 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. Jesus says to follow him you love God and love others.

5. Summarize

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

Say: Jesus called His disciples and they followed Him. He is calling us to follow Him, too! When we choose to follow Jesus, love God, and love others, we are His disciples.

- God invites everyone to follow Him.
- 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

Following Jesus

Notes:

- You will need one piece of paper for each participant, as well as markers and/or crayons.
- This activity creates a fun visual for children to be reminded to follow Jesus every day.
- Have your child place their foot on the paper and trace it with a marker. Above their foot, write the phrase, "I will follow Jesus by..."
- Once their feet are traced, allow them to color it in. Then, in a free space on their paper, have them write how they will follow Jesus this week. (Examples include: reading my Bible every day, loving my sibling by sharing, loving my parents by obeying... etc.)

Say:

- There are no shoes allowed in this activity. Our feet might even get a little colorful.
- Just like the disciples we read about in the Bible, we are also invited to follow Jesus.
- Following Jesus can look like a lot of different things. It means loving God and loving others. So, how are you going to follow Jesus this week?
- On your paper with your unique footprint, write or draw a picture showing how you will practice following Jesus this week.

**If children do not want to have their foot be traced, drawing an outline of a foot freehand is perfectly fine, too!

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 and sending Jesus to save us.**
- **God, thank you for inviting us all to follow you.**
- **God, help us tell others about Jesus.**
- **God, give _____ the courage to follow you.**

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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