



July 26, 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:

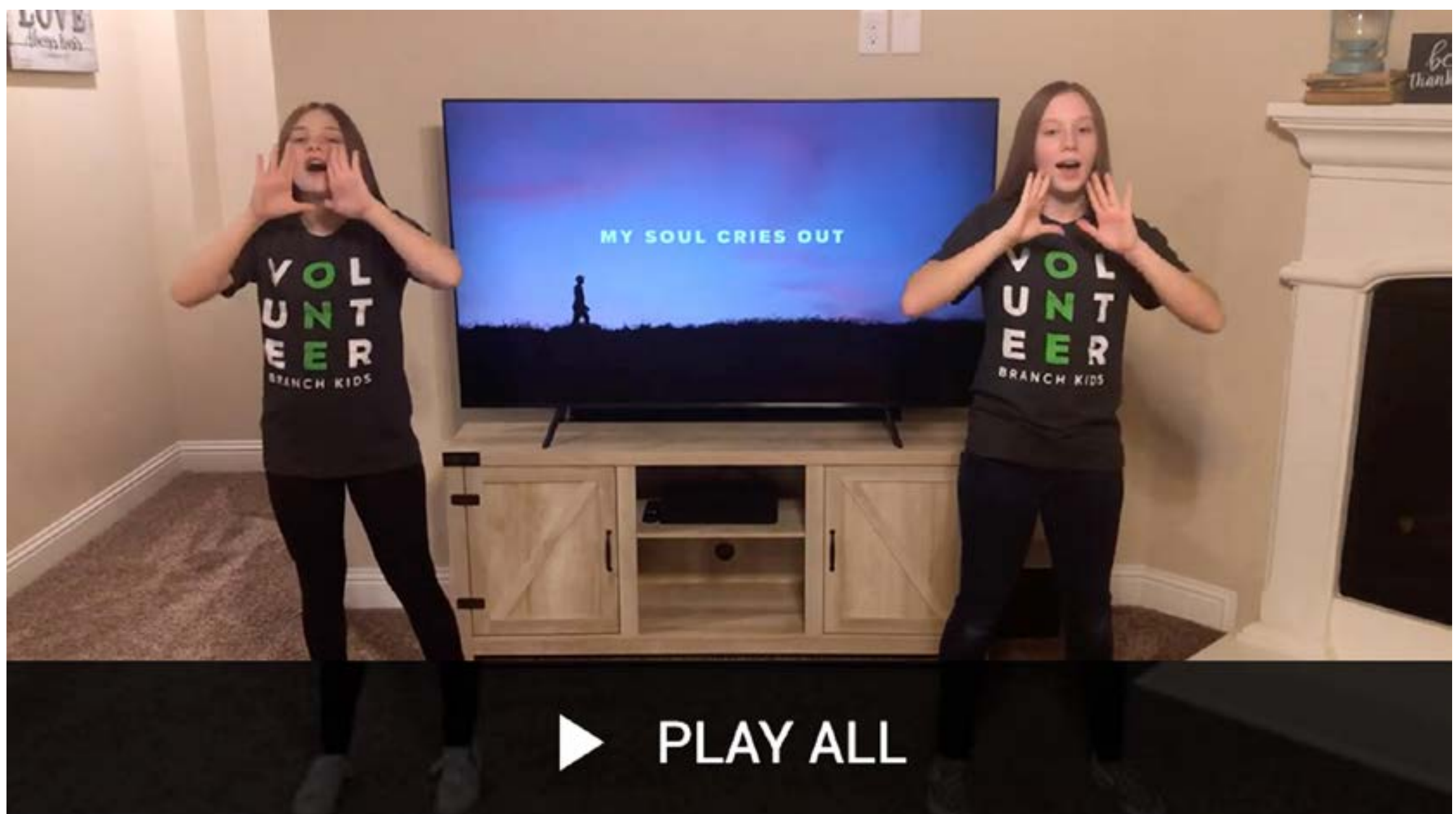


Branch Kids Worship Motions



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 5:1-11](#)

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 calls Simon, Andrew, James and John and they followed Him even though they felt like failures. We can follow Jesus too, even when we feel like we have failed.

Encourage active listening:

- What are the names of the two fishermen who come and help Simon Peter? (Hint: they were the sons of Zebedee)



4. Discuss the Passage

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

Discussion Questions

- What does Jesus mean when he tells Simon to “cast his net” in verse 4? These men caught fish by throwing their nets into the water. Fish would swim into the nets, and that’s how they would be able to catch them.
- How did Simon react when Jesus told him to do this? When Jesus told Simon to cast his net, Simon questioned Jesus. He hadn’t caught any fish after trying all night.
- • What happened when Simon did what Jesus asked him to? Jesus performed a miracle, and they caught more fish than would even fit on their boats!
- Why did Simon tell Jesus to go away from him? Simon was so embarrassed and felt so bad for questioning Jesus. Simon had been fishing all night and failed to catch anything, and he felt bad for not trusting that Jesus could do anything.
- Did Jesus get mad when Simon failed? No way! Jesus told Simon to not be afraid, and He invited Simon and his friends, Andrew, James, and John, to follow him. Jesus wants us all to follow Him, even if we feel like we’ve failed.
- What does it mean to follow Jesus? Disciples, or people who follow Jesus, 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. 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 Simon, Andrew, James, and John and they followed Him, even though they felt like failures. We can follow Jesus too, even if we feel like failures.

- 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

Build A Boat

Notes:

- Find some household items which you can turn into a boat. This can be anything that holds things.
- Put some random items out and ask the child to identify items which would make a good boat.
- When the child has decided if it would make a good boat, test it out by seeing if the "boat" will float in a bathtub or sink of water.
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Say:

- I am going to lay out some different items that might work as a boat!
- Which items do you think might work as a boat?
- Now we are going to test them out in the bathtub/sink!
- 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?
- In this story, following Jesus looked like getting out of their boat and following him!

**Keep your boats as a reminder of this story and how, even when we feel like we have failed, Jesus wants us.

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, give _____ the courage to follow you, even when we feel like we have failed too many times.**

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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