



May 31, 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:

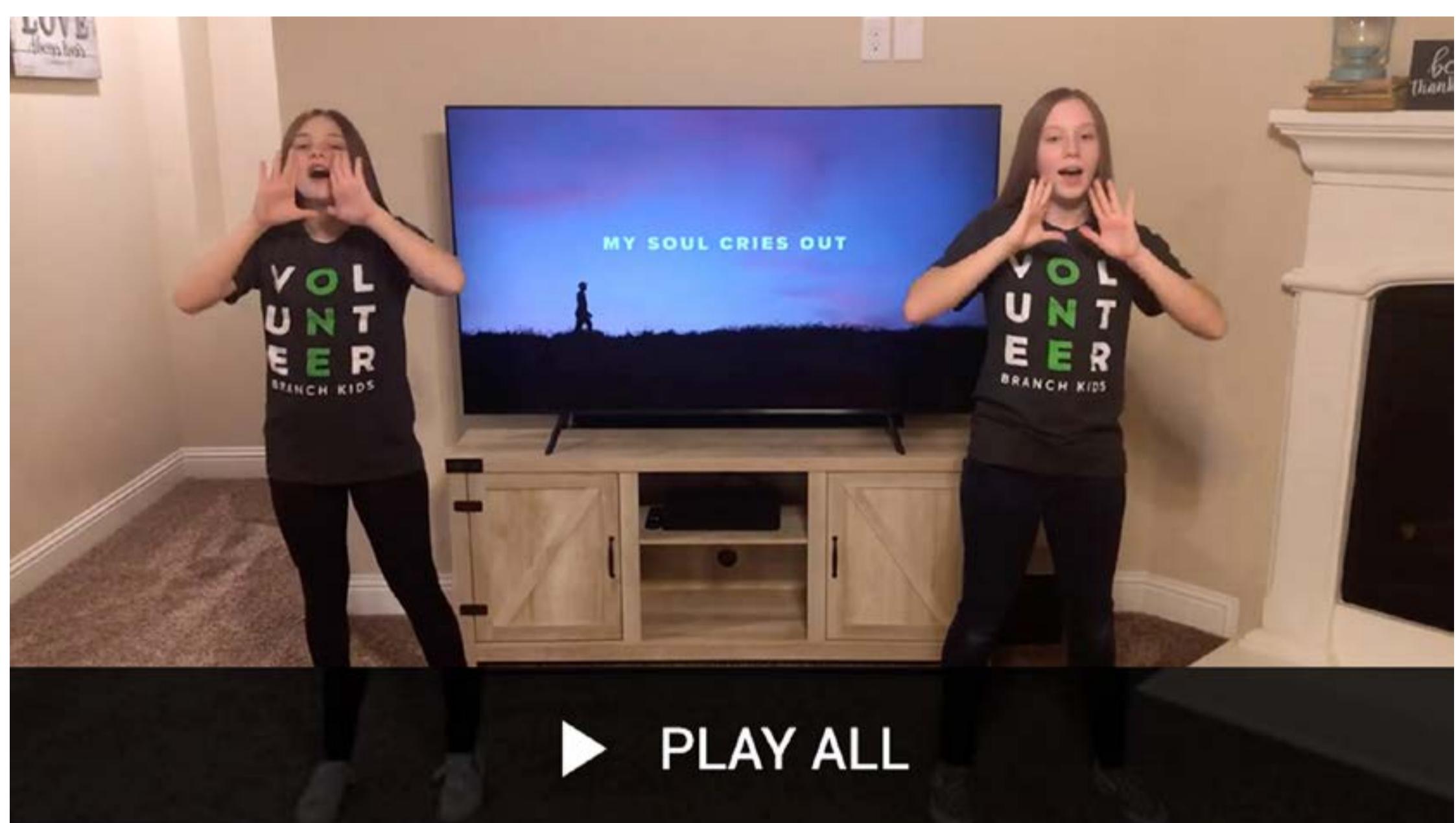


Branch Kids Worship Motions



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 Chromecast—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

Acts 2:1-8



As you turn, ask:

- Is Acts in the old or new testament? (**New**)
- Who is the author of Acts? (**Luke**)
- What else did Luke write? (**The Gospel of Luke**)
- What books comes before Acts in the New Testament? (**The Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke, John**)
- What book comes after Acts? (**Romans**)

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

The Holy Spirit filled believers at Pentecost.

Encourage active listening:

- Listen for the word “fire”.
- Listen for what happened to people’s languages.



4. Discuss the Passage

It had been 10 days since Jesus ascended into Heaven. He had promised to send the Holy Spirit to be with His disciples forever.

On Pentecost, when they were all together, celebrating 50th day after Passover, a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven, and what seemed to be little fires separated and came to rest on each of them, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Peter preached an incredible sermon, and thousands believed.

Discussion Questions

- Why were Peter and the disciples gathered together in the story? What were they celebrating? [Pentecost](#)
- What does Pentecost mean? [Pentecost means "50." It was a Jewish celebration, held 50 days after the Passover. Ask kids about Passover and remind them of how God delivered them from the Egyptians.](#)
- What happened when they were all together? [\(A loud noise - like wind\)](#)
- And what seemed to be separating and resting on them in v. 3? ["Tongues of fire" It was the Holy Spirit!](#)
- What did the Holy Spirit help them to do? [Speak in other languages.](#)

- How many languages do you know? What happened in this passage would be like you being able to speak all the different languages instantly! That is crazy!
- What were the disciples saying (read v. 11)? They were sharing the wonders of God!
- What is the Holy Spirit? Jesus says the Holy Spirit is a Helper that will guide and direct us - help us follow God. The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). Jesus told the disciples in Acts 1:8 that He would be sending a helper - He was talking about the Holy Spirit!
- The Holy Spirit is alive and helps Christians glorify God! He gives us power to Love God and Love others. (Acts 1:8)
- Can you think of something else the Holy Spirit does in our lives? Read Galatians 5:22-23 for a hint. The Holy Spirit produces the Fruits of the Spirit in us! Recite them together. These give evidence to the presence of God in our lives and bring glory to Jesus by pointing others to him.

5. Summarize

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

Say: When we follow Jesus - accept Him as our Savior - we too can choose to live by the Holy Spirit. When we are kind and loving and gentle and patient, etc., God is glorified and we point people to Jesus. The Spirit helps us love God and love others.

- When the Holy Spirit moves - like in Acts - it is to help us become closer to Jesus.
- When the Holy Spirit moves it is to help other people come closer to Jesus.



6. Experience the Story

Use an activity to help reinforce what you learned today.

Experiment

Notes:

- Get two sponges, or cloths - anything that absorbs a lot of water.
- Prepare a bowl of water and a towel for cleanup.

Do:

- Pass around a sponge or cloth and have the kids talk about its weight. Have everyone hold it.
- Ask the kids if they think the cloth or sponge will weigh more or less if it is soaked in the bowl of water.
- Let the kids put the sponge or cloth in the water and make sure it absorbs as much as possible.
- Pull it out of the bowl (it should be dripping) and ask each person to hold it.
- Ask: Which one weighs more?
- Of course the one with the water weighs more - the cloth or sponge is filled with the water, so it has more weight.
- Just like the cloth/sponge looks and feels different when it is wet, Christians should look and feel different when following Jesus because we are filled with the Holy Spirit.
- When we are filled with the Holy Spirit - amazing things can happen. Because the Holy Spirit is working in us and through us, we can love God and love others better. All for the GLORY of God. When we are filled or saturated with the Holy Spirit, the fruits of the Spirit show in our lives - remind each other what the fruits of the Spirit are.

Acts is the story of what it looks like for Christians to live under the filling, the influence, the weight of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Consider these prayers

Galatians 5:22-23: But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

- **God, fill _____ with your Spirit.**
- **God, please help (name) follow the Spirit and be an example in word and truth.**
- **God, may the Spirit work through us that others will know Jesus and You will be glorified.**

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!

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