



November 15, 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:

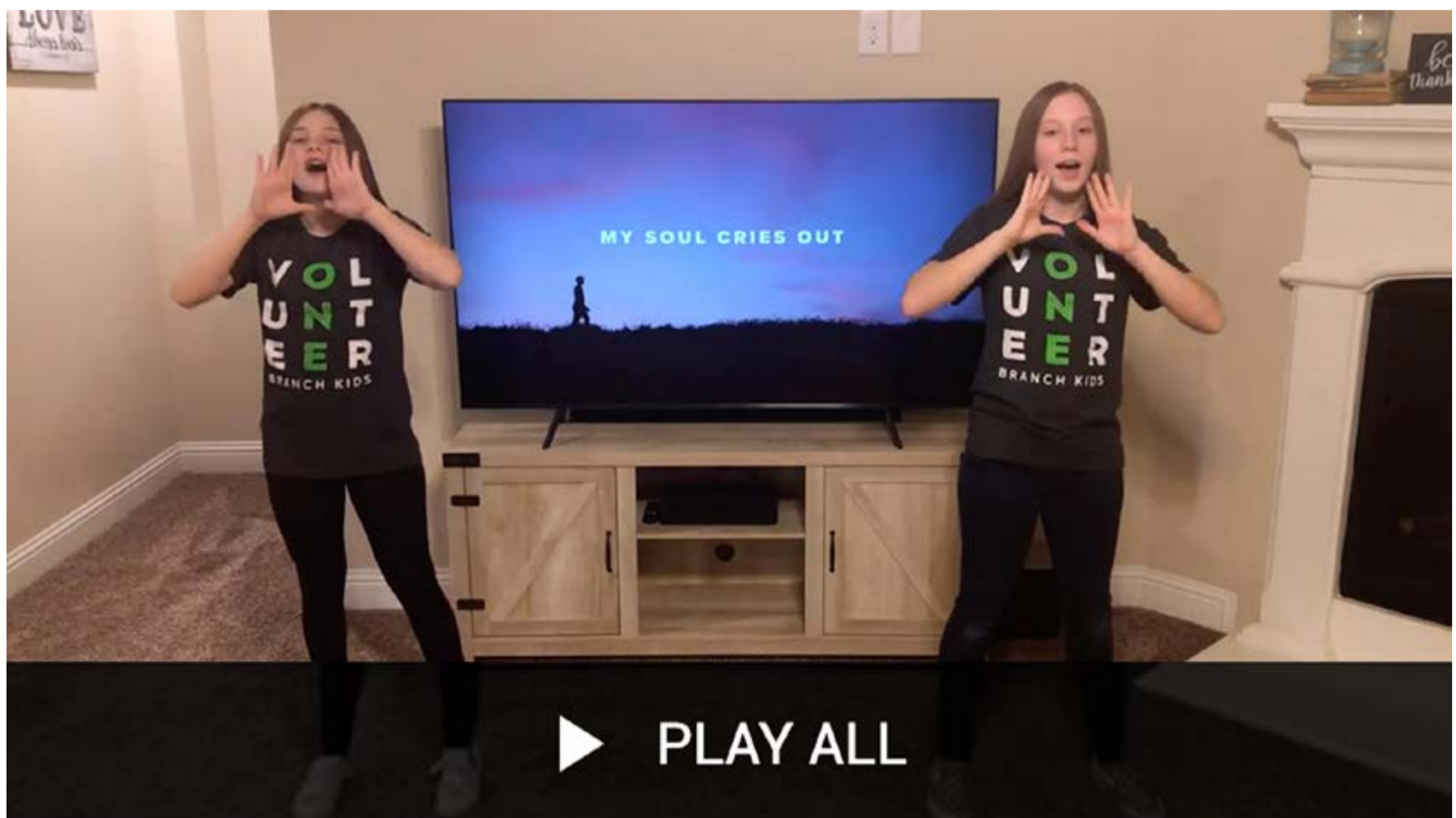


Branch Kids Worship Motions



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 Ephesians 6:10-17

As you turn, ask:

- Is Ephesians in the old or new testament? (**New**)
- Who is the author of Ephesians? (**Paul**)
- What book comes before Ephesians? (**Galatians**)
- What book comes after Ephesians? (**Philippians**)
- Ephesians is a _____ to the church at _____? (**Letter, Ephesus**)

- Is Ephesians the only letter Paul wrote in the Bible? (**No, he wrote: Romans, 1-2 Corinthians, Galatians, Philippians, Colossians, 1-2 Thessalonians, 1-2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon and maybe Hebrews**)

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

Satan is our enemy and wants to divide, deceive, and destroy. God offers us the Sword of the Spirit to protect us from the enemy's schemes.

Encourage active listening:

- How many pieces of armor are mentioned in the reading today?



4. Discuss the Passage

Discussion Questions

- What is the Armor of God? The protective gear God gives us to use against the enemy, Satan.
- Who are we to protect ourselves from? Satan
- What does the enemy like to do? Divide, deceive, destroy. Talk about how you all have seen this.
- How are we to protect ourselves from the Enemy? Paul tells us to put on the whole armor of God. Not just one piece and not whatever we feel like, but ALL of God's armor - through prayer and action!
- What pieces of armor have we heard so far? The Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Righteousness, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, Helmet of Salvation
- So what is the Sword of the Spirit? God's Word is compared to a sword. We cannot really fight the good fight if we don't have a sword to fight with. This is why we need to carry the word of God with us.
- How is the sword different from other pieces of God's armor? It is the only one that is not only defensive, but offensive. It protects us BEFORE the enemy attacks because it tells of us of God's promises and truth.
- How can we use this piece of armor? Ephesians 6:17 tells us to "take up the Sword of the Spirit"; it does no good unless we know the Word of God and allow the Spirit to use it in our lives. So we must know the word of God.
- How do you know the word of God? Read your Bible, spend time with other followers of Jesus, pray, memorize scripture.
- What are some of your favorite scriptures or parts of the Bible?

5. Summarize

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

Say: Jesus is more powerful than Satan.

Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins and beat Satan when he rose again from the grave. One day, Jesus will return from Heaven and Satan will go away forever. Until then, God gives us His armor to protect us from Satan. Today we lift up the Sword of the Spirit to add to the Belt of Truth, Breastplate of Righteousness, Shoes of Peace, Shield of Faith, and Helmet of Salvation.

- Satan is our enemy. He is real and wants to divide, deceive and destroy.
- God gives us His armor to protect us from the enemy, Satan.
- We must decide to use God's armor every day with prayer and action.
- We use the Sword of the Spirit by knowing God's word.



6. Experience the Story

Use an activity to help reinforce what you learned today.

Activity - Make Me Laugh

Notes:

- Play "Make Me Laugh." One person is chosen to sit down and try not to laugh.
- Everyone else does silly things to try to get the person to laugh.
- No one can touch the person.
- If the person starts laughing, let someone else try.
- When you are ready to end the game, ask everyone if it was difficult not to laugh when they really wanted to.
- Remind everyone that God's Word - what is in the Bible - can break through any lies, any walls, and defense there is! Just like the silliness made us laugh and broke through our serious faces.

The more we know God's word, the longer and stronger your sword is. Remember 2 Timothy 3:16: "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right."

So, we arm ourselves when we know scripture-God's word. What verses are you getting to know right now?

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

- **Thank for the Bible that is full of Your words and truth.**
- **God, teach ___ to love Your word and learn it.**
- **Help ___ to be a hearer and a doer of Your word so that more people will know about Jesus.**

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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