



November 29, 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:

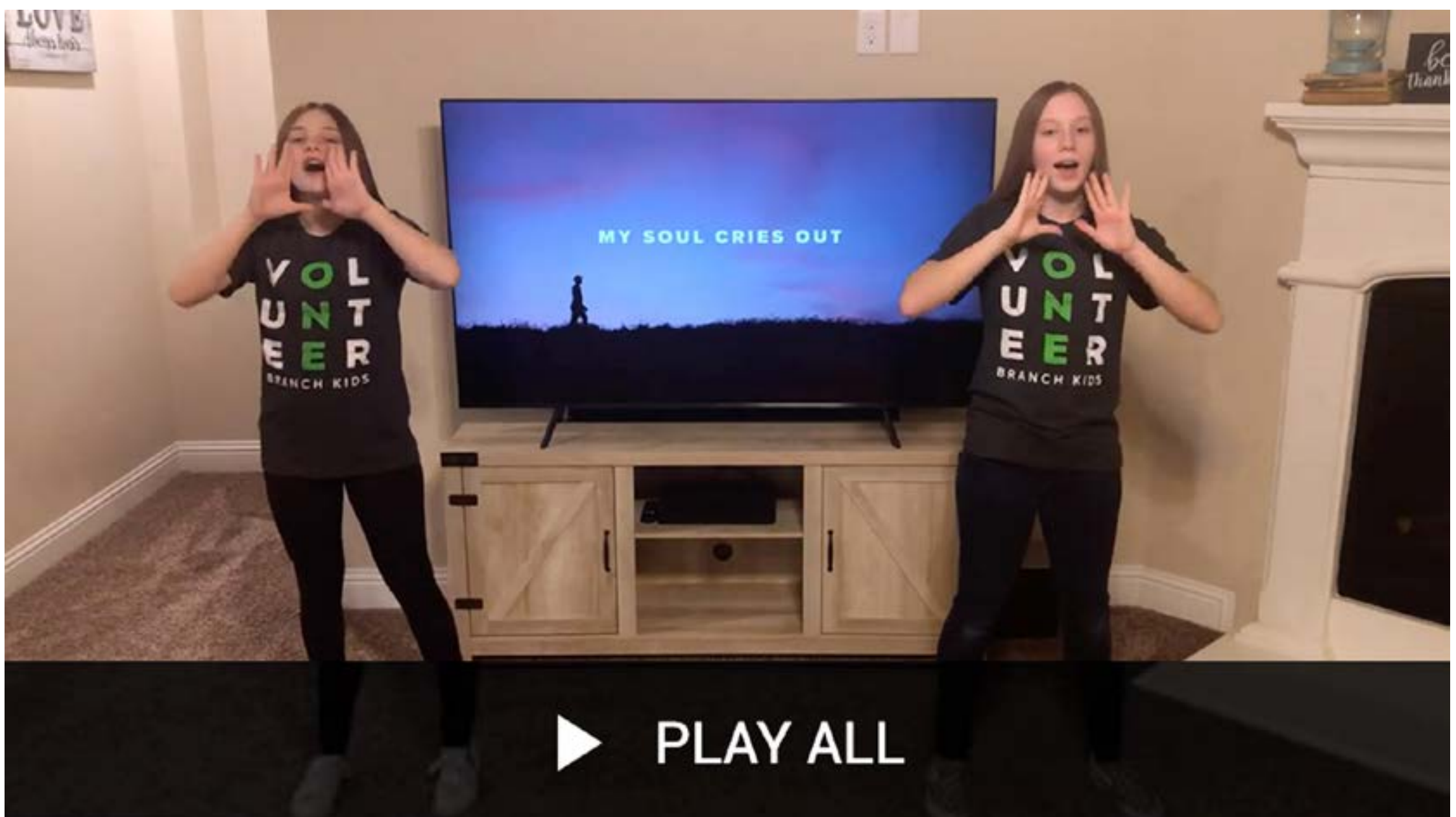


Branch Kids Worship Motions



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

Isaiah 9:6

As you turn, ask:

- Is Isaiah in the old or new testament? (Old)
- Who is the author of Isaiah? (The prophet Isaiah is believed to have written most, if not all of the book. The book may have had other authors as well.)
- What book comes before Isaiah? (Song of Songs)
- What book comes after Isaiah? (Jeremiah)

- Isaiah was a _____. This is a person who delivered messages from the Lord. (Prophet)

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.

A Little Background:

The purpose of Isaiah was to reveal God's glory through His judgement of sin (chapters 1-39), and His plan to save us from that judgement through Jesus. (chapters 40-66)

The nation of Israel waited a long time for the Messiah. One of their prophets named Isaiah wrote this special description of the Christ that was to come. Listen carefully to the names!

What are the four names for Jesus in the passage?

(Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace)



4. Discuss the Passage

Discussion Questions

- What does Advent mean? Advent means “arrival”. Advent is a word to describe Christmas because we’re celebrating the arrival of Jesus Christ!
- Why would God’s people be excited for the “arrival” of a Messiah? Because none of them and none of us can be perfect - remember, we all sin and fall short of doing everything right and pleasing God all the time (Romans 3:23). But God loves us SO much He sent Jesus to earth to pay the price for our sins (John 3:16). When we believe in Jesus’ birth, death, and resurrection, we will be saved!
- The prophet Isaiah was talking to God’s people and telling them that God was going to send them a Savior - a Messiah - to come and save them from their sins. Remember, the Nation of Israel (God’s people) kept making bad choices, following other gods, and not loving God with their whole heart. They were not loving others either. God told Isaiah to tell them about a coming Messiah, Jesus, who would save them from their sins.
- What is the first name in the reading? Wonderful Counselor
- What is a counselor? Someone who can hear your problems and give you wise advice on how to deal with that problem. A counselor requires wisdom because they need to be able to understand the problem and understand how to fix it!
- How is Jesus our Wonderful Counselor? Jesus Christ’s position as our Wonderful Counselor means we can know him personally and not just know about him (Ephesians 1:17). That means we can trust him to listen to our problems and guide us in the right direction (Proverbs 3:6). We know that Jesus is listening because the Bible tells us to pray to him about our worries (Philippians 4:6; James 1:5).
- Did you know Jesus is a wonderful Counselor? How do you go to Him and ask Him for help?

5. Summarize

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

Say: Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor! It means that we can know him personally and not just know about him, so we can trust him to listen to our problems and guide us in the right direction. We know that Jesus is listening because the Bible tells us to pray to him about things that worry us.

- Isaiah prophesied that God would send a Messiah and He shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- Jesus is our wonderful counselor. He always wants to guide us and help us.
- We call Christmas Advent season because it reminds us of the arrival of Jesus!



6. Experience the Story

Use an activity to help reinforce what you learned today.

Activity - Counseling Skits

Notes:

- Discuss why Wonderful Counselor is important and what it means to each of you.
- Then act out why you can put your hope in Jesus because of what this name mean to you.
- ACT IT OUT
- Give groups about five minutes, and then have groups act out their skits.
- DISCUSS IN GROUPS
- How does knowing Jesus is a Wonderful Counselor help you put your hope in Him?
- How can you encourage someone else this week to put hope in Jesus?

Remind kids that Jesus ALWAYS is with us and ALWAYS loves us. He wants to spend time with us and we can do that by praying to Him, reading the Bible, singing and worshipping, etc. Talk about ways your family spends time with Jesus.

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 you God for sending us Jesus-Wonderful Counselor. Help us remember He is the reason we celebrate this season of Advent.**
- **You are the best counselor Jesus! You know everything and we love you!**
- **I pray that _____ would receive wisdom from You as they grow in Your knowledge and truth.**

****Today's lesson was adapted from this Advent Series by Resource for Kids Ministry**

Merry Christmas!!



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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have an option for kids?
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