



September 27, 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:

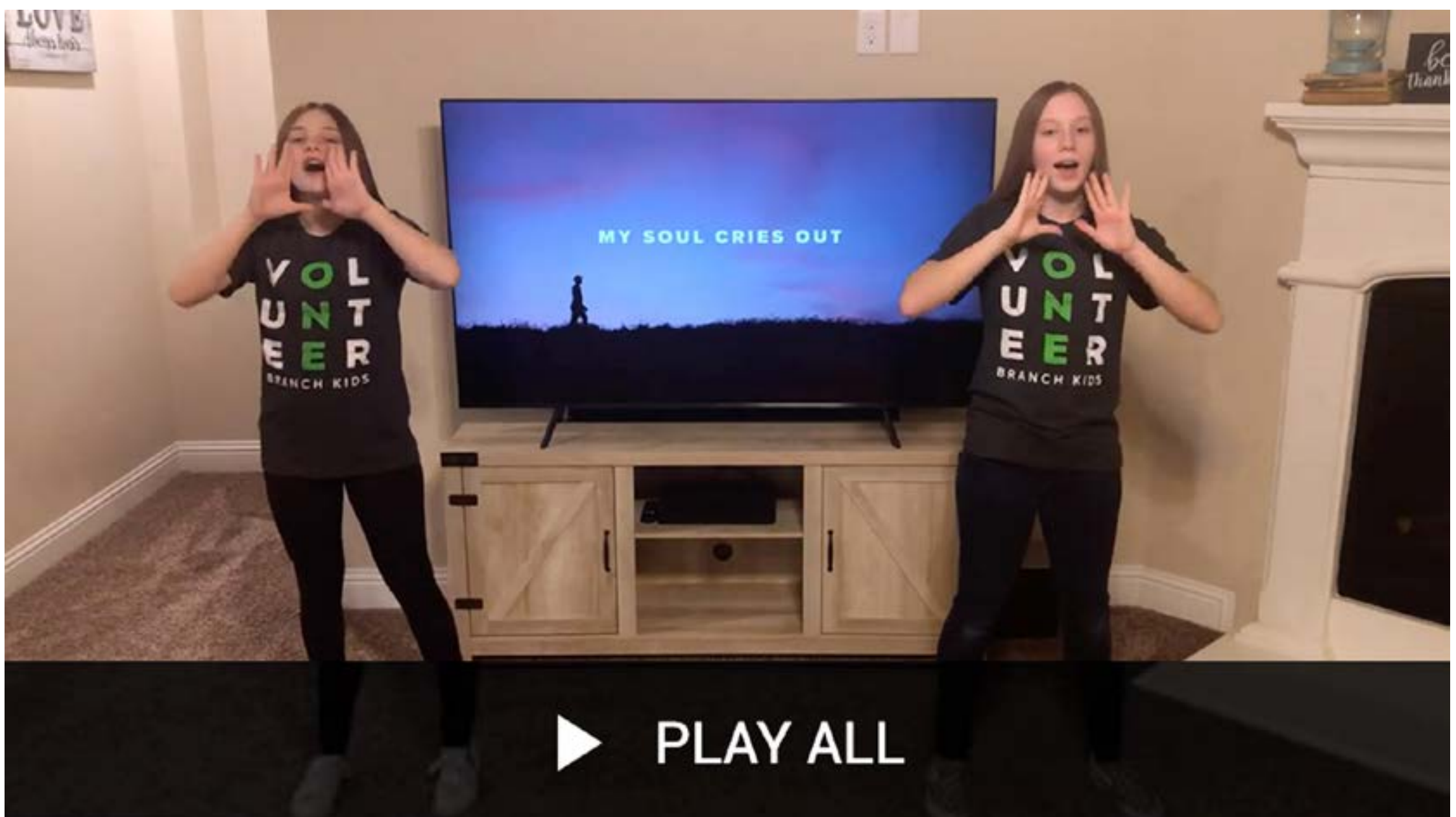


Branch Kids Worship Motions



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 Ephesians 6:10-15



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)
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- 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 has given us the Shoes of Peace to stand firm against the enemy.

Encourage active listening:

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



4. Discuss the Passage

Discussion Questions

- What is armor? 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.
- 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 remembering God's truth.
- What are the three pieces of armor mentioned in the reading? The Belt of Truth, Breastplate of Righteousness, Shoes of Peace
- What are the Shoes of Peace for? Shoes help us stand firm. Roman soldiers wore shoes with spikes that helped them stand firm as their shoes gripped the ground - like cleats. Knowing about God's peace helps us stand firm no matter what comes our way.
- What is God's peace? God's peace helps us stand firm even in the storms of life. When we know Jesus as our savior we receive peace with God and the peace of God. What an important part of the armor of God!
- What is the Gospel? Gospel means "good news". The good news is the story of Jesus - how He loves us so much that He came to earth to pay for our sin by dying on the cross even though He never did anything wrong. He came to earth, He died, He rose again!
- How do we put the armor on? Knowing that we have peace with God helps us stand firm. Remember God is greater – 1 John 4:4 "Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world." Jesus has already won over Satan. Remembering these truths each day is putting on the armor of God.
- How can you use the Shoes of Peace to stand confidently as 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 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 put on the shoes of peace to add to the Belt of Truth and Breastplate of Righteousness.

- 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.
- God's peace helps us stand firm and share the Gospel with others.



6. Experience the Story

Use an activity to help reinforce what you learned today.

Activity - Slipping and Sliding

Notes:

- Do this inside on slick floors. Or, it could be done outside on an actual “slip & slide” surface barefooted!
- Have everyone take their shoes off and have on socks. Divide into two teams and draw two lines or goals on each end of the area you are using. Have teams line up in pairs facing each other placing hands on each others shoulders.
- When you say begin, they are to try pushing the other team member across the goal line behind them. This is opposite of tug of war. The team that gets the most across their goal line wins.
- You could also play two at a time instead of two teams - depending on numbers :)

Ask:

- What was hard about the game. (Socks slipped; couldn't get a grip)

Going through life without the Gospel of peace is just like trying to get a grip without shoes on. Jesus grounds us and helps us no matter what is happening in our lives. Part of arming ourselves with the shoes of peace is telling others about the Gospel so they experience God's peace, 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, You are the most powerful, the most awesome. May ____trust You always and know the Gospel of Jesus.**
- **God, help_____put on Your full armor to protect against the enemy's lies, division, and destruction. May they walk in peace.**
- **God, help (anyone who does not know Jesus) know Jesus as their Savior. He loves them! Help me share the gospel with them!**

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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