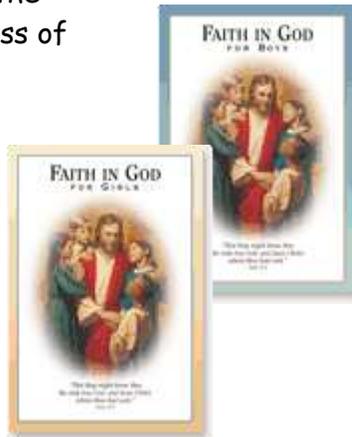


Faith in God during Music Time

A SECOND WITNESS

Although parents and other Primary leaders also have responsibilities, the music leader helps the 8 to 11 year old boys and girls with Faith in God as you teach the gospel through song. You are a 2nd witness of the gospel principles being taught.

If you don't have the guidebooks, please ask your Primary President to give you a copy of the Faith in God booklet or look it up at lds.org. As you browse through it, you will notice references to songs on page 6, 9, & 10.



The song *Choose the Right* (Hymn # 239) is specifically listed. Please be sure you teach this song each year, with a discussion about how agency and good choices lead to greater faith.

At lds.org, go to **Serve and Teach** and choose **Primary**. Click on **Faith in God**.

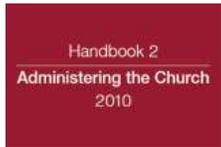
Did you notice activities about other gospel principles that we frequently sing about? The Holy Ghost? Joseph Smith? Prayer? Faith? Baptism? Service? Tithing? How about the list of My Gospel Standards on the back cover? You teach these gospel principles through song every week. Just take it one step further and remind the Senior Primary of the connection to Faith in God.

One of the Faith in God requirements is memorizing the Articles of Faith. Many music leaders already teach the Articles of Faith songs. When they are set to music, they are much easier to remember. Please point out to the Senior Primary that this helps them with the requirement for Faith in God

The monthly song list will include Faith in God recommendations that go along with the theme.

Thanks for your help. It really does take a village (the ward or branch) to raise a child in the gospel.

11.2.4 Ward Primary Music Leader(s) and Pianist(s)
...The melodies, words, and messages of Primary songs can teach children the doctrines of the gospel and stay in their hearts throughout their lives...



SINGING DOCTRINE:
As you teach the music and words of the theme song each week, also highlight doctrine by asking a single question or having the children guess which song from the scripture reference.



Share your specific testimony about a part of the doctrine in one or two concise statements. You don't need to teach everything you know all at once for every song.

Prepare short, quick transitions between songs. Make sure games lead to greater participation. Most of the 20 minutes allotted needs to be spent singing.