

Sandpoint Stake Primary Music Newsletter

August 2015

Dear Music Leaders,

September through December is your time to choose songs that reinforce the sharing time message. Use the index to help identify appropriate songs. This time is also an opportunity to review songs in preparation for the Children's Sacrament Meeting Presentation and to enjoy holiday songs.

Please remember to purposefully include Faith in God in music time, and encourage the children who are 8 to 11 years old.

I'm looking forward to seeing the Children's Sacrament Meeting Presentations during fourth quarter. It looks like we'll be able to attend most of them. Thanks for scheduling around the ward/branch conferences.

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IDEA SHARE

At the Bonner's Ferry 1st Ward Conference in June, we enjoyed singing with the children.

Review idea: Since the singing time is combined, Sister Hanks involved both Senior and Junior Primary children by having the little ones mix up the words to the theme song, then having the older ones put it in correct order.

Wiggle Song: *Singing a Song is Fun to Do* p 253. Big and little children loved it when Sister Hanks asked them to think of what they are doing for fun in the summer, and then called on volunteers to tell and lead (swim in a pool, fish in a pond, go to the beach, etc).



Faith in God: Three senior Primary girls were assigned to look up specific verses about the Holy Ghost in the scriptures (see p 6 of Faith in God booklet). After the Primary sang *The Holy Ghost* p 105, each girl read a scripture. Sister Hanks asked each one to tell how the Holy Ghost helps them.

After the discussion, Sister Hanks pointed out for the rest of the Primary how easy that was to do a Faith in God requirement.

Closing Exercises: For the very last song, Sister Hanks called on a child to choose their favorite Primary song.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PRIMARY

It's time to celebrate as the Primary is 137 years old this year!

An idea is to coordinate with the presidency member who is doing SharingTime to tell the children more about how Primary began and sing:

Happy Birthday to the Primary page 256

(using alternate words on page 257).

There are more great ideas at lds.org. I did a search on "happy birthday primary" and found the following:

Birthday Cake and Dress Up:

<https://www.lds.org/friend/1983/08/sharing-time-happy-birthday-primary?lang=eng>

World Wide Celebration:

<https://www.lds.org/friend/1985/08/sharing-time-happy-birthday-primary-worldwide?lang=eng>

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Suggested Primary Songs:

Prelude: Children hum or softly sing reverence and practice songs as classes come in.

Sharing Time Songs:

Reverence: Father, I Will Reverent Be p 29
A Child's Prayer p 12
Come, Follow Me Hymn 116



Birthday: Your Happy Birthday p 283
Happy, Happy Birthday p 284

Visitors: Hello p 260
Hello, Friends! P 254

Sharing Time Presentation:

There are no suggested songs during Sharing Time this month. Ask the Primary Presidency if they are including any songs of their choice. Choose at least one song each week that supports the weekly theme.



SINGING TIME SONGS:



Wiggle: I Have Two Happy Little Feet p 270
(who controls your choices and your body?)
Wise Man & Foolish Man p 281
(How can we be like the wise man? Are we sometimes like the foolish man?)

THEME: Your choice. See Obedience, Priesthood, Resurrection, Faith p 306-311 index

Faith in God: The Seventh Article of Faith p 126

Ask the children to list some of the miracles that Jesus performed and list them on the board. Tell the children that we believe miracles still happen today by the power of God. Sing Article of Faith #7 and discuss those miracles. (see p 16 Faith in God booklet).

Practice: Happy Birthday to the Primary p 256 using alternate words p 257
(Aug 25, 1878 -- 137 years old in 2015)

Program Practice Songs

Other songs of your choice