



Sandpoint Stake Music Newsletter

May 2015

Dear Music Leaders,

This month you get to choose the theme song. If you look at the suggestions in the weekly OST themes, you'll find many good ideas. You'll want to coordinate week 1, 3, & 4 with the Primary Presidency member who will be doing Sharing Time.

Do you have some favorite quotes and insights from the April General Conference? Share them with the children. One of my favorites is Elder Wilford Anderson's talk in the Saturday afternoon session. "I can teach you to dance, but you have to hear the music". We are trying to teach the children to "hear the music" by understanding the doctrine of the songs, instead of just memorizing the words. I was so excited to hear he will be visiting our Stake Conference this week!

Love,

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MAY TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

THEME SONG: *Your choice*

Lots of ideas are in the weekly themes in the OST.
Faith, Repentance, Baptism, Holy Ghost p 306-311 index

PRACTICE SONGS:

Help Me, Dear Father p 99 OST week 2

Verse 1: Briefly tell about a time someone was unkind to you. Keep it simple so the children can relate. Ask if someone has ever been unkind to them. How did it make them feel? Tell how prayer and forgiveness helped and made you feel better.

Verse 2: Ask the children if they every make mistakes or do something wrong? Tell about a simple time you needed to repent because we all make mistakes. Emphasize the role of asking for forgiveness, prayer, restitution, and changing our ways.

Have the children stand to sing and turn around each time they sing "Help Me". Explain that repentance means we stop doing what is wrong and turn to God.

Repentance p 98 OST week 2

Ask the children with scriptures to look up Psalm 38:18. Sing the first two lines. Ask what we are to do when we sin or do something wrong? Write responses on the board. Sing the entire song.

FAITH IN GOD

Did you notice that the Articles of Faith are on page 16 of the Faith in God booklets?

Since May's scripture in the OST is the 4th Article of Faith, it makes sense to teach the song in May. It is also featured during Sharing Time in Week 1.



At lds.org, go to **Resources** and choose **Primary**. Click on **Faith in God** on the left sidebar. Choose **Faith in God for girls or for boys**.

To review in week 2, define gospel principles and ordinances and give examples. Help the children identify which steps are principles (Faith, Repentance) and which steps are ordinances (Baptism, Confirmation).

On week 3, as the children sing about principles, have them clap to the beat. When they sing about ordinances, they could snap their fingers (or you can choose other actions).

Testify and give a short example from your own life. You might tell about your own baptism or that of someone close to you and how you felt.