

Sandpoint Stake Primary Music Newsletter

November 2015

Dear Music Leaders,

It's been a joy to experience so many of the Children's Sacrament Meeting Presentation this year. It's like going to my favorite Sacrament Meeting over and over. I love hearing the children sing and feeling the Spirit come into the meeting. I love their sweet voices bearing testimony. I love it when they use their own words. Thank you for helping them to understand the gospel through song.

Love,

*LeeAnn Kopsa, President
Sandpoint Stake Primary*

REVIEW IDEA SHARE

Sunnyside Ward:



Autumn Leaves: Sister Janet Bouse got all of our attention as she brought a real tree to the front for singing time. Reverent children chose a real maple leaf with a song on the back, and then taped it to a branch. We enjoyed singing "It's Autumn Time" and "Leaves are Falling All Around".

Favorite Hymn: When the song "Sing Your Favorite Hymn" was chosen, Sister Bouse paused on the first line and asked what "your language is in question?" means. Since this is not terminology the children usually use, it gave them a moment to think about inappropriate or unkind words that could be replaced by music. She asked children what their favorite hymn was, and several came up with a song, but not a hymn, so she redirected them to Primary songs and church hymns. Taking just that little bit of time to talk about the meaning helps the children to understand what those words mean.

Participation: At the end, Sister Bouse had enough extra leaves to let everyone dress the tree by adding a leaf.



NEW SONGS:

Bonner's Ferry

Maybe this is an old favorite for you, but it's always new for our Junior Primary children. I love singing "Scripture Power."

The figure was made by Sister Darlene Schnieder and her daughter.



Sandpoint Ward:

I heard a new song from the Sandpoint children. Sister Kristin Strock lead "The Lord Has Blessed Me" during the Children's Sacrament Meeting Presentation.

As Thanksgiving approaches, this would be a fun song to learn.

Practice new songs in advance. Give the pianist a little heads up so they can practice, too.

These songs can be found by going to lds.org, choosing **Serve and Teach**, then **Primary**. Click on **Music**, then **Music for Children** in the right sidebar.

The sheet music is attached with this newsletter.

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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: Thanks to Our Father p 20
I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus p 78
This Is God's House p 30



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

Visitors: Our Door is Always Open p 254
Hello, Friends! P 254

Sharing Time Presentation:

When We're Helping p 198 OST Week 2
I Have Two Little Hands p 272 OST Week 4



SINGING TIME SONGS:



Wiggle: Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam p 60
(ask for examples of how we can be sunbeams)

Smiles (serve by smiling) p 267

THEME: When We Serve Others, We Serve God (Song of your choice) p 311 index

Faith in God: Teach *The Twelfth Article of Faith* (p 131) and discuss what it means to be a good citizen and how your actions can affect others. Teach *The Thirteenth Article of Faith* (p 132), especially the part about "doing good to all men" (p 9 & p 16 Faith in God guidebook).

Program Practice Songs

Other songs of your choice