

Sandpoint Stake Primary Music Newsletter

September 2015

Dear Music Leaders,

I continue to be strengthened by the Primary music in our stake, and have Primary songs in my head all week. I wish you could all visit other wards and branches with me. Primary music is the best!

Seeing the Children's Sacrament Meeting Presentations, meeting with presidencies during ward or branch conferences, and chatting with the music leaders this fall is such a treat.

Love,

LeeAnn Kopsa, President
Sandpoint Stake Primary

IDEA SHARE

This month we are highlighting great ideas from two wards we visited with this summer. (Don't worry, I ask permission before I take pictures.)

Westmond Ward:

Sister Elina Schultz, the 2nd counselor, was substituting in music time like an old pro. Later we learned it was her first time ever. She said to prepare she read the music leader's packet. WOW!



Clue Review: She put on an apron with song clues in each pocket (the heart was reserved for herself). For instance, the letter 4 reminded the children of the 4th Article of Faith. She chose children who were being reverent or singing well in the previous song.

Faith in God: After singing the song, several children passed off the Article of Faith. The entire back wall records their performance. They can also show that they have memorized one with their teacher or after Primary with a member of the presidency.



Bonner's Ferry 2nd Ward:



Jeopardy Review: To review songs, Sister Darlene Schnieder placed categories of game cards on the board, each with a hint on the back.

For Junior Primary, she added pictures of the categories. The children could choose songs about Actions, the Savior, Prophets, or Me.



Pointing Hello Song: Sister Schnieder had a new twist on this old favorite. As all the children sang the Hello song, she pointed to a single child to sing "Hello" each time. The children loved it.

She gave them another choice to have all the boys stand and sing the first hello, while all the girls stand to sing the echo, which also is a great idea.

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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: I Have Two Little Hands p 272
I Want to Live the Gospel p 148
Love One Another p 136
PROGRAM PRACTICE SONGS



Birthday: Your Happy Birthday p 283
You've had a Birthday p 285

Visitors: Our Door is Always Open p 254
Here We are Together (in our Primary) p 261

Sharing Time Presentation:

Keep the Commandments p 146 OST Week 1 & 2
A Child's Prayer p 12 OST Week 3
We Bow Our Heads p 25 OST Week 3
Seek the Lord Early p 108 OST Week 4



SINGING TIME SONGS:



Wiggle: Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam p 60
(ask what it means to shine like a sunbeam...)

When We're Helping p 198

(Discuss how we love those we serve and we serve those we love. Choose a child to lead a helping action for each verse. For instance, helping father do dishes, mother picking huckleberries, brother/sister ride a bike, etc. Bear testimony of how we show love to Heavenly Father & Jesus when we keep the commandments and serve others.)

Give, Said the Little Stream p 236

(Sing all three verses. Pass around a flower. Stop the music at intervals and whoever is holding the flower tells one thing they can give such as love, kindness, help, with specific family examples.)

THEME: Your choice. See Obedience, Love, Jesus Christ p 306-311 index

Faith in God: My Gospel Standards back cover

During Sharing Time in Week 1 & 2, the presidency member will be discussing My Gospel Standards. Choose one of My Gospel Standards and a song with the same theme.

Program Practice Songs

Other songs of your choice