



“YHWH is My Song” Lesson for Toddlers

This is the fifth (5th) lesson plan in our series titled, “**Little Ones Knowing YHWH.**” Each of these studies is designed to help children age 18-24 months better understand the character & nature of YHWH (YHWH (God)) or which ever Holy Name you use).

This particular lesson is based on Exodus 15:2, Psalm 118:14. In very simple language, it shows how YHWH (God) gives joy to our hearts. We’ve listed supplies needed according to each learning activity. Please choose which options work best for you.

Bible Passage: Exodus 15:2, Psalm 118:14

Bible Lesson Title: YHWH (God) is My Song

Target Age Group: Toddlers, age 18-24 months

Original Teaching Context: Toddler Sunday School

Supplies: Bible, pictures of children singing or laughing. See additional activities for other supplies and preparation.

With toddlers, you want to keep your lesson simple. If your child or class is able, get them to sit together on floor in front of you. Hold up your Bible.

SAY: The Bible is YHWH (God)’s Word. The Bible tells us YHWH (God) is our Song. (Show picture of children singing or happy children). He is the joy of our hearts! (Repeat three times.)

The following activities are designed to reinforce the simple Scripture truth, encourage their development, and engage their imaginations and creativity. Choose the ones that will work best for your classroom.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

FIND THE MUSIC NOTES

SUPPLIES: Music notes cut out of black poster board or construction paper, tape, song sheet with notes.

DO: Tape the music notes in various places around the room where your toddler(s) can reach them. Show them a music note and instruct them to go find as many as they can. As they are looking, turn on some background praise music. Bring them all back together after the music notes have been found and count them out loud.

SAY: You found all the music notes! Music notes make songs (hold up a song sheet). YHWH (God) is our song! He brings us joy! He makes our hearts happy!

BIRD WATCH AND LISTEN

SUPPLIES: Pictures of birds and/or bird puppet. Or, if you own a parakeet, that would be okay too!

DO: Open the window or go outside to hear birds sing. If you are unable to do this, show your toddler(s) pictures of birds and discuss them. Ask questions like, “Can you see any birds? Can we count the birds we see outside? What do birds say? Who made the birds? Can you hear the birds singing? Who are they singing to?”

SAY: A bird’s song is beautiful! YHWH (God) created the birds to sing for Him. YHWH (God) is our song! He brings our hearts joy. He makes our hearts happy!



PRAISE YHWH THROUGH SONG

SUPPLIES: Praise and worship CDs your toddler(s) are familiar with.

SAY: YHWH (God) is our song. He makes our hearts happy! We can worship YHWH (God) through singing to Him. Let's sing together to YHWH (God) now!

DO: Sing a few worship songs together to YHWH (God), maybe two or three short ones. Then follow with the next activity.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

SUPPLIES: Various musical instruments that toddler(s) can play (drums, triangle, shakers, tambourines, etc.) If instruments are unavailable, make your own with various bowls and spoons, plastic eggs filled with rice, balloons filled with rice and blown-up, paper plates with bells tied around them, etc.

DO: Sing some upbeat worship songs together while playing the instruments. Encourage your toddlers to dance too! Have **FUN** praising YHWH (God) together.

SAY: YHWH (God) is our song! He makes our hearts happy! I love to praise YHWH (God)! When we are sad, we can always remember that YHWH (God) is our song. He brings us joy when we sing to Him!

IDENTIFY EMOTIONS

SUPPLIES: Yourself and your toddler(s); you could also make paper plate faces that display different emotions and glue them to a popsicle stick for the children to play with.

DO: Show a sad face. Have your child(ren) imitate you and tell you what emotion you are showing. Repeat with mad, surprised, scared, and happy. (Or ask them find the paper plate face that shows the same emotion you are displaying. Ex. "Can you find the **Mad** face?")

SAY: YHWH (God) is our song! He makes our hearts happy! Can you show me the happy face again? Sometimes when we are sad (make sad face) or mad (make mad face), we need to remember that YHWH (God) is our song! He makes our hearts happy!

IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT

DO: Sing If Your Happy and You Know It, encouraging the child(ren) to really express it with their faces while they do the motions.

SAY: YHWH (God) is our song! He makes our hearts happy! We can always show our happiness through singing and praising Him!

Pray: Hold hands or bow your heads together. Say a short prayer like the following: Dear YHWH (God), you are our Song. You bring us great joy! We love you! Thank you for loving us. Amen.



We pray that this lesson will be a blessing to you and your children and that they will be a blessing to others.

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