

Children's Ministry Lesson Plan – August 17th, 2025

Scripture: Isaiah 43:16–21

1. Activity: Clap, Snap, Stomp (10 Minutes)

Description:

Kids stand in a circle. A leader starts a rhythm by saying a kid's name and then doing a clap, snap, or stomp. The child named must repeat the rhythm and name someone else with a new move. Keeps going until everyone has had a turn. Great for energy and focus.

2. Worship Song: Praise (5 minutes)

Have Kids Stand And Copy The Motions To The Song
Press Play On The Computer To Start The Song
Pause/Stop/Exit Out Of Song When It Is Over

3. Offering (2 minute)

Who can tell me what tithes & offerings are? Allow kids to respond.

What are tithes & offerings?

"Giving money to the church is actual giving money to God. Tithe means one-tenth. God then uses this money for the work of the church, which is to spread the Good News of Jesus and God's love for us to the entire world, including you."

Did anyone bring an offering today? (Allow them to take any offering to the box on the wall outside the rooms)

4. Prayer & Split (2 minute)

Invite A Kid To Pray For The Day.

Encourage thanksgiving, praising God, or if someone has already shared something that needs to be prayed for.

Split Up Into The Classrooms

5. Provide Snack & Art Pages (2 minutes)

This will engage and focus the kids.

6. Opening Prayer Requests (5 minutes)

Ask For Prayer Requests / Share Your Own (Allow Time For Thought & Sharing)

Assign/Ask If Anyone Will Pray For A Prayer Request

(The goal is to create comfortable spaces for sharing & praying for one another. Sometimes this means that the leaders will be the only ones that are praying. Other times you might see opportunities where kids are eager to pray or willing to stretch their comfort zone because they really care about another kid's prayer request)

Pray.

7. Read Scripture Passage (5 minutes)

Explain how you are finding the passage in your bible.

Read: Isaiah 43:16–21

First Thoughts & Reflection:

Ask: “What do you think it means that God is doing a ‘new thing’?”

Ask: “How does it feel to know God is not finished working in your life?”

Let kids draw or color what they imagine when they hear “God is making a way in the wilderness.”

8. Application Story (5 minutes)

Script:

Tanner loved how his family always camped at the same lake every summer. But this year, his parents said they were going somewhere new. Tanner didn’t want to go.

“What if it’s not as fun? What if I don’t like it?”

His mom smiled and said, “Sometimes God brings us to new places because He has something special waiting for us.”

When they got to the new campground, Tanner saw huge trees, a river with smooth skipping stones, and even a zipline! It was different—but it was awesome.

That night by the fire, Tanner said, “I’m glad we didn’t just do the same thing again. This was better than I imagined.”

His dad said, “That’s how God works—He does new things so we can grow and see more of His love.”

9. Discussion (10 minutes)

Questions:

- What do you hear the Scripture and story saying to you?
- What's something new you've experienced that you were nervous about but ended up liking?
- Why do you think God likes to do new things?
- How can we trust God when things change or feel different?

Tips:

Allow the Holy Spirit guide you.

Allow for quiet as kids think. Look at their faces and maybe you will see a brain processing that you can prompt to answer.

If a child hasn't spoken, you can ask them if they have any thoughts, but don't push too hard. They are finding comfort & trust in the space.

Kids take in more than it looks like. Do not be discouraged if you don't see a desired outcome. Focus on being a loving, trusted, consistent adult in their life.

10. Closing Review & Prayer (3 minutes)

Review:

Today we learned that God doesn't only work the way He has in the past.

He is always creating, leading, and doing something new in our lives.

When we trust Him, we can look forward to the new things He wants to do through us.

Closing Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for doing new things in our lives.

Help us not to get stuck looking backward but to trust You for what's ahead.

We're excited to see the new ways You will work! Amen.