

Song & Fingerplay Cards

Sing, Clap & Play Your Way Through the Bible!

Little ones learn with their whole bodies — and singing and hand-motions help God's truths stick in their hearts (and stay there for life!). Here are 12 simple songs and fingerplays to go with your Bible study set.

How to use them:

- Print on paper or cardstock, and cut the cards apart.
- The **songs** use tunes you already know — just sing the new words!
- The **fingerplays** have *hand motions in italics* — do them together.
- Each card shows which story or lesson it matches, so you can sing it that week.
- Keep them in the car, the kitchen, or the diaper bag for anytime fun!

Traditional songs are used with their well-known public-domain words; the rest are original lyrics written to familiar tunes.

Songs & Fingerplays • Cards 1–4

SONG

God Made It All

Sing to: “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star”

God made all the stars up high,
God made earth and sea and sky.
God made every bird and tree,
God made you and God made me.
God saw all that He had done,
God said, “Good!” and loved each one.

Goes with: Creation • The Big Story Book

SONG

Noah's Great Big Ark

Sing to: “Mary Had a Little Lamb”

Noah had a great big ark,
great big ark, great big ark.
Noah had a great big ark,
to keep them safe and dry.
Two by two the animals came,
animals came, animals came —
then God sent a rainbow bright,
to shine up in the sky!

Goes with: Noah • The Big Story Book

SONG

The Fruit of the Spirit

Sing to: “If You're Happy and You Know It”

Oh, the fruit of the Spirit grows in me (in me!),
the fruit of the Spirit grows in me (in me!):
love, joy, peace, and patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness and self-control — grow in me!

Goes with: God's Good Fruit

FINGERPLAY

God Made Me

Point to each part as you say it!

God made my head (*touch head*),
God made my toes (*touch toes*),
God made my eyes (*point to eyes*)
and my little nose (*tap nose*).
God made my hands to clap and pray (*clap*),
and God made ME — hip, hip, hooray! (*arms up high!*)

Goes with: Creation • “God made you”

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SONG

Jesus Loves Me

A treasured old song • sing the classic tune

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
they are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! (x3)
The Bible tells me so.

Goes with: every lesson!

SONG

This Little Light of Mine

A classic • hold up one finger like a candle

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine! *(hold up finger)*
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine! *(wiggle finger high)*

Goes with: "Let Your Light Shine" • Jesus Told a Story

FINGERPLAY

Here Is the Church

A classic hand rhyme

Here is the church *(fold fingers inside, knuckles up)*,
here is the steeple *(point two fingers up)*,
open the doors *(open your thumbs)*,
and see all the people! *(wiggle fingers)*

Goes with: church • Talking to God

FINGERPLAY

Two Little Hands to Pray

Do the motions, then pray together

Two little hands go clap, clap, clap *(clap)*,
two little feet go tap, tap, tap *(tap)*.
Two little hands fold quietly *(fold hands)*,
two little eyes close peacefully *(close eyes)*.
Now it's time to talk to God —
He loves to hear from me!

Goes with: Talking to God

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FINGERPLAY

Five Little Helpers

Hold up five fingers; bend one down each line

Five little helpers, happy and good *(hold up 5)*:
one shares a toy the way that they should,
one gives a hug, one helps to clean,
one says kind words, one prays in between.
Five little helpers, loving and true —
God is so happy when we help too! *(clap!)*

Goes with: Kindness • God's Good Fruit

FINGERPLAY

Jonah and the Big Fish

Lots of fun motions!

Jonah ran away one day *(run fingers)*,
but a big fish came his way — *(big arm mouth)*
GULP! *(clap like a chomp)* Down went Jonah in
the sea,
Jonah prayed, and God set him free! *(fold hands)*
Out he came upon the sand *(open arms)*,
“I’ll obey!” said Jonah — and he ran! *(run!)*

Goes with: Jonah • The Big Story Book

SONG

Zacchaeus

A classic • act it out as you sing

Zacchaeus was a wee little man *(crouch small)*,
and a wee little man was he.
He climbed up in a sycamore tree *(climb!)*
for the Lord he wanted to see. *(hand over eyes)*
And as the Savior passed that way
He looked up in the tree *(look up)*
and said, “Zacchaeus, come down! *(beckon)*
I’m coming to your house today!”

Goes with: Zacchaeus • The Big Story Book

SONG

Praise Him, All You Little Children

A classic • clap and march!

Praise Him, praise Him,
all you little children *(clap)*,
God is love, God is love!
Praise Him, praise Him,
all you little children,
God is love, God is love! *(hands up high!)*

Goes with: “Wow, God!” • Talking to God