



Stand

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This lesson lets the children interact with the teaching.

You Tube Song Suggestions:

- His Love Endures Forever (The Rizers Psalm 136:2-4)
- Forever (Arts Delivery)
- Hallelu, Hallelujah Praise Ye the Lord (traditional Sunday School song with sitting and standing actions)
- Stand Together (Lifetree Kids)

Story: Jehoshaphat Stands Strong!
Bible Reference: 2 Chronicles 20:1-30

Whenever the children hear the words STOOD or STAND, they are to stand up as quickly as they can. You may like to make a game of it and award points but make sure you do not distract from the story. Illustrations can be found at Free Bible Images.

Suggested Visuals for flashcards or Power Point:

- 1 Jehoshaphat and messengers
- 2 People praying
- 3 Jehoshaphat
- 4 Abraham and the stars in the sky
- 5 Jahaziel
- 6 Jehoshaphat and people bowing OR God's people praising
- 7 Jehoshaphat and his army
- 8 Valuables like clothing, food and gold
- 9 Jehoshaphat and army praising God

Visual 1:

Messengers came and told Jehoshaphat, 'A large army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the Dead Sea.' Jehoshaphat was afraid, so he decided to ask the Lord what to do.

Visual 2:

He announced that everyone in Judah should fast during this special time of prayer to God. The people of Judah came together to ask the Lord for help; they came from every town in Judah. The people of Judah and Jerusalem met in front of the new courtyard in the Temple of the Lord.

Visual 3:

Then Jehoshaphat **STOOD** up and he said, 'Lord, God of our ancestors, you are the God in heaven. (All sit.) You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. You have power and strength, so no one can **STAND** against you. (All sit.)

Visual 4:

And you gave this land forever to the descendants of your friend Abraham. They lived in this land and built a Temple for you. They said, 'If trouble comes upon us, or war, punishment, sickness, or hunger, we will **STAND** before you and before this Temple where you have chosen to be worshiped. We will cry out to you when we are in trouble. Then you will hear and save us.' (All sit.)

'We have no power against this large army that is attacking us. We don't know what to do, so we look to you for help.'

Visual 5:

All the men of Judah **STOOD** before the LORD with their babies, wives, and children. (All sit.) Then the Spirit of the LORD entered Jahaziel, a Levite, and he **STOOD** up in the meeting. (All sit.) He said, 'Listen to me, King Jehoshaphat and all you people living in Judah and Jerusalem. The Lord says this to you: Don't be afraid or discouraged because of this large army. The battle is not your battle, it is God's. You won't need to fight in this battle. Just **STAND** strong in your places, and you will see the Lord save you. Judah and Jerusalem don't be afraid or discouraged, because the Lord is with you. So go out against those people tomorrow.' (All sit.)

Visual 6:

Jehoshaphat bowed face down on the ground. All the people of Judah and Jerusalem bowed down before the Lord and worshiped him. Then some Levites **STOOD** up and praised the Lord, the God of Israel, with very loud voices. (All sit.)

Visual 7:

Jehoshaphat's army went out into the Desert of Tekoa early in the morning. As they were starting out, Jehoshaphat **STOOD** and said, 'Listen to me, people of Judah and Jerusalem. (All sit.) Have faith in the LORD your God, and you will **STAND** strong. Have faith in his prophets, and you will succeed.' Then he chose men to be singers to the Lord, to praise Him because he is holy and wonderful. As they marched in front of the army, they said, 'Thank the Lord because his love continues forever.' (All sit.)

As they began to sing and praise God, the Lord set ambushes for the people of Ammon, Moab, and Edom who had come to attack Judah. And they were defeated. The Ammonites and Moabites attacked the Edomites, destroying them completely. After they had killed the Edomites, they killed each other.

Visual 8:

When the men from Judah came to a place where they could see the desert, they looked at the enemy's large army. But they only saw dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped. When Jehoshaphat and his army came to take their valuables, they found many supplies, much clothing, and other valuable things. There was more than they could carry

away; there was so much it took three days to gather it all. On the fourth day Jehoshaphat and his army praised the Lord.

Visual 9:

Then Jehoshaphat led all the men from Judah and Jerusalem back to Jerusalem. The Lord had made them happy because their enemies were defeated. They entered Jerusalem with harps, lyres, and trumpets and went to the Temple of the Lord.

When all the kingdoms of the lands around them heard how the Lord had fought Israel's enemies, they feared God. So Jehoshaphat's kingdom was not at war. His God gave him peace from all the countries around him. Let's all **STAND** and give God a clap!

Ministry to the Children:

When you have a problem...STAND! Just like Jehoshaphat.

- 1) Go to God and ask Him what you should do
- 2) Praise and worship God
- 3) Believe God will rescue you
- 4) Give a testimony so others will hear what God has done for you and know how awesome He is!

Ask any children facing a problem to STAND and lead them in prayer, and follow up with praise and worship. Make sure you give opportunity for testimonies next time you meet.

Memory Verse: 2 Chronicles 20:17

Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, who is with you...

Write the scripture and reference out on A4 sheets of paper. Select children to come to the front and hold a sheet each and make sure the scripture is jumbled. Play music and randomly hit pause. From those children seated, the first to STAND knowing a word in the correct order gets to come to the front and position the child holding the word or reference in the right position. Now hit play again, then randomly pause for another child to STAND and put a word in the right position...and so on until the scripture is complete. Recite the Memory Verse aloud...sitting and standing, and when the children have learned it, remove a few A4 sheets at a time until they are all gone and they can recite it without any words.

Children can work in pairs if your age group includes lower primary.

Game: Musical Statues

The children dance around while the music plays and must *stand still* as statues when the music stops. Anyone seen moving after the music has stopped is out!

Craft: Musical Instruments to Praise God

Choose an instrument that is appropriate for your age group. There are lots of great ideas on the internet.

- Tambourines using paper plates
- Drums using containers with lids
- Castanets using cardboard and bottle tops
- Jingle bell bracelets
- Plastic bottle shakers