

Praise

Sacrafices of praise

Candy Corn Pass

Materials Needed

2 bags of candy corn

6 straws

2 cups

3 boys and 3 girls, or just your family!

How To Play

Make two teams of 3 boys and three girls. Give each child 1 straw and each team a pile of candy corn and a cup. Teams have one minute to pick up as much candy corn as they can by sucking through the straw and placing the candy into a cup. Kids may not touch the candy corn with their hands. The team with the most candy corn in the cup at the end of the game, wins.

Trumpet

Object Lesson

I brought a trumpet (can be a toy, or from the dollar store) with me today. Would you like to hear me play it? (Try to play it.) It didn't sound that good did it? Well did you know that in the Bible wars were won by using trumpets? I know it sounds crazy, but it's true!

Several times God send the Israelites into battle and guess what He said to do? He said to put the praisers on the front line! If you were going into battle who would you want to put on the front line? (Wait for responses.) Probably your strongest and most skilled warriors. But God told Joshua to march around the walls of Jericho and put the trumpet players on the front line! God also told Jehoshaphat to send the praisers out in front.

Would you want to be on the front lines of a battle singing and playing music? Probably not!

Do you know what praising is? In Psalm 100:1-5 it says that praise is giving thanks to God. We often will do this by singing and playing instruments. Basically it is thanking God for the Good things He has done.

Wouldn't that be wild going into battle and the very first thing you do if sing and give thanks to God? I think I would be pretty nervous!

Do you know what happened next??

When the trumpets blew and the people started to sing and shout giving praise to God and thanking Him for the things that He has done, God fought the battle for them! God tore the walls of Jericho down! God defeated the enemy!

Sometimes it isn't easy to give thanks to God in the middle of a battle. In Hebrews 13:15 it says that we bring a "sacrifice of praise." Why is it a sacrifice? Because it isn't easy! It is hard to do! But when we begin to give thanks to God and praise Him then amazing things begin to happen. When we give thanks to God then He will fight out battles for us!

You may be facing a difficult situation in your life, but don't be sad and discouraged! Start to sing! Start to praise God. Give thanks to our Lord! And let Him fight and win the battle for you!.