

Search Ponder and Pray Team Patterns

Challenge the kids to come up with patterns as a team and then teach them to each other as you sing through Search Ponder and Pray with tons of repetition.

How to Play:

Sing through Search Ponder and Pray before introducing the activity.

Bring out paper plates for just the music leader and start a random mix of actions to go with the first few lines. Freeze – pause the song right in the middle of the line. What do you think of those actions? I just came up with those on the spot, but I want to see what YOU come up with. Let me try one more time.

- Possible pattern: Clap the plates together on: Search / Pon- / -der / and / Pray
- Swish through the next line: are the things that I .. FREEZE!

Bring out sand blocks for just the music leader. Start singing through the next two lines with a random set of actions. Freeze! Pause right in the middle of the next set of lines. Hm, those were okay too. I bet you can come up with something better!

- Possible Pattern: Pat sand blocks on your lap on: The / Spir- / -it / Will / Guide
- Tap from head to toe: and / deep / inside / I... FREEZE!

Have the kids sort themselves into two groups. They can stand up and move to one side of the room where there is a bucket of paper plates waiting and the other side where a bucket of sand blocks are waiting. Ask another leader (or 2) to help with each of the groups to keep them on task.

Give them 30-60 seconds to think of a pattern together for the first line. Sing the first line 3-4 times through while they're coming up with a pattern. You can use the printed cards to give them ideas!

Now, add the 2nd line, and third, etc. Building up a pattern.

Everyone returns to their own seats with their instruments. Have the Paper Plates group stand up first and show off the new pattern to the Sand Blocks group. The Sand Blocks group will help by singing along. For a challenge (Senior Primary) you can have the Sand Blocks group mirror back the pattern singing through the song a second time. They'll just use their sand blocks to mimic the patterns the plates group created.

Now, switch! The sand blocks group will stand up and show off their actions. Add the challenge round if you'd like.

Finally, both groups will do their OWN actions while you sing through the song. Can they do it again fast?

CLAP

SWISH

PAT

TAP HEAD

CLAP PARTNER

DOUBLE CLAP



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