

Disney Sing Along Songs Shacharit

Prayer through Disney Songs

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Goals:

- To gain a deeper understanding of prayer through Disney songs

Time: 1 hour

Space Needed: A big room

Shabbat Friendly: No

Participants: 0-30, 30-60, 60-90, 90+

Audience: Grades 9-12

Keywords: Disney, Sing, Sing Along, Music, Tefillah

Materials:

- Siddurim and Prayer Service Outline
- Laptop, speakers, and display screen for the singalong songs

Instructions for Leader:

1. You can obtain the videos for the service on Youtube, or download them using <http://keepvid.com>. In the latter case, you just find the URL of the youtube video you would like to use and copy and paste it, then click download and click to download the high quality version. I searched for Youtube videos that were sing along. I compiled all the clips and explanations in iMovie, but it could also be done in Powerpoint
2. **Read:** "Welcome to Disney Minyan, the most magical minyan on earth! We will learn more about the meanings of our prayers by comparing them to Disney songs with similar meanings."
3. ***Birkat Hashachar:***
 - a. **Read:** "We will start with *Birkot Hashachar*. This prayer is about acknowledging a whole list of things G-d does which affect us every single day. Some might call them "The Bare Necessities"!"
 - b. **Pray:** *Birkot Hashachar* on Page 10. Afterwards, have the USYers sit down
 - c. **Play This Song:** "The Bare Necessities Sing Along Walt Disney"
4. ***Baruch She'amar:***
 - a. **Read:** "In *Baruch She'amar*, we praise G-d for creating the universe. We praise the world and all the creatures in it, much like Pocahontas does in her song, "Colors of the Wind"
 - b. **Pray:** *Baruch Sheamar* on Page 54. Afterwards, have the USYers sit down
 - c. **Play:** "Colors of the Wind Sing Along Walt Disney"
5. ***Az Yashir:***
 - a. **Read:** "Az *Yashir* is the song we sang after crossing the Red Sea. By singing it every morning, we commemorate the miracle *Hashem* did for us by splitting the

sea and bringing us to freedom. One little mermaid envies our freedom from the sea in her song "Part of Your World"

- b. **Pray:** As *Yashir* on Page 92. Afterwards, have the USYers sit down
 - c. **Play:** "Part of Your World Sing Along Walt Disney"
6. **Ahava Raba:**
- a. **Read:** "*Ahava Raba* compares our relationship with *Hashem* to that of a parent and child. We ask for help to see the path of *Torah* and feel it in our hearts. The parent in the next song expresses a similar sentiment as *Ahava Raba*: that is, "You'll Be in My Heart"
 - b. **Pray:** *Ahava Raba* on Page 98
 - c. **Play:** "You'll Be In My Heart Sing Along Walt Disney"
7. **Amidah:**
- a. **Pray:** *Amidah* on Page 106-120. As people are finishing, do the *niggun* to the tune of "The Lion Sleeps Tonight." Afterwards, have the USYers sit down
 - b. **Read:** ***Magen Avraham*** is the first opening prayer to the *Amidah* praises G-d for protecting the generations of the past, present, and future. ***Mechayeh Hametim***, the second one, praises G-d as the master of life and death and deliverance. One wise lion called these ideas the "Circle of Life"
 - c. **Play:** "Circle of Life Sing Along Walt Disney"
 - d. **Read:** We will now look at one of the 19 prayers of the *Amidah*. ***Shema Koleinu*** is the prayer for G-d to hear our prayers. Cinderella inspires us to have faith that our dreams will come true in her song
 - e. **Play:** "A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes Sing Along Walt Disney"
8. **Aleinu:**
- a. **Read:** "*Ahava Raba* had compared G-d to a father; *Aleinu* presents G-d as a King. The first paragraph is about our own loyalty as Jews to our King. The second paragraph expresses hope that everyone in the world will stop sinning and acknowledge G-d as King, too. Maybe *Hashem* feels kind of like Simba in his song, "Just Can't Wait to Be King"
 - b. **Pray:** *Aleinu* on Page 160. Afterwards, have the USYers sit down
 - c. **Play:** "Just Can't Wait to be King Sing Along Walt Disney"
9. **Adon Olam - Time Permitting**
10. **Read:** "I hope you all had a magical Disney Minyan!" Announcements