

# I Will Be Reverent

**Opening Song** ~ I Wiggle (Primary Hymnbook; Hymn 271)

**Opening Prayer**

**Scripture** ~ Open Scriptures to Doctrine and Covenants 109:21, and read. To reinforce the idea that goes with the lesson you can say, “We need to be reverent in the house of the Lord (at church)!”

**Scripture Story** ~ Jesus and the People at the temple

One day Jesus saw some people in the temple who were not being reverent

It made Jesus sad that the people were not being reverent.

Jesus had to tell the people that they needed to stop, and be reverent instead

It would make Jesus so happy if we were reverent at church!

**Activity** ~ Practice Being Reverent!

Like I said before - example is one of the strongest ways to teach your child, so let's practice being reverent. If you want you can start by singing the Wiggle song that we sang for opening song, then sit down and show your child how to be reverent. Here are some helpful hints I have learned - Putting their legs out straight, and then having them cross their feet at the ankles seems to help. Add that to folding their arms and that seems to help keep them a little more still (for however long that lasts - I am a mom and I know that young children don't exactly have the attention span and sometimes it only lasts seconds - but hey! that is better than nothing at all!) Also teach your child about reverent voices and loud voices - or how sometimes when we are reverent we don't talk at all.

One thing I have learned is they will react better if you give them praise instead of constantly asking them to do what you want - diligently search for opportunities to praise them for being quiet and reverent when they are supposed to, and then they will have more positive feelings toward being reverent. Instead of just thinking it is something they have to do because you are making them.

**Coloring Page** ~ I Can Be Reverent

**Closing Song** ~ I Will Try to be Reverent (Primary Hymnbook; Hymn 28)

**Closing Prayer**

**Treat** ~ Strawberry Mice! Make some strawberry mice by cutting them in half and using chocolate chips for eyes, and almond pieces for the ears! Red licorice is perfect for the tail! Follow the link found on the family night website for more details! Remind your child when they are reverent they need to be as quiet as a mouse.