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A Spiritual Lesson in Toon Language: (For
The Kids Lesson: I)

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Series: Smurfs and Digimon

Topic: Music: God's Gift to Man

Episodes: Can't Smurf the Music (Smurfs),
Kazu's Upgrade (Digimon)

Lesson Plan

I: Opening Prayer

II: Introduce the topic of lesson as “Music: God’s Gift to Man”. -- What is your definition of music? “Why is music important to you and which type is your favorite.” Do you know that music is God’s gift to us and that we should use this powerful gift for His good?

III: Introduction to clips: “This clip is from an episode of Digimon called ‘Kazu’s Upgrade’. This episode is about creatures called Gekomon who like to sing, but a big mean guy called Orochimon enslaves them. Orochimon wants to be a bully and steal all the joy out of these creatures”. Have you felt like you were extremely sad and not wanting to do anything because nothing would make you happy? Look at these clips.

IV: Cartoon Clips I And II-- (Show the clip of the story of how Orochimon got there, show how proud the villain is. Show the hopelessness and resentment the Gekomon are experiencing”. “What do you think of our villain”?

Cartoon Clip III: (Show Orochimon’s defeat and the Gekomon singing their song)

V) Discussion: “What do you think about the Gekomon song? Explain that music can come from unusual places.

VI) Cartoon Show: “I will now show a cartoon from the Smurfs series called ‘Can’t Smurf the Music’. This is about music of a different kind. Can you tell me anywhere else that music comes from besides your radio or you singing out loud”? (Show the cartoon)

VII) Discussion and Analysis: “What is your opinion on Chlorhydris’ plan to take out all of the love of the world? Can you tell me where other music can come from? Why is the joyous music in our hearts so powerful”? (Wait for response)

VIII) Bible study-- Read Psalms 98

IX) Discussion—Linking to the cartoons, what does this scripture mean to you?

X) Closing Comments: “God wants us all to be happy and sing to him. This is whether you can’t sing but try, you sing from the heart, or out loud. Try and sing a song of joy all the time. If you are sad, take time to say a prayer and ask God to help you. These songs may be out loud, but mostly this means keep a joyous heart and the music will surely follow. Sometimes you are not to sing out loud. When this happens,

remember to sing for joy in your heart and
God will hear it just the same.”

XI): Answering any questions and Closing
Prayer