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Unavoidable. Pervasive. Inescapable. Secular pop music is everywhere. Even if you can get your young Christian friends to switch their listening habits from secular to sacred, they are still going to hear the top popular songs everywhere they go. In this section we provide you some

ideas to take advantage of some of the most popular secular songs. Use the opening questions, the thematic concepts and discussion ideas to spice up your Bible study, Sunday School lesson, camp/retreat meeting or outreach event message.

Artist:

Sia

Song: Cheap Thrills

Album: This Is Acting

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Theme

Relationships

Teaching Point

We don't need a lot of money or things to be happy and have fun. God has enabled us to find those things in our relationships, not our things.

Opening Questions

What would be on your short list of things to do for fun when you don't have much money? What makes these activities fun?

Discussion

Rule #1: Everybody likes to have fun. Rule #2: If somebody doesn't like to have fun, see Rule #1.

Having fun is a core value for everyone. Having fun makes us happy and is good for our physical well-being. There are different types of fun related to money: expensive fun and cheap fun. Both types of fun can be equally rewarding.

The artist Sia sings a song about the economical type of fun. She says, *'Til I hit the dance floor, hit the dance floor, I got all I need. No, I ain't got cash, I ain't got cash, but I got you, baby.* In these words, the writer is reminding us of the fun to be had without having to spend a lot of money. Happiness can come from being with other people and enjoying fun activities together no matter how simple.

Likewise, God reminds us of the ways we can find happiness and fun simply through being with others and enjoying His creation. **Colossians 3:12-14** reminds us of how we build great relationships and friendships for fun. It says, "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

Conclusion

We don't need a lot of money or things to be happy and have fun. God has enabled us to find those things in our relationships, not our things. So, go have a blast with your friends!