Fun songs are a great way to connect and have fun with children. Every song does not have to be a direct & explicit teaching aid about God.

*Use as a participation encourager*
*Use as an energy burner*
*Use to connect*
*Use to contextualise the theme*

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Alice the Camel

Alice the camel has 5 humps,
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Go Alice go, boom boom boom

Repeat: 4, 3, 2, 1, 0
Last line: Alice, you're a horse!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GpqrvTLc8M
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UmR_PCEgd4I

Bear Hunt

Leader calls out each line with the group repeating each one

We're goin' on a bear hunt,
We're going to catch a big one,
I'm not scared
What a beautiful day!

Oh look! It's some long, wavy grass!
Can't go over it,
Can't go under it,
Can't go around it,
Got to go through it!
Make arm motions like you're going through long grass and make swishing sounds.

Repeat the four bolded line before each 'verse'
Oh look! It's a mushroom patch.
Can't go over it,
Can't go under it,
Can't go around it,
Got to go through it!
Make popping sounds by clasping fingers together and clapping hands.

Oh look! It's a wide river.
Can't go over it,
Can't go under it,
Can't go through it,
Got to swim across it.
Pretend to swim and make splashing sounds.

Oh look! A deep, dark cave.
Can't go over it,
Can't go under it,
Can't go through it,
Got to go in it.
Pretend you're in a cave
Uh, oh! It's dark in here.
I feel something,
It has lots of hair!
It has sharp teeth!
It's a bear!

Hurry back through the river,
Pretend to swim and make splashing sounds
Back through the mushroom patch,
Make popping sounds
Back through the long grass
Make motions like you're going through grass and make swishing sounds
Run in the house and lock the door.
Make a loud clap sound.
Phew! That was close!

I'm not afraid!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wzlcu6tbEko
The Blue Jay (the Whooping Cough)

Start soft, getting louder and hoarser each time through

Way down yonder and not far off, a blue jay died of the whooping cough,
He whooped so loud with his whooping cough, that he whooped his head and tail right off!

Next verse, same as the first, but a little bit louder and a little bit worse...

Boom Chicka Boom

Repeat each line after the song leader

I said a Boom Chicka Boom
I said a Boom Chicka Boom
I said a Boom Chicka Rocka Chicka Rocka Chicka Boom
Uh huh
Oh yeah
One more time _____ style

Janitor Style
I said a Broom Sweep-a Broom
I said a Broom Sweep-a Broom
I said a Broom Sweep-a Mop-a Sweep-a Mop-a Sweep-a Broom

Rocket Style
I said a Zoom Chicka Zoom
I said a Zoom Chicka Zoom
I said a Zoom take a rocket to the moon

Valley Girl Style
I said like a boom chicka boom
I said a totally boom chicka boom
I said there’s a sale at the mall, gotta get there soon

Barn-yard Style
I said a moo chicka moo
I said a moo chicka moo
I said a moo chicka watch your step, don’t track it in the room.

Race Car Style
I said a vroom shifta vroom
I said a vroom shifta vroom
I said a vroom shifta grind-a shifta grind-a shifta vroom

Flower Style
I said a bloom chicka bloom
I said a bloom chicka bloom

I said a bloom chicka blossom smell those flowers chicka bloom

Parent Style
I said a boom GO TO YOUR ROOM
I said a boom GO TO YOUR ROOM
I said a boom GO TO YOUR ROOM and don’t come out 'til next June.

Arnold Schwarzenegger Style
speak it slowly with a heavy ‘Ahnold’ accent and shoot a gun on every BOOM
Ich spracht Boom Chicka Boom
Ich spracht Boom Chicka Boom
Ich spracht Boom Chicka Rocka Chicka Rocka Chicka Boom
Ah hah
Oh ja
Noch ein mal _____ style.

Photographer Style
I said a zoom clicka zoom.
I said a zoom clicka zoom.
I said a zoom clicka Smile Watch the Birdie clicka zoom.

Thunderstorm Style
I said a boom crasha boom
I said a boom crasha boom
I said a boom crasha flasha crasha flasha crasha boom
Surfer Style
I said a dude chicka dude
I said a dude chicka dude
I said a dude chicka wipe out chicka WHOA chicka dude

Librarian Style
I said a book read a book
I said a book read a book
I said a book choose a novel, keep it quiet, read a book

Fire Style
I said a OUCH chicka OUCH
I said a OUCH chicka OUCH
I said a OUCH burnt my finger in the fire Chicka OUCH

There are other styles to say the normal lyrics rather than making up other words:

Baby style
Grandpa style - with lips wrapped over teeth
Opera Singer
Underwater - wiggle finger over lips

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IqeijqdwC8

Brush Your Teeth (When you wake up in the mornin’)
If you get up in the morning at a quarter to one, and you want to have a little fun,
You brush your teeth ch ch ch ch, ch ch ch ch...

If you get up in the morning at a quarter to two, and you want to find something to do,
You brush your teeth ch ch ch ch, ch ch ch ch...

If you get up in the morning at a quarter to three, and your mind starts going twiddledy-dee,
If you get up in the morning at a quarter to four, and you think you hear a knock on your door,
If you get up in the morning at a quarter to five, and you just can't wait to come alive,

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpNjvaD47k4 (jump to 2:00)

Don’t Throw Your Junk in My Backyard

Can be sung as a three part round

One bottle of pop, two bottles of pop,
Three bottles of pop, four bottles of pop,
Five bottles of pop, six bottles of pop,
Seven bottles of pop, POP!

Fish and chips and vinegar,
Vinegar, vinegar,
Fish and chips and vinegar,
Pepper, pepper, pepper salt!

Don't throw your junk in my backyard,
My backyard, my backyard,
Don't throw your junk in my backyard,
My backyard's full!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=je-rBbOlo
Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

While singing, touch both hands to the head, then the shoulders, then the knees, and then the toes, in time with the words. Then on the second verse, miss out the word "Head", but still do the actions. On the third verse, miss out the word "Shoulders", and so on. Finish with all the words back in, but singing as fast as possible!

Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes,
Knees and Toes
Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes,
Knees and Toes

Eyes and Ears and Mouth and Nose
Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFuZ6LPDYQc

Hermie the Worm

I was sitting on a fencepost chewing my bubblegum (four loud chewing noises)
Playing with my yo-yo (doo-wop, doo-wop)
When along came Hermie the worm
And he was thiiiiiis big (hold hands about 20cm apart)
And I said, "Hermie, what happened to you?"
And he said, "Duh, I ate an ant."

Repeat with larger and larger animals being eaten, and holding hands further apart each time

And he said, "Duh, I ate a mouse."
... a cat
... a horse
... a whale

Last time, hold your fingers a tiny distance apart

And he said, "Duh, I burped."

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mVc6hzopY5Y

I Like to Eat

Start with the regular words, then replace all different vowel sounds with different ones

I like to eat, eat, eat, apples and bananas (x 2)
I like to ate, ate, ate, ay-ples and ba-nay-nays (x 2)
I like to eat, eat, eep-ples and bee-nee-nees (x 2)
I like to iite, iite, iite, i-pels and bi-ni-nis (x 2)
I like to oit, oit, oit, o-pals and bo-no-noise (x 2)
I like to oot, oot, oot, oop-ples and boo-noo-noos (x 2)
etc... then get creative

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dmW3aBqZtKQ
I’m a Little Piece of Tin

I'm a little piece of tin
Nobody knows what shape I'm in
I got four wheels and a running board
I’m not a Chevy and I’m not a Ford

Honk, Honk, rattle, rattle, crash, beep, beep,
Honk, honk, rattle, rattle, crash, beep, beep.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EUJRky8ARB0
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zrGLkd4EY7k

King of Kings

He is the King of kings
He is the Lord of lords
His name is Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Ooooooh (hold while someone runs around the group)
He is the King

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nlFx-0WPXxw

Little Green Frog

Glumph, glumph went the little green frog one day,
Glumph, glumph, went the little green frog.
Glumph, glumph, went the little green frog one day,
So we all went glumph, glumph, glumph.

But we all know frogs go (clap) la-de-da-de-da, (clap) la-de-da-de-da, (clap) la-de-da-de-da,
We all know frogs go (clap) la-de-da-de-da
They don’t go glumph, glumph, glumph.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxUnctZxfUM

Mr Clicketty Cane

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When Mr Clicketty Cane, plays a silly game, all the kids in the street, they like to do the same:
Wash your face in orange juice
Group repeats this line

Sing again from the start, adding on a new line each time, the group repeating each one:
Clean your teeth with bubblegum
Fix the fence with sticky tape
Brush your hair with a toothbrush
Fry an egg on the slippery dip
Belly flop in a pizza!?   Eewwww... yuck!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSWIwtmFrk4
My Highland Goat

Repeat each line after the song leader

My highland goat
Was feeling fine
Ate three red shirts
Off my back line
His master Jack
Gave him a whack
And tied him to
The rail road track

My highland goatie-oatie-oatie-oatie-oat
Was feeling finey-iney-iney-ine
Ate three red shirty-irty-irty-irty-irts
Off my back liney-iney-iney-iney-ine
His master Jacky-acky-acky-acky-ack
Gave him a whacky-acky-acky-acky-ack
And tied him tooi-ooi-ooi-ooi-oo
The rail road tracky-acky-acky-acky-ack.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WQK6PRo7mg

Old MacDonald Had a Ford

Old MacDonald had a Ford, E-I, E-I, O
And in that Ford he had a seat,
The prettiest little seat that you ever did see
And the seat was on the floor and the floor was on the wheels
And the wheels were on the ground
And the engine in the Ford made the wheels go round
Match in the gas tank – Boom! Boom!

Old MacDonald had a Ford, E-I, E-I, O
And in that Ford he had a girl,
The prettiest little girl that you ever did see
And the girl was on the seat and the seat was on the floor
And the floor was on the wheels and the wheels were on the ground
And the engine in the Ford made the wheels go round
Match in the gas tank – Boom! Boom!

Each time through, you add a new line to the start of the list of things that are 'on the' other things
... he had a curl
... he had a hat
... he had a feather
... he had a flea
... he had a tiny little microscopic insect

http://www.bushfirepress.com/promotions/singing/Old_MacDonalds_Ford.mp3
Peel Peel Banana

Bananas, Unite! (slap your hands over your head and keep them there)

Repeat each line twice
Peel, bananas, peel, peel bananas (mimic the act of peeling a banana)
Slice bananas, slice, slice bananas (mimic slicing)
Eat bananas, eat, eat bananas (mimic eating a banana)
Go bananas, go, go bananas (wave your hands over your head and twirl around)
Goooooo Bananas! (shouted)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-JeQrX-gONw
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCIxO9I1p8I

Ping-Pong Ball

To the melody of the William Tell Overture
Split the kids into ‘ping’ and ‘pong’ – all crouch down and each group jumps up when they say their word

I've got a head like a ping-pong ball (x 3)
piiiing-pong ball.

Ping-pong, ping-pong, ping-pong, ping-pong, ping-pong, ping-pong, ping-pong ball.
ping-pong, ping-pong, ping-pong, ping-pong, ping-pong, ping-pong, ping-pong ball.

Ping, ping ping, ping ping ping ping ping ping… PONG!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lp0Q_YYD-BY

The Pizza Hut

A pizza hut, a pizza hut
Kentucky fried chicken and a pizza hut
A pizza hut, a pizza hut
Kentucky fried chicken and a pizza hut
McDonalds, McDonalds
Kentucky fried chicken and a pizza hut
McDonalds, McDonalds
Kentucky fried chicken and a pizza hut

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKm5_Nd5YHs
The Princess Pat

*Repeat each line after the song leader*

Oh, the Princess Pat,                      Now, the captain Jack,  
Lived in a tree,                           had a mighty fine crew,  
she sailed across                         he sailed across      
the seven seas,                           the channel two,      
she sailed across                         but his ship sank      
the channel too                          and so will you       
and took with her                         if you don't take      
a ricka bamboo                           a ricka bamboo        

a ricka bamboo,                           a ricka bamboo,       
now what is that,                         now what is that,      
its something made                       its something made    
by the princess pat,                      by the princess pat,  
its red and gold,                         its red and gold,      
and purple too,                          and purple too,        
thats why its called                     thats why its called  
a ricka bamboo                           a ricka bamboo

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAEfoDjAlqo

The Quartermaster’s Store

There were mice, mice, eating all the rice  
In the stores, in the stores             
There were mice, mice eating all the rice  
In the Quartermaster’s store

My eyes are dim I cannot see            
I have not brought my specs with me     
I have not brought my specs with me.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2pLKB3Mv0Aw

*Ideas for more verses*

Snakes ... Big as garden rakes                        Apes ... eating all the grapes.    
Mice ... Running through the rice.                    Beans ... as big as submarines.   
Owls ... Shredding paper towels.                      Bees ... with little knobby knees. 
Snails ... Crawling on the nails.                     Cakes ... that give us tummy aches. 
Antelopes ... Using all the rope.                     Cheese ... that makes you want to sneeze. 
Bears ... With curlers in their hair                   Flour ... that will give you super power. 
Fleas ... Crawling on our knees.                      Fishes ... washing all the dishes. 
Merchandise ... Sold at twice the price.               Goats ... eating all the oats.     
Rac-rac-coons ... Stealing all the spoons.             Leaders ... slapping at the skeeters.
Singing in the Rain

I’m singing in the rain, just singing in the rain
What a glorious feeling, I’m ch-ch-ch, ch-ch-ch, ch-ch-ch, Woo!
I’m ch-ch-ch, ch-ch-ch, ch-ch-ch, ch-ch-ch, Woo!

*Leader calls out* Arms Up!
*Everyone repeats, and sticks their arms up, waving them around through another verse*

Arms Up! Thumbs Up!

Arms Up! Thumbs Up! Elbows In!

... Knees together
... Bum out
... Head back
... Tongue out
... Turn around
... Sit down!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VoHcwbBNeUM

Who Stole the Cookie From the Cookie Jar?

*A chant, can be done with some rhythm – slap hands on legs on beat 1 & 3, clap on beat 2 & 4*

**Accuser:** Who stole the cookie from the cookie jar?
(name of a child in the circle) stole the cookie from the cookie jar.

**Accused:** Who, me?

**Accuser/Group:** Yes, you!

**Accused:** Couldn't be!

**Accuser/Group:** Then who?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eh_fRQRAgo0  the video gives ideas for use in various ways