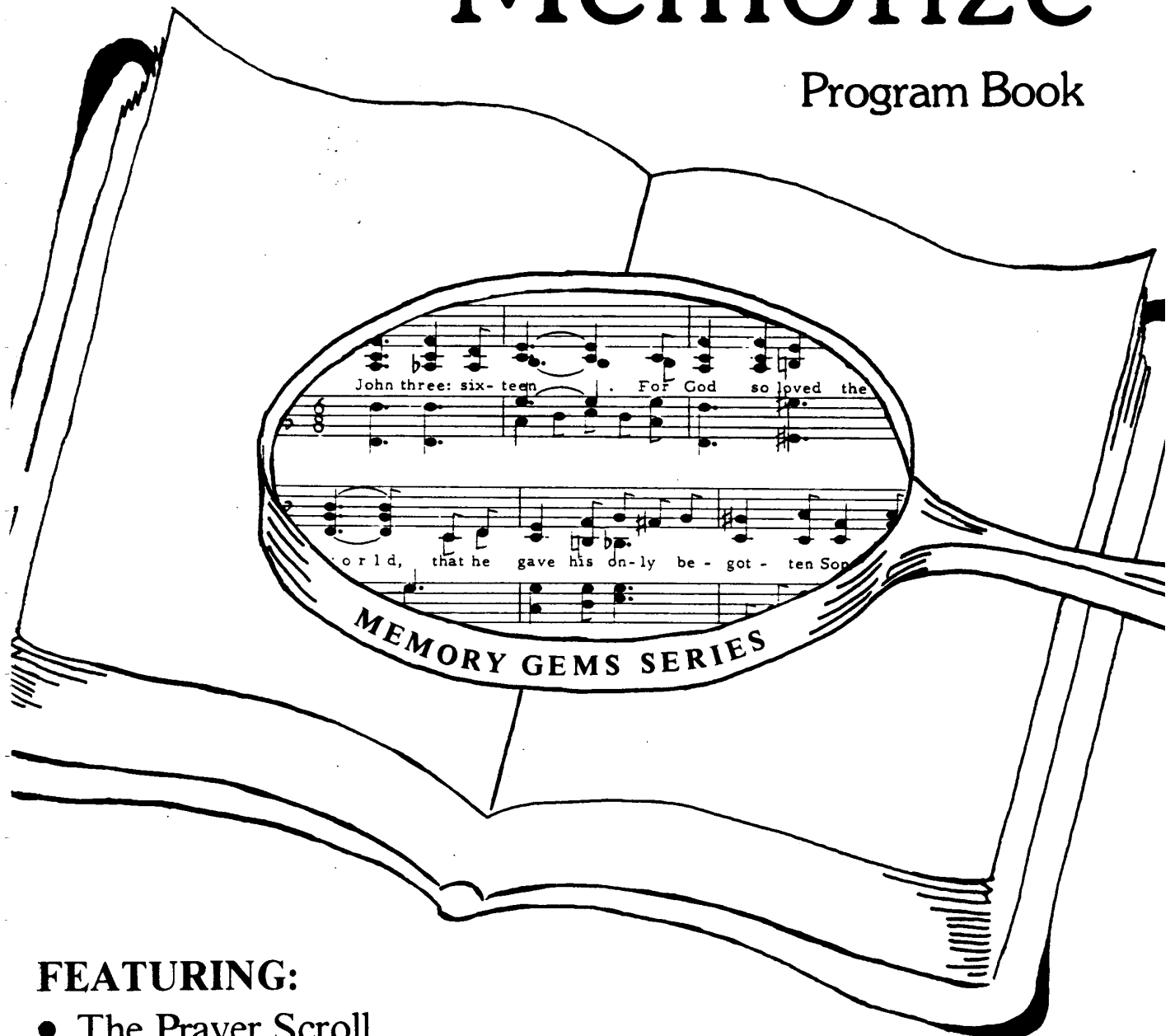


# Sing 'N Memorize

Program Book



## FEATURING:

- The Prayer Scroll
- 7 Program Scripts
- 5 Bible Stories in Song
- Teaching the Gospel of St. John

music by HOPE E. LeBRUN

Memory Gems Series

presents

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Program Book

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NOTE: Quotation marks are omitted in the narration to reduce confusion for young readers. Songtexts are listed in the SING 'N MEMORIZE songbook or the SING 'N MEMORIZE bonus supplement. Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture texts are quoted from the King James Version of the Bible. To aid recall, songtexts are introduced by first words rather than by title. To enhance continuity of thought from narration to songtext, the opening Scripture reference of the song may be omitted.

## PROGRAM SYNOPSES

## Special Features:

Selections from Psalm 19 focuses on God's love as illustrated in Creation and His Law. \*PT 1.75 minutes.

Creation is a Bible story in song which may be illustrated with slides as the chorus sings in the background. \*PT 4.75 minutes.

Adam and Eve is a Bible story in song which may be used as a solo if this trio of Bible story songs is being presented. \*PT 2.25 minutes.

Lot and the Angels is a Bible story in song which is fun--and effective--when pantomimed. This arrangement allows non-singers to participate as actors while the chorus sings in the background. \*PT 3 minutes.

Queen Esther is a Bible story in song with narration quoted from E. G. White. \*PT 13 minutes.

This Is My Song: All Christians who have been stirred by the overwhelming evidence of God's love can identify with the responses of the psalmist and the apostle Paul whose quotations are featured in this short praise service. 16 songs. \*PT 13 minutes.

## Program Scripts:

CHILDREN'S FRIEND, THE: As the gift of God, children teach--and are taught by--their parents. Jesus instructed that those in authority must not only accept responsibility for the children, but must also treat them with respect. This script was written to be used as an Investiture Program and includes 20 AYS memory gems. \*PT 18 minutes.

GOD'S PROMISES: Christ taught that he who believes, receives. And he who trusts God above his own wishes will not be disappointed. 24 songs. \*PT 15 minutes.

INFINITE RICHES: Wealth means power. He who is rich in faith has both, for he who trusts God has power with God. 11 songs. \*PT 12 minutes.

ONE WITH CHRIST: Christ is the head of His body, the church. We are all parts of that body, and God has given each believer some talent to use in His service to strengthen the body of Christ. 14 songs. \*PT 18 minutes.

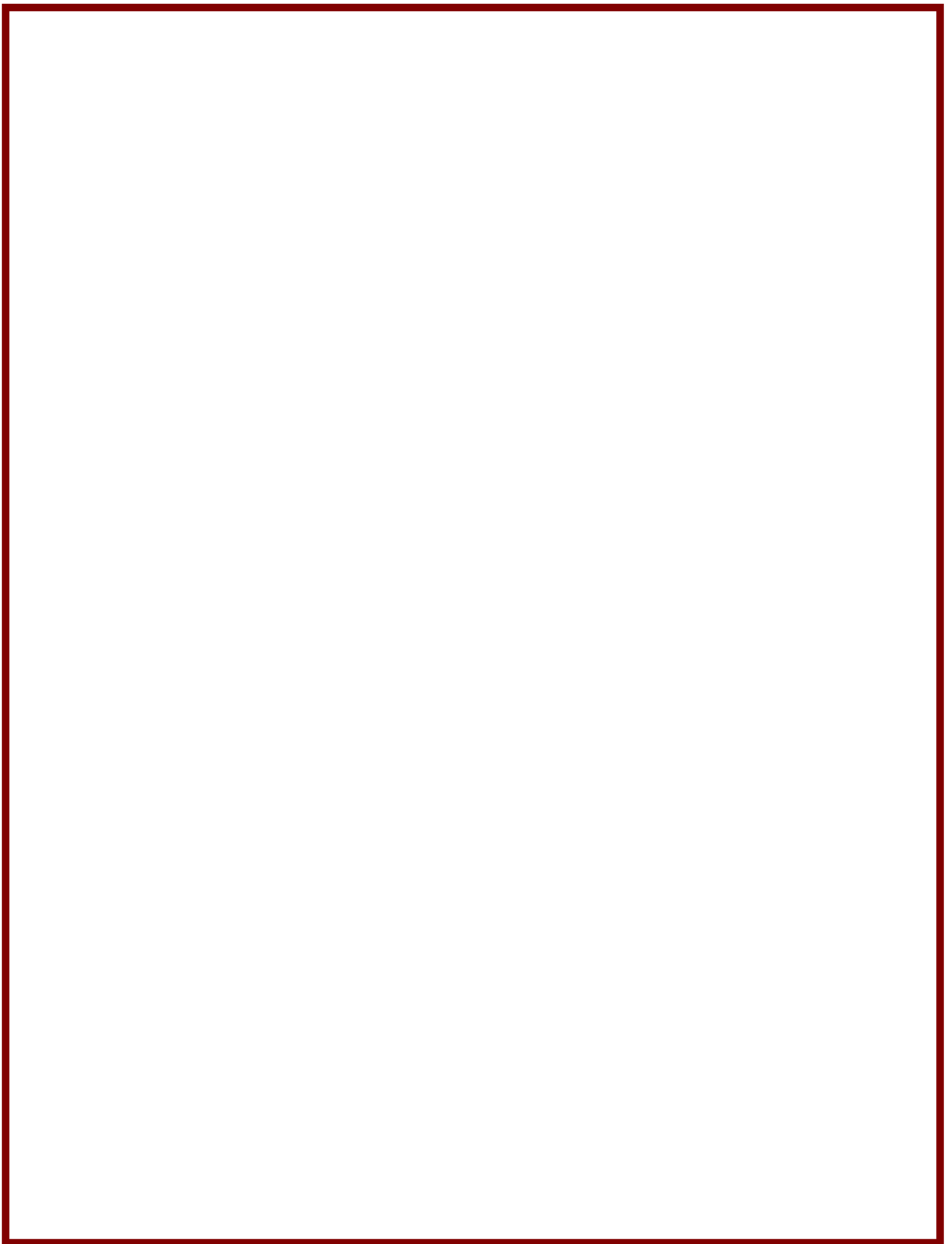
OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST: Jesus, though not of the tribe of Levi, was chosen by God to become our Brother and High Priest--a Priest who would live forever to remind God that His blood has paid for our sins. 18 songs. \*PT 25 minutes.

VOICE OF HOPE, THE: These passages and song texts reveal the voice of hope as God speaks to us through His love letter, the Bible. 20 songs. \*PT 15 minutes

WE ARE ADOPTED: The love of God is illustrated by His acceptance of us as His children and by His willingness to share with us not only His beloved Son, our elder Brother through humanity, but all of heaven--and to leave no means untried to assure our salvation and eternal inheritance. 11 songs. 12 minutes

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\*PT: Performance time



## T O T H E T E A C H E R

When the melody flows easily--almost to the point of anticipation--, memorizing becomes an easy and enjoyable accomplishment. These simple arrangements are composed to express the mood of the passage in a range of music limited to accommodate the average singer. The lyrics are unadulterated quotations of Scripture from a variety of translations and are selected for clarity of thought and poetic expression. (The King James version is most poetic and therefore most adaptable to music.) Each verse is indicated by its number throughout the song for easy reference, and each melody is complete with or without the text reference notes which begin and end each song. To facilitate recall, the text reference notes imitate the first and final measures of the passage. Repetition of the lyrics is minimal in order to reduce confusion in oral recitation. Each volume of the Memory Gems Series features all new music--no duplications from book to book with the exception of some expansions, an occasional favorite, and the compilations so identified.

The Memory Gems Series began as an experiment using music as a vehicle to memorize Scripture in a church-operated school in New England. Student response was enthusiastic, memorizing accelerated, and the experiment became a remarkably successful 5-year pilot program--a period which produced a dozen half-hour cassette recordings of memorized Scripture, some of which use narration to provide a program theme. Complete chapters were as readily memorized as single verses. It just took a little longer. One half-hour period per week was devoted to each class for this learning-by-music method.

In addition to reinforced learning, the experience of sharing God's word in school programs contributes to such assets as poise and self-confidence, proper articulation and delivery, discipline and team spirit, and hopefully--the desire for soul-winning.

Listed below are some of the teaching techniques used during the pilot program which may be adapted for the home or church environment as well as the school classroom. Foster a spirit of "joyful reverence" without a "fun and games" approach to Scripture, for God's word is holy.

1. Morning Worship time or morning Bible class period may fit best into the daily schedule if one period per week is dedicated to memorizing gems. Singing is also a great way to "wake up" and start the day--and fresh minds learn most readily.
2. Know your material and be positive! Enthusiasm is contagious and children respond to what teacher enjoys.
3. Discuss the text at outset. Allow time for young minds to stretch for comprehension. You will be surprised by the insight and understanding that surfaces during discussion of spiritual themes.

To the Teacher (continued)

4. Limit actual "memorizing" period following discussion to:
  - Kindergarten: 7 minutes
  - Grades 1-4: 10-15 minutes
  - Grades 5-8: 20 minutes
 Allow a few minutes for review requests (for reinforcement and fun), but always manage to stop while they still want more.
5. In cases of non-musical teachers or for lack of a piano, the children will learn by singing with the cassettes. Second grade students--while waiting for their weekly "memorizing" class--finished learning the Ten Commandments (to which they had had some previous exposure by rote) and went on to memorize the Books of the Bible recorded on the same tape. Teacher played each song only once each morning during Worship. Other teachers have used the cassettes for background reinforcement while the youngsters were doing "busy work". Even better--children love to hear themselves on recording which is the reason all cassettes have a blank side.
6. Methods:
  - KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1: Teacher sings a phrase, children echo; sing another phrase, then add to first, etc. Divide into groups and sing portions to each other or do "chain" singing (leader points to each group--or uses given signal to indicate boys or girls--as each group takes its turn "joining in" to keep the song going). Call "helpers" to assist teacher as soon as they catch on and change helpers often. Let children lead while Teacher joins the "audience"--sometimes Teacher is the audience. Allow time for review requests.
  - GRADES 2-4: Locate verses of the song-text in the Bible and discuss. The blackboard device is popular with this age group. Erase 1-3 words of the text from the blackboard each time through the song. Text is usually memorized before all the words have been erased. "Chain singing" is also popular.
  - GRADES 5-8: Like to sing directly from the Bible or songbook. This age also enjoys gathering around the piano for "polishing" or review. They sing best in a group since this age is also shy of hearing only themselves singing. If they have been exposed to Scripture singing in the earlier grades, they dislike short verses and enjoy the challenge of long passages--which they learn with surprising ease.
7. Take advantage of witnessing opportunities such as church and school programs to:
  - (a) reinforce learning, build self-confidence and poise, and instill desire for soul-winning.
  - (b) motivate proper articulation and delivery ( a poor impression mars the message) and team spirit.

## WORSHIP HELPS:

PRAYER SCROLL	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Prayer Requests</u>
_____	_____
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_____	_____
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_____	* _____
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## THE PRAYER SCROLL

The PRAYER SCROLL is an effective method for breathing life into prayer-time at home, school, and at church -- while teaching the child a soul-winning attitude.

On the PRAYER SCROLL is listed the names of each participant with several spaces opposite for prayer requests. (As each prayer is answered, more requests will follow.) Each answer to prayer is indicated by a star.

As the prayer sessions continue, interest will grow along with requests and answers to prayer, and participants become increasingly comfortable in expressing themselves.

Prayer bands follow the PRAYER SCROLL period of starring answered prayers and listing requests. At this point of separation, a prayer songtext may be sung to enhance a spirit of reverence.\*

While 15-20 minutes will pass all too quickly--especially as the enthusiasm grows--no investment is more rewarding for the time spent than listening to the children praying and working for family and friends.

\*See next page (8) for list of songtext suggestions for elements of prayer. These Scripture songs are listed in the SING 'N MEMORIZE songbook.



Songtext suggestions for worship and prayer:

#### PETITION

Psalm 95:6. "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker."

Matthew 21:22. "...all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

Matthew 7:7. "Ask, and it shall be given you: seek, and ye shall find: knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

Proverbs 8:17. "I love them that love me: and those that seek me early shall find me."

I Peter 3:12. "For the Lord keeps his eye on the righteous and always listens to their prayers." (Today's English Version)

Psalm 62:8. "Trust in him at all times: ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us."

Isaiah 65:24. "...it shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

#### PRAISE

Jeremiah 32:17 "Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm and there is nothing too hard for thee."

Isaiah 45:22. "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else."

Psalm 46:10. "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."

Luke 1:37. "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

#### CONFESSION

I John 1:9. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Psalm 86:5. "For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee."

#### CONFIDENCE

Proverbs 14:26. "In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge."

Deuteronomy 33:27. "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

Proverbs 18:10. "The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it and is safe."

Isaiah 26:3-4. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength."

Proverbs 3:5-6. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Songtexts for prayer continued:

(Confidence)

Psalm 25:5. "Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day."

James 1:5. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God...and it shall be given him."

Psalm 27:14. "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."

Psalm 18:2. "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."

Philippians 4:19. "...my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Psalm 16:11. "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

CONSECRATION

Jude 24, 25. "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

I John 5:4. "...whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

Hebrews 11:6. "...without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

DELIVERANCE

II Corinthians 12:9. "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

Hebrews 7:25. "...he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him."

II Timothy 4:18. "The Lord will rescue me from every evil and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. (Revised Standard Version)

I Corinthians 10:13. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

II Peter 2:9. "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations."

How would Jesus answer if a child could ask--

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HAND?

H. L.

Hope LeBrun

"I love you so, dear Je - sus--Please help me un - der -  
"You, dear, were al - so cap-tive--These nail-prints set you

stand what are these scars so cruel and deep? What hap-pened  
free. It cost the life I glad-ly gave that you might

to your hand?" "My child I once was of - fered to  
live with me; for some day we'll share heav - en--

bear the sins of men. For love I hung up -  
far be-yond the stars. All marks of sin will

on a tree to makethem free a - gain .  
be re-moved ex-cept for these, my s c a r s . "

Suggestion: Illustrate with Harry Anderson painting of same title.

## TEACHING THE BOOK OF JOHN

By Gordon F. Evans

The book of John reveals Jesus as God the Son, Creator, and Saviour, and is an excellent study of belief in its various stages. Its study aids in developing the concepts of believing, accepting, loving, and obeying Jesus as our Saviour and Friend--One Whom we may trust without reservation.

It is important that children be aided in bridging the parent/child tangible "hands on" love relationship from the home to the intangible relationship with Christ, Whom they cannot see. Thus building within the child a support system to help him resist temptation and peer pressure. As we study God's word and know Him, we can trust Him and make right choices based upon His word.

Music is often used to set moods and aids in "sparking" the memory. That which is learned through music is often brought back from memory by merely hearing the melody. "There are few means more effective for fixing His words in the memory than repeating them in song. And such song has wonderful power. . . . It is one of the most effective means of impressing the heart with spiritual truth." Education, pp. 167, 168.

I present the book of John as a source in teaching beginning readers, or readers at any level. As I teach the first chapter of John, we read together, discuss, discuss and discuss; sing it (see music by Hope LeBrun), and finally, we paraphrase it. Each child creates a "John Book" to share with others--family, neighbors, and/or shut-ins.

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How To Begin

"Never should the Bible be studied without prayer. Before opening its pages we should ask for the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, and it will be given."

Steps to Christ, Ch 10, Para 19

1. Submit yourself and your group to God in prayer.
2. Select the verses to be studied. I suggest these verse groupings:

John, Chapter 1

1-5     In the Beginning

6-9     John the Baptist

10-14   Believe

15-18   Receive

19-28   Baptizing (this is longer and good for increasing attention span)

29-34   The Lamb of God

35-42   Follow Jesus

43-51   Jesus of Nazareth, or The Son of God

3. Begin with one verse, preferably John 1:1. The teacher reads the verse aloud as the learners follow.
4. Teacher and learners read aloud together. Take note that the learners may not be able to read many of the words at this point, but they will begin to memorize some of the words. Also, use sounds to aid in saying words. Note especially the beginning and ending sounds. Think of other words and context clues in the sentence which may be used in deciphering other words. Re-read as many times as the learner wishes.
5. Discuss, discuss, and discuss the meaning of the verse.

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6. Think together and have the learners tell in their own words what the verse means.
7. Now the teacher writes the sentences as the learners tell the meaning of the verse. This is like a paraphrase of the verse.
8. Now have the learners copy the sentences (the paraphrase) and practice reading it.
9. If the sentences are too difficult for the learners to read, you should re-write them into simpler words that they can read.
10. Encourage the learners to share the selections with others. And remember, the musical selections are excellent for a special vespers or other program.

Now it is your turn to continue on into chapter two and the rest of the book of John. May the Holy Spirit richly impress e a c h step of the way.

Below are reduced samples of student sheets which are put into "Witnessing" booklets. Drawings are used to illustrate verses and theme.

Jeffrey 11/21  
 1 John 1:1 KJV  
 2 In the beginning was the  
 3 Word and the Word was with God  
 4 and the Word was God.  
 5  
 6  
 7  
 8  
 9  
 10  
 11  
 12

Carmin 11/21  
 1 John 1:1  
 2 It means to me:  
 3 In the beginning  
 4 was Jesus and  
 5 Jesus was with  
 6 God and Jesus  
 7 was God.  
 8  
 9  
 10  
 11/6  
 12

Kelli 11/21  
 1 John 1:2 KJV  
 2 The same was in the  
 3 beginning with God.  
 4  
 5  
 6  
 7  
 8  
 9  
 10  
 11  
 12

Carlo 11/21  
 1 John 1:2  
 2 It means to me:  
 3 Jesus in the  
 4 beginning was  
 5 with God.  
 6  
 7  
 8  
 9  
 10  
 11  
 12

Melissa 11/21  
 1 John 1:3 KJV  
 2 All things were made  
 3 by him, and without  
 4 him was not any  
 5 thing made that was  
 6 made.  
 7  
 8  
 9  
 10  
 11

Kimberly 11/21  
 1 John 1:3  
 2 It means to me:  
 3 Every thing was  
 4 made by Jesus  
 5 and without  
 6 Jesus was not  
 7 any thing made  
 8 that was made.  
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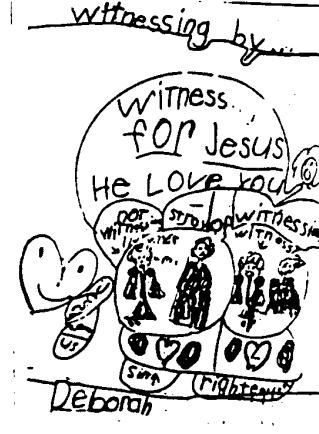
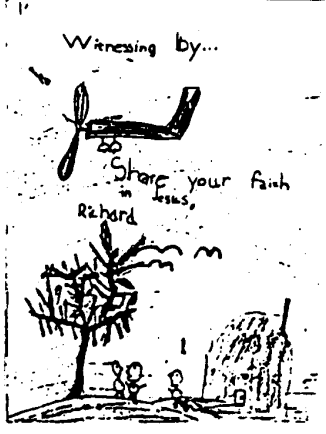
Troy 10/21  
 1 John 1:4 KJV  
 2 In him was life;  
 3 and the life was the  
 4 light of men.  
 5  
 6 These  
 7 show two  
 8 possible  
 9 paraphrases  
 10 of John 1:4  
 11  
 12

James 11/21  
 1 John 1:4  
 2 It means to me:  
 3 In Jesus was  
 4 the source of  
 5 life and the life  
 6 was the light  
 7 (understanding of  
 8 men)  
 9  
 10  
 11  
 12

Kelli 11/21  
 1 John 1:4  
 2 It means to me:  
 3 In Jesus was life  
 4 and Jesus was the  
 5 example for men  
 6  
 7  
 8  
 9  
 10  
 11  
 12

Richard 11/21  
 1 John 1:5 KJV  
 2 And the light shineth  
 3 in dark-ness; and  
 4 the darkness compre-  
 5 hended it not.  
 6  
 7  
 8  
 9  
 10  
 11  
 12

Elizabeth 11/21  
 1 John 1:5  
 2 It means to me:  
 3 And Jesus  
 4 shared His love  
 5 with other  
 6 people and the  
 7 people understood  
 8 it not.  
 9  
 10  
 11  
 12



THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN  
by Joyce Mills \*

Chapter 1:

1. In the beginning was the Word;  
Not another sound was heard.  
The Word was God, He was the Son,  
He was the self-existant One.
2. The Word was God, He was the Son,  
He was before the world begun.  
He was with God from the start;  
Never had they been apart.  
He was with God before man--  
With God before the world began.
3. By Him everything was made.  
Nothing was made without His aid.  
He made everything, you see;  
He made you and He made me.
4. In Him was always life, and then  
His life was made the light of men.  
In Him was life, men couldn't see  
Or understand how that could be.
5. His life was like a shining light  
Making bright the darkest night.  
Light must shine in dark to be:  
When light shines, then dark must flee.  
Darkness cannot comprehend  
How light can make all darkness end.
6. God sent a man. John was his name.  
To bear witness was why he came.  
He came the people to prepare  
And say the Lord would soon be there.
7. He was sent that all men might  
By his witness, believe the Light.
8. John was not that Light but he  
Bore witness of that Light, you see.  
John, himself, was not that Word.  
He came to witness of the Lord--the Word.  
John said that he was not the Light;  
The Word was God who made things bright.
9. The true Light lighteth every man  
That was born since the world began.



John I continued (2)

10. He made the world. Yes, He was here,  
But no one knew that He was near.

11. He came unto His own, but they  
Received Him not; they went away.

12. But those who did receive Him won  
The power He gave to be God's son.

13. Born not because of the will of man,  
But because it was all God's plan.  
Born because it was all God's plan  
That they must be born again.

14. The Word was made flesh; we saw His face  
And glory, full of truth and grace.  
He was made flesh and dwelt with men,  
And all men saw His glory then.

15. John bore witness "This is He,  
The One that cometh after me."  
John bore witness "This is He  
Because He lived before, you see."  
John a witness of Him bore,  
Saying that He lived before.

16. And we receive His fullness, too,  
And grace for grace in all we do.

17. The law was given in Moses' name,  
But truth and grace by Jesus came.

18. No man has ever seen God's face,  
But we see Jesus in His place.

19. John bore record just because  
The Jews were asking who he was.

20. John, himself, did not agree.  
"The Christ", he told them, "isn't me."  
John confessed, "I am not He."  
"The Christ", he told them, "isn't me."  
He told them, "I am not the One,  
But Jesus Christ is God's own Son."

John I continued (3)

21. Then they asked him, "Tell us, pray,  
Are you that prophet?" John said, "Nay."  
"Are you Elias, tell us, pray,  
Or that prophet?" John said, "Nay."

22. Then they asked him, "Who are you?"  
They said to him, "Then who are you?  
We must give an answer, too."

23. "I'm the voice, I must confess,  
Crying in the wilderness.  
The time has come, so do not wait;  
Prepare His way. Make His path straight."

24. They were Pharisees sent  
To ask the Baptist what he meant.

25. And they asked him, "Why do you  
Baptize men the way you do?"

26. John answered them, "I baptize here,  
But One you do not know stands near."

27. He's coming after me, it's true,  
But I'm not fit to loose His shoe.  
He's coming after me, it is true,  
But I'm not worthy to untie His shoe."

28. These things were done in Bethabara where  
John baptized the people there.  
Beyond Jordan, these things were done,  
Where John to baptize had begun.

29. John saw Jesus the next day  
And said, "He takes our sins away."

30. I have told you this is He  
Who existed before me.

31. I knew Him not, but now I tell  
That He has come to Israel.

32. I saw the Spirit from above  
Descend from Heaven like a dove.

John I continued (4)

33. I didn't know Him, but I knew  
That He would come to baptize you.
34. When I saw Him then I knew  
The Son of God is here with you.  
I saw the Spirit and I knew  
The Son of God is here with you. "
35. The next day John was there again,  
And two disciples were with him.
36. And seeing Jesus coming near,  
He said, "The Lamb of God is here."  
When John saw Jesus standing near,  
He cried, "The Lamb of God is here."  
John cried to people standing near,  
"Behold, the Lamb of God is here.  
He is God's Son, He is God's Lamb,  
The Word of God, the great I Am. "
37. The two disciples turned away  
And followed Jesus that same day.
38. And Jesus turned and saw them come  
And heard them ask, "Where is your home? "
39. He said, "Come and see, and they  
Came and stayed with Him that day.
40. Andrew was one of the men  
Who heard John speak and followed Him.  
Andrew was one of the men  
Who went and followed Jesus then.
41. When Andrew hunted for another,  
First he went and found his brother.
42. To Simon, Jesus made it known  
That he would now be called a stone.
43. Jesus went to Galilee  
And said to Philip, "Follow me. "

John I continued (5)

44. Philip lived in Bethsaida, too,  
The same as Peter and Andrew.  
Bethsaida was the city where  
Peter, Andrew, and Philip were.

45. Philip said, "We've found the One  
Who was to come. He's Joseph's son."  
Philip to Nathanael said,  
"We've found the One of whom we've read."  
Philip found his brother and  
He said to him, "We found the man.  
Moses wrote that He's the One  
Who was to come--He's Joseph's son."

46. Nathanael said, "Can anything  
From Nazareth a good thing bring?  
In Nazareth can good things be?"  
Philip saith, "Come and see."

47. Jesus called Nathanael  
An Israelite who has no guile.  
Jesus saw Nathanael  
And said, "In him there is no guile."

48. Jesus answered, "I saw thee  
When you were under the fig tree."  
Nathanael said, "Whence knowest thou me?"  
"I saw thee under the fig tree."

49. "Rabbi," said Nathanael,  
"Thou art the King of Israel."  
Nathanael said, "Thou art the One,  
The King of Israel, God's Son."

50. Jesus said, "Believest me?  
Then greater things than these you'll see.  
Do you believe that I saw thee?  
Greater things than these you'll see."

51. Jesus said to him, "You'll see  
Angels come and go (to) me .  
The heavens open you shall see,  
And angels come and go on me.  
You'll see Heaven open, and  
Angels with the Son of man.  
You shall see when angels can  
Descend upon the Son of man."

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THE MESSIAH  
from the Gospel of St. John, chapter 1  
(in song)

**CAUTION:** Avoid attempting to sing the entire chapter of John 1 without breathing breaks. Lack of oxygen from prolonged inadequate or irregular respirations will produce faintness. Breathing breaks may be provided as follows:

(a) omit the words of the text references at the end of each paragraph and use piano accompaniment only, or

(b) use sentence synopses to introduce each paragraph of John 1.

Example:

John 1:1-5. It was Christ, the self-existent Creator whose source of power is God the Father, who commanded the worlds into being.

John 1:6-14. John the Baptist was sent as a messenger to communicate to the world the good news that their Creator had come in human flesh as their Saviour.

John 1:15-18. John explains Christ's mission as the fulfillment of God's plan to reconcile the human family to Himself.

John 1:19-28. The Jews sent priests and Levites to question John's authority. John defines his role as "the voice of one crying in the wilderness" to prepare the way for the Saviour of the world as prophesied by Isaiah.

John 1:29-34. John describes his identification and introduction of the "Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world".

John 1:35-42. Jesus satisfies the curiosity of two of John's followers. One of them recognizes the Messiah and reports the good news to his brother, Simon Peter. Jesus meets Simon and gives him another name.

John 1:43-51. Philip meets Jesus, the Messiah, and is invited to become a follower. Philip hastens to share the good news with his doubting friend, Nathanael.

(c) or the singers may enjoy the option--and challenge-- of choosing to sing as soloists the speeches of John, Jesus, Andrew, Simon, Philip, and Nathanael.

## THE MESSIAH

John 1 KJV

Hope E. LeBrun

In the be-gin-ning was the Word, and the Word was with God,

and the Word was God. The same was in the be-

gin - ning with God. All things were made by him; and with-

out him was not an - y-thing made that was made. In him was

life; and the life was the light of men. And the light

## John 1 (continued)

shin-eth in dark-ness; and the dark-ness com-pre-hend-ed it

not. (John, chap-ter one: one through five.)

(6) **Brightly**

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. The same came

for a wit-ness, to bear wit-ness of the Light, that

(8)

all men through him might be-lieve, He was not that

## John 1 (continued)

(9)

Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the

true Light which light-eth eve-ry man that com-eth in - to the

(10)

world. (John, chap-ter one: six through nine.) He was in the

world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him

(11)

not. He came un - to his own, and his own re-ceived him



## John 1 (continued)

(12)

not. But as man - y as re - ceived him to them gave he

pow'r to be - come the sons of God, ev - en to

(13)

them that be - lieve on his name: which were born, not of

blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man,

(14)

but of God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt a - mong us, (and

## John 1 (continued)

we be-held his glo - ry, the glo - ry as of the

rit.

on - ly be-got-ten of the Fa - ther,) full of grace and truth.

a tempo (15)

(John, chapter one: ten through four-teen.) John bear wit-ness of

him, and cried say-ing, This was he of whom I spake,

He that com-eth aft - er me is pre-ferred be-fore me:

## John 1 (continued)

(16)

for he was be - fore me. And of his full-ness have all

we re - ceived, and grace for grace.

(17)

For the law was giv - en by Mo - ses, but grace and truth came by

(18)

Je - sus Christ. No man hath seen God at an - y time; the

on - ly be - got - ten Son, who is in the bos - om of the

## John 1 (continued)

Fa-ther, he hath de-clared him. (John, chap-ter

one: ver-ses fif-teen through eight-teen.) And

(19)

this is the re-cord of John, when the Jews sent priests and

Le-vites from Je-ru-sa-lem to ask him, Who art

thou? And he con-fessed and de-nied not; but con-

(20)

## John 1 (continued)

(21)

fessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What

then? Art thou E - li - as? And he sa - ith, I am not.

Art thou that proph-et? And he answered, No.

(22)

Then said they un - to him, Who art thou? that we may

give an an - swer to them that sent us. What say - est thou

## John 1 (continued)

(23)

of thy-self? He said, I am the voice of

one cry-ing in the wil-der-ness, Make straight the way of the

(24)

L o r d, as said the proph - et E - sai - as. And

(25)

they which were sent were of the Phar - i - sees. And they asked him, and

said un- to him, W h y bap- tiz- est

## John 1 (continued)

thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor E - li - as,

(26)

nei - ther that proph-et? John an-swered them say - ing,

I bap-tize with wa - ter: but there stand-eth one a -

(27)

mong you, whom ye know not; he it is who com-ing

rit.

af - ter me is preferred be-fore me, whose shoe latch-

## John 1 (continued)

(28) a tempo

et I am not wor - thy to un-loose. These things were done

in Beth-ab- a - ra be-yond Jor- dan, where John was bap-

tiz - ing. (John one:nineteen through twenty e igh t.) The

next day John see-eth Je- sus com-ing un- to him, and

saith, Be- hold, the Lamb of God, which tak - eth a - way the



## John 1 (continued)

(30)

sin of the world. This is he of whom I said. Af-ter

me com-eth a man which is preferred be-fore me:

(31)

for he was be-fore me. And I knew him not: but that

he should be made man-i-fest to Is - ra - el,

(32)

therefore am I come bap-tiz - ing with wa - ter. And

## John 1 (continued)

John bear re-cord, say-ing, I saw the spir - it de-scend-

ing from heav-en like a dove, and it a - bode up - on him,

(33)  
And I knew him not: but he that sent me to bap-

tize with wa-ter, the same said un - to me, Up - Lon-

whom thou shalt see the spir - it de-scending and re-

## John 1 (continued)

main - ing on him, the same is he which bap - tiz - eth with the

(34) rit.

Hg - ly Ghost. And I saw, and bear re - cord that this

a tempo

is the Son of God. (John one:twen-ty nine through thir-ty

(35)

four.) A - gain the next day af - ter John stood, and

(36)

two of his dis - ci - ples: and look - ing up - on Je - sus as he

John 1 (continued)

(37)

walked, he saith, Be-hold the Lamb of God! And the two dis-

ci- ples heard him speak, and they fol- lowed Je- sus.

(38)

Then Je-sus tur ned, and saw them fol-low-ing, and sa-ith

un- to them, What seek ye? They said un- to him,

Rab - bi, (which is to say, be-ing in - ter-pret - ed

## John 1 (continued)

(39)

Mas-ter,) where dwel-lest t h o u? He sa -ith un-to them,

Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and a -

bode with him that day: for it was a -bout the tenth

(40)

hour. One of the two which heard J o h n speak, and

fol-lowed him, was An-drew, Si-mon Pe-ter's broth-er.

John 1 (continued)  
(41)

He first find - eth his own broth - er Si - mon, and sa - ith

un - to him, We have found the Mes - si - as, which

is, be - ing in - ter - pret - ed, the Christ. And he brought him to

Je - sus. And when Je - sus be - held him, he said, Thou art

Si - mon, the son of Jo - ha: thou shalt be called

## John 1 (continued)

Ce-phas, which is by in-ter-pret-ta-tion, A stone.

(43)

(John one:thir-ty five through for-ty two.) The day fol-low-ing

Je - sus would go forth in - to Gal - i - lee, and find - eth

(44)

Phil - ip, and sa-ith un - to him, Fol-low me. Now

Phil - ip was of Beth-sai-da, the cit - y of An-drew and

John 1 (continued)  
(45)

Pe - ter. Phil - ip find - eth Na - than - ael and sa - ith

un - to him, We have found him of whom Mo - ses in the law,

and the proph - ets did write. Je - sus of Naz - a - reth,

(46)

the son of Jo - seph. And Na - than - ael said un - to

him, Can there an - y good thing come out of Naz - a - reth?



## John I (continued)

Phil - ip saith un - to him, Come and see.

(47)

Je - sus saw Na - than - ael com - ing to him, and sa - ith of

him, Be - hold an Is - rael - ite in - deed in whom is no

(48)

guile! Na - than - ael sa - ith un - to him, Whence know - est thou

me? Je - sus an - swered and said un - to him, Be - fore that

## John 1 (continued)

Phil - ip called thee, when thou wast un-der the fig tree, I,

(49)

saw thee. Na - than-ael an-swered and sa-ith un-to him,

rit.

Rab-bi, thou art the Son of God; Thou art the King of Is - ra-

(50) a tempo

el. Je - sus an-swered and said un-to him, Be-

cause I said un-to thee, I saw thee un-der the

## John 1 (continued)

fig tree, be-liev - est thou? Thou shalt see great - er

(51)

things than these. And he sa - ith un - to him, Ver - i -

ly, ver - i - ly, I say un - to you, Here - af - ter ye shall

see heav - en o - pen and the an - gels of God as - cend - ing

and descend - ing up - on the Son of man. (John

John 1 (continued)

one: for- ty three through fif-ty one.)

The image shows a musical score for two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves have a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music consists of a series of chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the top staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "one: for- ty three through fif-ty one.)". The word "one:" is on the first note, "for- ty" is on the second, "three" is on the third, "through" is on the fourth, "fif-ty" is on the fifth, and "one.)" is on the sixth. The music ends with a double bar line.

## SELECTIONS FROM PSALM 19

Psalm 19:1-3,7-9,11,14 Hope E. LeBrun

The heav-ens de-clare the glo - ry of God; and the

fir-ma-ment shew-eth his hand-i-work. Day un-to

day ut-ter-eth speech and night un-to night shew-eth

know-ledge. There is no speech nor lan-guage where their

voice is not heard. The lay of the Lord is per-fect, con-

Psalm 19:1-3,7-9,11,14 cont. Hope E. LeBrun

vent-ing the soul: the tes-ti-mo-ny of the Lord is, sure,

mak-ing wise the sim-ple. The stat-utes of the Lord are right, re-

joic-ing the heart: the com-mand-ment of the Lord is pure, en-

light-en-ing the eyes. The fear of the Lord is

clean, en-dur-ing for-ev-er: the

Psalm 19:1-3,7-9,11,14 cont.

Hope E. LeBrun

judg-ments of the Lord are true and right-eous al - to -

geth - er. More-ov-er by them is thy serv-ant warned: and in

keep-ing of them there is great re-ward. Let the words of my

mouth, and the med-i - ta-tion of my heart, be ac-

cept - a - ble in thy sight, O Lord, my strength,

Psalm 19:1-3,7-9,11,14 cont.

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and my re - deem - er. (O Lord my strength, and

my re - deem - er.)



## THIS IS MY SONG

Songtext: Medley of Psalm 104:33 TEV, and John 3:16 KJV

"I will sing to the Lord all my life; as long as I live I will sing praises to my God. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Songtext: Psalm 107:8, 9

"Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness."

Songtext: Psalm 8:3, 4 RSV (solo)

"When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast established; what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him?"

Songtext: Psalm 103:13, 14

"Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust."

Songtext: I John 3:1, 2

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

Songtext: Philippians 2:5-11 (trio--to be joined by group at \*)

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. \*Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Songtext: I Peter 4:16 TEV (solo)

"If you suffer because you are a Christian, don't be ashamed of it; but thank God that you bear Christ's name."

Songtext: Lamentations 3:22-24

"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him."

Songtext: II Corinthians 4:6

"God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

Songtext: Isaiah 12:2 (solo)

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song."

Songtext: Psalm 18:2 (solo or duet)

"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."

Songtext: Romans 8:26-28

"The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God."

Songtext: Philippians 4:19

"My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Songtext: II Corinthians 4:17

"Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

## This is My Song (3)

Songtext: Hebrews 7:25

"He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him."

Songtext: Psalm 62:8

"Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us."

Songtext: Jude 24-25 (benediction)

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

REMINDER: The Scripture songs listed above are found in the Sing 'N - Memorize songbook or the Sing 'N Memorize bonus supplement.

## **BIBLE STORIES**

in song

- CREATION
- ADAM AND EVE
- LOT AND THE ANGELS
- QUEEN ESTHER
- CHRIST IN SCRIPTURE

## CREATION

Genesis 1 KJV (paraphrased)

Hope E. LeBrun

In the be - gin - ning God cre - at - ed the heav - en and

The first system of musical notation for the first system of the piece. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "In the be - gin - ning God cre - at - ed the heav - en and".

the earth. The earth was with - out form... and

The second system of musical notation. The treble clef staff continues the melody, and the bass clef staff provides accompaniment. The lyrics are: "the earth. The earth was with - out form... and".

dark - ness was up - on the face of the deep.

The third system of musical notation. The treble clef staff continues the melody, and the bass clef staff provides accompaniment. The lyrics are: "dark - ness was up - on the face of the deep."

And God said, Let there be light... and

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble clef staff continues the melody, and the bass clef staff provides accompaniment. The lyrics are: "And God said, Let there be light... and".

God di - vid - ed the light from the dark - ness, and God called the light

The fifth system of musical notation. The treble clef staff continues the melody, and the bass clef staff provides accompaniment. The lyrics are: "God di - vid - ed the light from the dark - ness, and God called the light".

## Genesis 1 (paraphrased) continued

Day, and the dark-ness he called Night. And the

eve-ning and the morn-ing were the first day. And God made the

firm-ment, and div-id-ed the wa-ters. And God called the firm-a-

ment Heav-en. And the eve-ning and the morn-ing were the

sec-ond day. And God said, Let the wa-ters un-der the

## Genesis 1 (paraphrased) continued

heav-en be gathered to geth-er un-to one place, and let the

dry land ap-pear. And God called the dry land Earth:

And the wa-ters called he Seas: And the earth brought forth

grass and herb yield-ing seed and the tree y<sup>e</sup>ld-ing

fruit. And the eve-ning and the morn-ing were the

## Genesis 1 (paraphrased) continued

t h i r d day. And God made two great lights; the

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature. The accompaniment is primarily block chords. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

great-er light to rule the d a y, and the les-ser light to

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a treble clef and one flat. The bass staff has a bass clef and one flat. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

rule the night: he made the stars al - so. And the eve-ning

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a treble clef and one flat. The bass staff has a bass clef and one flat. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

and the morn-ing were the f o u r t h day. And God cre - at - ed

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a treble clef and one flat. The bass staff has a bass clef and one flat. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

great whales, and eve-ry liv - ing crea-ture that

The fifth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a treble clef and one flat. The bass staff has a bass clef and one flat. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.



## Genesis 1 (paraphrased) continued

mov-eth, which the wat-ers brought forth a - bun-dant-ly and

eve-ry winged fowl aft - er his kind. And the

eve-ning and the morn-ing were the fifth day. And God made the

beast of the earth, and cat - tle aft - er their kind, and

eve-ry thing that creep-eth up - on the earth. And God

## Genesis 1 (paraphrased) continued

said, Let us make man in our im-age,

aft - er our like-ness. So God cre-at - ed man; in the

im-age of God cre - at - ed he him; male and fe - male cre-

at - ed he them. And God blessed them, and God said un - to

them, Be fruit - ful and mul - ti - ply, and

## Genesis 1 (paraphrased) continued

have do - min - ion o - ver the fish of the

sea, the fowl of the air, and eve - ry liv - ing

thing that mov - eth up - on the le a r t h . And God saw

eve - ry - thing that he had m a d e , and be - hold, it was

ver - ry good. And the eve - ning and the morn - ing were the

Genesis 1 (paraphrased) continued

s i x t h day. Thus the heav-ens and the earth were fin -ished. And

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody starts with a half note chord of G2 and Bb2, followed by a quarter note G2, then a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. It starts with a half note chord of G2 and Bb2, followed by a quarter note G2, then a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2. The lyrics are written below the notes.

on the sev-enth day God end - ed his work and he

The second system of musical notation continues the melody. The treble staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody starts with a half note chord of G2 and Bb2, followed by a quarter note G2, then a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2. The bass staff has a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. It starts with a half note chord of G2 and Bb2, followed by a quarter note G2, then a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2. The lyrics are written below the notes.

rest - ed on the sev-enth day from all

The third system of musical notation continues the melody. The treble staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody starts with a half note chord of G2 and Bb2, followed by a quarter note G2, then a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2. The bass staff has a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. It starts with a half note chord of G2 and Bb2, followed by a quarter note G2, then a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2. The lyrics are written below the notes.

his work which he had made. And God blessed the sev-enth d a y

The fourth system of musical notation continues the melody. The treble staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody starts with a half note chord of G2 and Bb2, followed by a quarter note G2, then a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2. The bass staff has a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. It starts with a half note chord of G2 and Bb2, followed by a quarter note G2, then a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2. The lyrics are written below the notes.

(God blessed the sev-enth d a y) and sanc-ti - fied it.

The fifth system of musical notation concludes the melody. The treble staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody starts with a half note chord of G2 and Bb2, followed by a quarter note G2, then a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2. The bass staff has a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. It starts with a half note chord of G2 and Bb2, followed by a quarter note G2, then a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## ADAM AND EVE

Genesis 3 RSV (paraphrased)

Hope E. LeBrun

Now the ser-pent was more sub-tle than an- y oth - er crea-

ture that the Lord God had made. He said to the

wo-man, "Did God say, "You shall not eat of an - y tree of the

gar - den'." And the wo - man said, "God said,

'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree in the midst of the

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## Genesis 3 (paraphrased) continued

gar - den, nei - ther shall you touch it, lest you die.' " But the

ser - pent said, "You will not die. For God knows that when you

eat of it your eyes will be o - pened, and you will be

like God, know - ing good and e - vil.' " So when the wo - man

saw that the tree was good for food, and that the tree was to be de -

## Genesis 3 (paraphrased)

sired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate;

and she al - so gave some to her hus - band, and he

ate. Then the eyes of both were o - pened. Then the Lord God

said, "Be-hold, the man has be-come like one of us," know-ing good and

e - vil; now lest he put forth his hand and take al-so

## Genesis 3 RSV (paraphrased)

of the tree of life and live for- ev - er''--therefore the Lord God

sent him forth from the gar- den of E - den, to till the ground from

which he was tak- en; and at the east of the gar - den he

placed the cher - u - bim, and a flam- ing sword which turned

rit.  
eve- ry way, to guard the way to the tree of life.



## LOT AND THE ANGELS

Psalm 34:7 KJV /Genesis 19 RSV (paraphrased)\* Hope E. LeBrun

The an-gel of the Lord en-camp-eth round a-bout them that

fear him and de-liv-er-eth them. Two an-gels came to

Sod-om in the eve'-ning; and Lot was sit-ting in the gate of

Sod-om. He rose to meet them and bowed to the

earth and said, "My lords, turn a-side and spend the night. They said

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## Genesis 19 (paraphrased) continued

"No, we will spend the night in the street" But he urged them so they

entered his house. Then the men said to Lot, have you

an - y - one else here? Bring them out of the place. The

Lord has sent us to destroy it. So Lot went out and said

to his sons - in - law, "Up, get out of this place,

## Genesis 19 (paraphrased) continued

for the Lord is a-bout to des-troy the cit - y." But he

seemed to his sons-in-law to be jest - ing. When morning

dawned, the an - gels urged Lot, "A - rise, take your wife and your two

daugh-ters..." But he ling-ered (he ling-ered); so the men seized

him and his wife and his two daugh-ters by the hand, and they

## Genesis 19 (paraphrased) continued

brought him forth and set him out-side the cit - y. "Flee for your life;

do not look back or stop an - y-where in the val - ley;

("Flee for your life; do not look back.") Flee to the hills, lest

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you be con-sumed.'" If Lot had man-i - fest - ed no hes - i - tan -

cy to o - bey the an - gels' warn - ing, but had earn - est - ly

\*White, Ellen G.: Patriarchs and Prophets. Pacific Press Publishing Association, Mountain View, California, 1958 by Review and Herald Publishing Association, Page 161. Used by permission.

## Genesis 19 (paraphrased) continued

(see )

#1 (below)

fled toward the mountains without one word of pleading, his

wife also would have made her escape. The influence of his ex-

#2 (see below)

ample would have saved her from the sin that sealed her

doom." The angel of the Lord encampeth round a-

bout them that fear him and delivereth them.

#1. Lot's wife trails the others with lingering backward glances.

#2. At this point a student enters from offstage to deftly cover Lot's wife with a white sheet, then quietly retreats as the song closes.

THE BIBLE STORY OF

QUEEN

ESTHER

with narration from  
PROPHETS AND KINGS  
by Ellen Gould White

## QUEEN ESTHER

Narrator:

To every nation and to every individual God has assigned a place in His great plan... All are by their own choice deciding their destiny, and God is overruling all for the accomplishment of His purposes.

All that prophecy has foretold as coming to pass, until the present time, has been traced on the pages of history, and we may be assured that all which is yet to come will be fulfilled in its order. <sup>1</sup>

The deliverance of Daniel from the den of lions had been used of God to create a favorable impression upon the mind of Cyrus the Great. The sterling qualities of the man of God as a statesman of farseeing ability led the Persian ruler to show him marked respect and to honor his judgement. And now, just at the time God had said He would cause His temple at Jerusalem to be rebuilt, He moved upon Cyrus as His agent to discern the prophecies concerning himself, with which Daniel was so familiar, and to grant the Jewish people their liberty.

In a written proclamation published "throughout all his kingdom," Cyrus made known his desire to provide for the return of the Hebrews and for the rebuilding of their temple. <sup>2</sup>

Under the favor shown them by Cyrus, nearly fifty thousand of the children of the captivity had taken advantage of the decree permitting their return. These, however, in comparison with the hundreds of thousands scattered throughout the provinces of Medo-Persia, were but a mere remnant. The great majority of the Israelites had chosen to remain in the land of their exile rather than undergo the hardships of the return journey and the re-establishment of their desolated cities and homes. <sup>3</sup>

Song passage: A score or more of years...(#1)

Narrator: The Lord foresaw the troublous times that were to follow during the reign of Xerxes,--the Ahasuerus of the book of Esther,--and He not only wrought a change of feeling in the hearts of men in authority, but also inspired Zechariah to plead with the exiles to return. <sup>4</sup>

Song text: Zechariah 2:6-8 (#2)

Narrator: The large number, however, of those who failed to respond to the decree of Cyrus, remained unimpressible to later influences;... Meanwhile conditions in the Medo-Persian realm were rapidly changing. Darius... was succeeded by Xerxes the Great. It was during his reign that those of the Jews who had failed of heeding the message to flee were called upon to face a terrible crisis. Having refused to take advantage of the way of escape God had provided, now they were brought face to face with death. <sup>5</sup>

Song passage: Through Haman, the Agagite...(#3) (boys sing)

Song text: Esther 3:2,5,6

## Queen Esther (2 of 3)

Narrator:

Mislead by the false statements of Haman, Xerxes was induced to issue a decree providing for the massacre of all the Jews... Little did the king realize the far-reaching results that would have accompanied the complete carrying out of this decree. Satan himself, the hidden instigator of the scheme was trying to rid the earth of those who preserved the knowledge of the true God. <sup>6</sup>

Song text: Esther 3:13 (#5)

Narrator:

But the plots of the enemy were defeated by a Power that reigns among the children of men. In the providence of God, Esther, a Jewess who feared the Most High, had been made queen of the Medo-Persian kingdom. <sup>7</sup>

Song text: Esther 2:17 (#6) (girls sing)

Narrator:

Mordecai, Esther's cousin, had raised the orphaned Esther as his own daughter. It was he who had initially cautioned Esther against revealing her identity with the Jews. In chapter 4 is recorded her response to the plea of Mordecai to intercede with the king on behalf of their people.

Song text: Esther 4:11 (#7) (solo by Esther)

Song text: Esther 4:13-14 (#8) (solo by Mordecai)

Narrator:

The crisis that Esther faced demanded quick, earnest action: but both she and Mordecai realized that unless God should work mightily in their behalf, their own efforts would be unavailing. So Esther took time for communion with God, the source of her strength. <sup>7</sup>

Song text: Esther 4:16 (#9) (solo by Esther)

Narrator:

The events that followed in rapid succession--the appearance of Esther before the king, the marked favor shown her, the banquets of the king and queen with Haman as the only guest, the troubled sleep of the king, the public honor shown Mordecai, and the humiliation and fall of Haman upon the discovery of his wicked plot,--all these are parts of a familiar story. God wrought marvelously for His penitent people; and a counter decree issued by the king, allowing them to fight for their lives, was rapidly communicated to every part of the realm by mounted couriers, who were "hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment." Angels that excel in strength had been commissioned by God to protect His people while they "stood for their lives." <sup>8</sup>

Song text: Esther 9:2 (#10)



Queen Esther (3 of 3)

Song text: Psalm 117

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1

Ellen G. White

Hope E. LeBrun

A score or more of years passed by when a second decree was

is-sued by Da-ri-us...the mon-arch then rul-ing.

Thus did God in mer-cy pro-vide an-oth-er op-por-

tu-ni-ty for the Jews... to re-turn to the

land of their fa-thers.

## 2

Zechariah 2:6-8 Hope E. LeBrun

Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the

north, saith the Lord: for I have spread you a-broad as the

four winds of the heav-en, saith the Lord. De

liv-er thy-self, O Zi - on, that dwell-eth with the daugh-ter of

Bab - y - lon. For thus sa - ith the Lord o f hosts; (thus

Zechariah 2:6-8 (cont.)

saith the Lord of hosts) af- ter the glo- ry hath he

sent me un - to the na- tions which spoiled you: for

he that touch-eth you touch-eth the

ap - ple of his eye.

# 3

Ellen G. White Hope E. LeBrun

Through Ha - man, the Ag - a - gite, an un - scrup - u - lous

man high in au - thor - i - ty in Me - do - Per - sia,

Sa - tan worked at this time to coun - ter - work the

pur - pos - es of God

## 4

Esther 3:2,5,6 Hope E. LeBrun

And all the king's serv-ants, that were in the king's gate,

bowed, and rev - er - anced Ha - man: for the king had so com-

mand - ed... But Mor - de - ca - i bowed not... And when

Ha - man saw that Mor - de - ca - i bowed not...

then was Ha - man full of wrath... where-foye

*Esther 3:2,5,6 (cont.)*

Ha - man sought to de - stroy all the Jews that were through-

out the whole king - dom... e - ven the

peo - ple of Mor - de - ca - i.

## 5

*Esther 3:13* *Hope E. LeBrun*

And the let- ters were sent by posts in- to

all the king ' s prov -inc- es, to de-

stroy, to kill, and to cause to

per- ish, all Jews, both young and old,

lit tle chil - dren a n d wom - en,



*Esther 3:13 (cont.)*

in one day. (in one day.)

This musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. It contains a vocal line with the lyrics "in one day. (in one day.)". The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment.

## 6

*Esther 2:17* Hope E. LeBrun

And the king loved Es-ther a-bove all the

This musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a vocal line with the lyrics "And the king loved Es-ther a-bove all the". The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment.

wom-en, and she ob-tained grace and fa-vor in his

This musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a vocal line with the lyrics "wom-en, and she ob-tained grace and fa-vor in his". The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment.

sight more than all the vir-gins;

This musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a vocal line with the lyrics "sight more than all the vir-gins;". The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment.

Esther 2:17 (cont.)

(more than all the vir-gins) so that he set the roy-al

crown up - on her h e a d, and made her

queen.... (and made her queen...)

## 7

Esther 4:11 Hope E. LeBrun

All the king's serv-ants and the peo - ple of the king's

prov -inc -es, do know that who - so - ev - er, wheth- er

man or wom -an, shall come un - to the

king in - to the in - ner court, who is not

called, (who is not called) there is one

Esther 4:11 (cont.)

law of his to put him to death, ex - cept

such to whom the king shall hold out the gold - en

scep - tre, t h a t he may live: but

I have not been called to come un - to the

king t h e s e thir - ty days.

## 8

Esther 4:13-14

Hope E. LeBrun

Think not with thy-self that thou shalt es-cape in the

king's house, more than all the Jews. For if thou

al - to - geth - er hold - est thy peace at this time, then shall there en-

large-ment and de - liv - er - ance a - rise to the

Jews from an - oth - er place: but thou and thy

Esther 4:13-14 (cont.)

fa-ther's house shall be de-stroyed: and who know - eth  
 (and who know - eth) wheth-er thou art come to the  
 king-dom for such a time as this? this?

This musical score is for the continuation of Esther 4:13-14. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "fa-ther's house shall be de-stroyed: and who know - eth (and who know - eth) wheth-er thou art come to the king-dom for such a time as this? this?". The music is in a common time signature and features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and repeat signs.

## 9

Esther 4:16

Hope E. LaBrun

Go, gath-er to-geth-er all the Jews that are pre-sent

This musical score is for Esther 4:16. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Go, gath-er to-geth-er all the Jews that are pre-sent". The music is in a common time signature and features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and repeat signs.

Esther 4:16 (cont.)

i'n Shu-shan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat

nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my

maid-ens will fast like-wise; (will fast like-wise) and

so will I go in un-to the king which is not ac-

cord-ing to the law: and if I per-ish, I per-ish.

## 10

Esther 9:2 Hope E. LeBrun

The Jews gath-ered them-selves to-geth-er in their cit-ies

through-out all the prov-inc-es of the king A-has -u- e -rus,

to lay hand on such as sought them hurt: and no man

could with-stand them; (no man could with-stand them) for the

fear of them fell up - on all peo - ple.



## 11

Psalm 117 Hope E. LeBrun

O praise the Lord, all ye na-tions: praise him, a l l y e

peo-ple. For his mer-ci-ful kind-ness is great toward us! (is

great toward us) and the truth of the Lord en-

dur-eth (the truth of the Lord en - dur-eth) for-

ev-er. (f o r - ev - er) Praise ye the Lord.

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## CHRIST IN SCRIPTURE

Introduction by the announcer:

Did you ever see one of those puzzle pictures on which you were told to discover the face of a man, or some object? You turned it this way and that and finally, there you suddenly saw it, just as plain as day, and wondered why you had not seen it before! The great face in the Bible is that of Jesus. He is the supreme object of the Scriptures.<sup>1</sup>

John 5:39 Hope E. LeBrun  
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Search the Scrip-tures, for in them ye think ye have e-

ter-nal life: and they are they which tes-ti-fy of me.

## Introduction continued:

Like the scarlet thread that runs through every inch of rope in the British navy, like the melody of a beautiful song, like the theme of a great masterpiece, so is Jesus in the Scriptures. He is the author and the hero, the beginning and the ending of your Holy Bible. <sup>2</sup>

John 1:1,3,14 2 Hope E. LeBrun  
Ruth E. Brown

In the be-gin-ning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the

Word was God. All things were made by Him and with-out Him was not

an- y- thing made that was made. And the Word was made flesh and

dwelt a-mong us, and we be-held His glo- ry, the glo- ry as

1 and 2: Bible Readings for the Home. Review and Herald Publishing Association, Washington, D.C., 1951, page 35.

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Ruth E. Brown

John 1:1,3,14 (cont.)

of the on-ly be-got-ten of the Fa-ther, full of grace and truth.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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Announcer: The first promise of a Redeemer is found in Genesis 3:14-15

Genesis 3:14-15

And the Lord God said un - to the ser-pent... I will put

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, with a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3' above it. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

3: White, Ellen G: The Desire of Ages. Pacific Press Publishing Association, Mountain View, California, 1900, Page 22. Used by permission.

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Genesis 3:14-15 (cont.)

en- mi- ty be- tween thee and the wo - man, and be- tween thy seed and

her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Announcer: The Redeemer, Christ, was the promised seed of Abraham. (Gal. 3:16)

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Ruth E. Brown

Galatians 3:16 The Living Bible 4

God gave some prom- is - es to A - bra - ham and His

child. And no- tice that it does- n't say the prom- is - es were

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Galatians 3:16 The Living Bible (cont.)

to his chil-dren as it would if all his sons — all the

Jews — were be-ing spok-en of, but to his

Child — and that, of course, means Christ.

Announcer: Christ guided Isreal into the Promised land. (Exodus 13:21)

Hope E. LeBrun  
Ruth E. Brown

Exodus 13:21

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And the Lord went be-fore them by day in a pil-lar of a

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Exodus 13:21 (cont.)

cloud to lead them by the way: and by night in a pil-lar of fire.

Detailed description: This block contains a musical score for the second part of Exodus 13:21. It features a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style.

Announcer: Christ was the Rock that went with them. (1 Corinthians 10:4)

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I Corinthians 10:4

All our fathers were un-der the cloud, and all passed through the

Detailed description: This block contains the first part of a musical score for I Corinthians 10:4. It includes a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. A large number '6' is written above the treble staff, likely indicating a measure number. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style.

sea... and did all drink the same spir-it-ual drink; for they

Detailed description: This block contains the second part of the musical score for I Corinthians 10:4. It includes a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music continues in the same simple, hymn-like style.

drank of that spir-it- ual Rock that fol-lowed them:

Detailed description: This block contains the third part of the musical score for I Corinthians 10:4. It includes a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music concludes in the same simple, hymn-like style.



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1 Corinthians 10:4 (cont.)

and that Rock was Christ. (And that Rock was Christ.)

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the upper staff. The music features a simple melody with some rests and a bass line with chords and single notes.

Announcer: Micah 5:2 foretells the Saviour's birthplace.

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Micah 5:2

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But thou, Beth-le-hem Eph-ra-thah, though thou be lit-tle a-mong the

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thou-sands of Ju-dah, yet out of thee shall He come

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the upper staff. The music features a simple melody with some rests and a bass line with chords and single notes.

forth un-to Me that is to be rul - er of Is - rael: Whose

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the upper staff. The music features a simple melody with some rests and a bass line with chords and single notes.

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Micah 5:2 (cont.)

go-ings forth have been from of old, from ev - er - last-ing.

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff.

Announcer: Galatians 4:4-5 speaks of the accuracy of God's great time clock.

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Galatians 4:4-5 RSV

When the time had ful-ly come, God sent forth His Son, born of

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wo-man, both un-der the law, to re-deem those who were

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff.

un-der the law that we might re-ceive a - dop-tion as sons.

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff.

Announcer: The announcement of the Saviour's birth is recorded in Luke 2:8-14.

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Luke 2:8-14 RSV

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There were shep-herds out in the field, keep-ing watch o-ver their flock by

night. And an an-gel of the Lord ap-peared to them, and the

glo-ry of the Lord shone a-round them, and they were filled with

fear. And the an-gel said to them, "Be not a-fraid; for be-

hold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the

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Ruth E. Brown

Luke 2:8-14 (cont.)

peo-ple; for to you is born this day in the

ci-ty of Da-vid a Sav-ior which is Christ the Lord. And

this will be a sign for you: you will find the babe wrapped in swad-dling

cloths and ly-ing in a man-ger." And sud-den-ly there was with the

an - gel a mul-ti- tude of the heav'n-ly host prais-ing

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Ruth E. Brown

Luke 2:8-14 (cont.)

God and say-ing, "Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on

earth | peace a - mong m e n with whom he is pleased."

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Announcer: Referring to this scene in the book Desire of Ages, Mrs. White writes:<sup>4</sup>

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Ellen G. White

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On that to - day the hu - man fam' - ly could re-cog-nize that

song. The de - clar-a - tion then made, the note then struck, will

4: White, Ellen G: The Desire of Ages. Pacific Press Publishing Association, Mountain View, California, 1940, page 48. Used by permission.

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Ellen G. White (cont.)

swell to the close of time, and re-sound to the ends of the

earth. When the Sun of Right-eous-ness shall rise with heal-ing in his

wings, that song will be re-ech-oed by the voice of a

great mul - ti - tude, as the voice of man-y wa-ters say-ing, "Al-le-

lu - ia: Al - le - lu - ia: for the Lord God om-nip-o-tent reign-eth."

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Ruth E. Brown

John 3:16-17 RSV 11

God so loved the world that He gave His on - ly

Son, that who - ev - er be - lieves in Him should not

per - ish, but have e - ter - nal life. For

God sent His Son in - to the world, not to con-demn the

world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

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## OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

NARRATOR: Long ago, even before he made the world, God chose us to be his very own, through what Christ would do for us; he decided then to make us holy in his eyes, without a single fault—we who stand before him covered with his love. . . . and this was his purpose: that when the time is ripe he will gather us all together from wherever we are--in heaven or on earth--to be with him in Christ, forever.

When Adam sinned, sin entered the entire human race. His sin spread death throughout all the world, so everything began to grow old and die, for all sinned, (and) the wages of sin is death. The sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to be king over all, but all who will take God's gift of forgiveness and acquittal are kings of life because of this one man, Jesus Christ. Adam caused many to be sinners because he disobeyed God, and Christ caused many to be made acceptable to God because he obeyed. And since by his blood he did all this for us as sinners, how much more will he do for us now that he has declared us not guilty? Now he will save us from all of God's wrath to come.

Now all praise to God for his wonderful kindness to us and his favor that he has poured out upon us, because we belong to his dearly loved Son. So overflowing is his kindness towards us that he took away all our sins through the blood of his Son, by whom we are saved; and he has showered down upon us the richness of his grace--for how well he understands us and knows what is best for us at all times. (Ephesians 1:4, 10; Romans 5:12, 17, 19, 9; Ephesians 1:6-8)\*

Songtexts: Medley of Psalm 104:33 TEV/John 3:16/Romans 6:23  
Isaiah 9:6/Luke 1:32-33 For unto us a child is born. . .

NARRATOR: Think now about this Jesus who is God's Messenger and the High Priest of our faith. We all know he did not come as an angel but as a human being--yes, a Jew.

The Jewish high priest is merely a man like anyone else, but he is chosen to speak for all other men in their dealings with God. He presents their gifts to God and offers to him the blood of animals that are sacrificed to cover the sins of the people and his own sins, too. And because he is a man he can deal gently with other men, though they are foolish and ignorant, for he, too, is surrounded with the same temptations and understands very well. And it was necessary for Jesus to be like us, his brothers, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God, a Priest who would be both merciful to us and faithful to God in dealing with the sins of the people. For since he himself has now been through suffering and temptation, he knows what it is like when we suffer and are tempted, and he is wonderfully able to help us. (Hebrews 3:1, 2:16, 5:1-3, 2:17-18)\*

Songtexts: Hebrews 7:25 He is able also to save ...  
I Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation ...  
I John 5:4 Whatsoever is born of God overcometh ...

NARRATOR: Another thing to remember is that no one can be a high priest just because he wants to be. He has to be called by God for this work in the same way God chose Aaron. That is why Christ did not elect himself to the honor of being High Priest; no, he was chosen by God. God said to him, "You have been chosen to be a priest forever, with the same rank as Melchizedek."

This Melchizedek was a king of the city of Salem, and also a priest of the Most High God. Melchizedek's name means "Justice", so he is the King of Justice; and he is also the King of Peace because of the name of his city Salem, which means "Peace". Melchizedek had no father or mother and there is no record of any of his ancestors. He was never born and he never died, but his life is like that of the Son of God--a priest forever.

And when God sends a new kind of priest, his law must be changed to permit it. As we all know, Christ did not belong to the priest-tribe of Levi, but came from the tribe of Judah, which had not been chosen for priesthood; Moses had never given them that work. So we can plainly see that God's method changed, for Christ, the new High Priest who came with the rank of Melchizedek, did not become a priest by meeting the old requirements of belonging to the tribe of Levi, but on the basis of power flowing from a life that cannot end.

God took an oath that Christ would always be a Priest, although he never said that of other priests. Because of God's oath, Christ can guarantee forever the success of this new and better arrangement. (For) Jesus lives forever and continues to be a Priest so that no one else is needed. He is able to save completely all who come to God through him. Since he will live forever, he will always be there to remind God that he has paid for their sins with his blood. (Hebrews 5:4, 5, 7:1, 2, 3, 12-16, 20, 21, 22, 24-25)\*

Songtext: John 14:6, 8:32, 10:14, 16 I am the way...

NARRATOR: Yes, all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious ideal; yet now God declares us "not guilty" of offending him if we trust in Jesus who in his kindness freely takes away our sins. (Romans 3:23-24)\*

Songtext: Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace are ye saved through faith...

NARRATOR: Christ has entered into heaven itself, to appear now before God as our Friend. Nor has he offered himself again and again, as the high priest down here on earth offers animal blood in the Holy of Holies each year. If that had been necessary, then he would have had to die

again and again, ever since the world began. But no! He came once for all, at the end of the age, to put away the power of sin forever by dying for us. And just as it is destined that men die only once, and after that comes judgement, so also Christ died only once as an offering for the sins of many people, and he will come again, but not to deal again with sins. This time he will come bringing salvation to all those who are eagerly and patiently waiting for him. (Hebrews 9:24, 25-28)\*

Songtext: Hebrews 9:28 So Christ was once offered...

NARRATOR: This has an important lesson for us today. For under the old system, gifts and sacrifices were offered, but these failed to cleanse the hearts of the people who brought them. But just the opposite happened: those yearly sacrifices reminded them of their disobedience and guilt instead of relieving their minds. For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats really to take away sins. That is why Christ said, as he came into the world, "O God, the blood of bulls and goats cannot satisfy you, so you have made ready this body of mine for me to lay as a sacrifice upon your altar.

After Christ said this about not being satisfied with the various sacrifices and offerings required under the old system, he then added, "Here I am. I have come to give my life." He cancels the first system in favor of a far better one. Under this new plan we have been forgiven and made clean by Christ's dying for us once and for all. For by that one offering he made forever perfect in the sight of God all those whom he is making holy. And the Holy Spirit testifies that this is so, for he has said, "This is the agreement I will make with the people of Israel, though they broke their first agreement: I will write my laws into their minds so that they will always know my will, and I will put my laws in their hearts so that they will want to obey them." And then he adds, "I will never again remember their sins." (Hebrews 9:9, 10:3-5, 8-10, 14-17)\*

Songtexts: Isaiah 43:25 I, even I...  
Hebrews 8:10 This is the covenant...

NARRATOR: Now when sins have once been forgiven and forgotten, there is no need to offer more sacrifices to get rid of them. And so, dear brothers, now we may walk right into the very Holy of Holies where God is, because of the blood of Jesus. This is the fresh, new, life-giving way which Christ has opened up for us by tearing the curtain--his human body--to let us into the holy presence of God. Jesus, the Son of God, is our great High Priest who has gone to heaven itself to help us; therefore let us never stop trusting him. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, since he had the same temptations we do, though he never once gave way to them and sinned. So let us come boldly to the very throne of God and stay there to receive his mercy and to find grace in our times of

need. (Hebrews 10:18-20, 4:14-16)\*

Songtext: Romans 8:26-28 The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities...

NARRATOR: Well then, shall we keep on sinning so that God can keep on showing us more and more kindness and forgiveness? Does this mean that now we can go ahead and sin and not worry about it? (For our salvation does not depend on keeping the law, but on receiving God's grace!) Of course not! Don't you realize that you can choose your own master? You can choose sin (with death) or else obedience (with acquittal). The one to whom you offer yourself--he will take you and be your master and you will be his slave.

If anyone sins deliberately by rejecting the Saviour after knowing the truth of forgiveness, this sin is not covered by Christ's death; there is no way to get rid of it. What makes us think that we can escape if we are indifferent to this great salvation announced by the Lord Jesus himself, and passed on to us by those who heard him speak? (Romans 6:1, 15-16, Hebrews 10:26, 2:3)\*

Songtext: Galatians 6:7-8 Be not deceived...

NARRATOR: We aren't saved from sin's grasp by knowing the commandments of God, because we can't and don't keep them, but God put into effect a different plan to save us. He sent his own Son in a human body like ours--except that ours are sinful--and destroyed sin's control over us by giving himself as a sacrifice for our sins. So now we can obey God's laws if we follow after the Holy Spirit and no longer obey the old evil nature within us. For sin's power over us was broken when we became Christians and were baptized to become a part of Jesus Christ; through his death the power of your sinful nature was shattered. For you have become a part of him, and so you died with him, so to speak, when he died; and now you share his new life, and shall rise as he did. Your old evil desires were nailed to the cross with him; for when you are deadened to sin you are freed from all its allure and its power over you.

Christ rose from the dead and will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. He died once for all to end sin's power, but now he lives forever in unbroken fellowship with God. So look upon your old sin nature as dead and unresponsive to sin, and instead be alive to God, alert to him, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 8:3-4, 6:3, 5, 6, 7, 9-11)\*

Songtext: Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ...

NARRATOR: The old system dealt only with certain rituals--what foods to eat and drink, rules for washing themselves and rules about this and that. The people had to keep these rules to tide them over until Christ came with God's new and better way. For Christ died to rescue them

from the penalty of the sins they had committed while still under that old system. He cancels the first system in favor of a far better one.

Let us stop going over the same old ground again and again, always teaching those first lessons about Christ. You will never be able to eat solid spiritual food and understand the deeper things of God's word until you become better Christians and learn right from wrong by practicing doing right. Let us go on, instead, to other things and become mature in our understanding, as strong Christians ought to be. Surely we don't need to speak further about the foolishness of trying to be saved by being good, or about the necessity of faith in God; you don't need further instruction about baptism and spiritual gifts and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgement.

The Lord willing, we will go on now to other things. Then, knowing what lies ahead for you, you won't become bored with being a Christian nor become spiritually dull and indifferent, but you will be anxious to follow the example of those who receive all that God has promised them because of their strong faith and patience. (Hebrews 9:10, 15; 10:9; 6:1-3; 5:14; 6:12)\*

Songtexts: Hebrews 11:6 Without faith it is impossible...  
II Corinthians 4:17 Our light affliction ...

NARRATOR: Now we rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God --all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done in dying for our sins--making us friends of God.

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us--they help us learn to be patient. And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it until finally our hope and faith are strong and steady. Then, when that happens, we are able to hold our heads high no matter what happens and know that all is well, for we know how dearly God loves us, and we feel this warm love everywhere within us because God has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. (Romans 5:11, 3-5)\*

Songtexts: Romans 8:38-39 For I am persuaded ...  
I John 2:28 And now little children ...

NARRATOR: He has given us both his promise and his oath, two things we can completely count on, for it is impossible for God to tell a lie. Now all those who flee to him to save them can take new courage when they hear such assurances from God; now they can know without doubt that he will give them the salvation he has promised them.

This certain hope of being saved is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls connecting us with God himself behind the sacred curtains of heaven, where Christ has gone ahead to plead for us from his position as our High Priest, with the honor and rank of Melchizedek. (Heb. 6: 18-20)\*

Songtext: Revelation 5:12, 19:1,6 Worthy is the Lamb ...

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## WE ARE ADOPTED

NARRATOR: Long ago, even before he made the world, God chose us to be his very own, through what Christ would do for us; he decided then to make us holy in his eyes, without a single fault--we who stand before him covered with his love. His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us.

Christ became a human being and lived here on earth among us and was full of loving forgiveness and truth. But although he made the world, the world didn't recognize him when he came. Even in his own land and among his own people, the Jews, he was not accepted. Only a few would welcome and receive him. But to all who received him, he gave the right to become children of God. All they needed to do was to trust him to save them. All those who believe this are reborn!--not a physical rebirth resulting from human passion or plan--but from the will of God. (Ephesians 1:4, 5; John 1:14, 10-13)\*

Songtexts: Galatians 4:4-5 RSV When the time had fully come ...  
I John 3:1-2 Behold, what manner of love ...

NARRATOR: All honor to God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; for it is his boundless mercy that has given us the privilege of being born again, so that we are now members of God's own family. We who have been made holy by Jesus, now have the same Father he has. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call us his brothers. For now we are all children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. (I Peter 1:3; Hebrews 2:11; Galatians 3:26)\*

Songtext: II Corinthians 6:18 RSV I will be a father to you ...

NARRATOR: Let God train you, for he is doing what any loving father does for his children. Whoever heard of a son who was never corrected? If God doesn't punish you when you need it, as other fathers punish their sons, then it means that you aren't really God's son at all--that you don't really belong in his family. Since we respect our fathers here on earth, though they punish us, should we not all the more cheerfully submit to God's training so that we can begin really to live?

Our earthly fathers trained us for a few brief years, doing the best for us that they knew how, but God's correction is always right and for our best good, that we may share his holiness. Being punished isn't enjoyable while it is happening--it hurts! But afterwards we can see the result, a quiet growth in grace and character. (Hebrews 12:7-11)\*

Songtexts: Psalm 103:13-14 Like as a father ...  
Proverbs 3:1-6 My son, forget not my law ...





## ONE WITH CHRIST

NARRATOR: Now all praise to God for his wonderful kindness to us and his favor that he has poured out upon us, because we belong to his dearly loved Son. So overflowing is his kindness towards us that he took away all our sins through the blood of his Son, by whom we are saved; and he has showered down upon us the richness of his grace--for how well he understands us and knows what is best for us at all times. (Ephesians 1:6-8)\*

Songtext: Psalm 103:13-14 Like as a father ...

NARRATOR: Follow God's example in everything you do just as a much loved child imitates his father. Be full of love for others, following the example of Christ who loved you and gave himself to God as a sacrifice to take away your sins. And God was pleased, for Christ's love for you was like sweet perfume to him. (Ephesians 5:1-2)\*

Songtexts: Hebrews 9:28 So Christ was once offered ...  
Philippians 2:5-11 Let this mind be in you ...

NARRATOR: And now God can always point to us as examples of how very, very rich his kindness is, as shown in all he has done for us through Jesus Christ. Because of his kindness you have been saved through trusting Christ. And even trusting is not of yourselves; it too is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good we have done, so none of us can take any credit for it. It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others. (May) your hearts be flooded with light so that you can see something of the future he has called you to share; (then) you will begin to understand how incredibly great his power is to help those who believe him. (Ephesians 2:7-10;1:18,19)\*

Songtexts: Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace are ye saved through faith ...  
Hebrews 11:6 Without faith it is impossible to please him ...

NARRATOR: Dear brothers, if a Christian is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help him back onto the right path, remembering that next time it might be one of you who is in the wrong. Share each other's troubles and problems, and so obey our Lord's command.

Don't cause the Holy Spirit sorrow by the way you live. Remember, he is the one who marks you to be present on that day when salvation from sin will be complete. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God has forgiven you because you belong to Christ.

And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up. (Galatians 6:1-2; Ephesians 4:30, 32; Galatians 6:9)\*

Songtexts: Ephesians 4:32 RSV Be kind to one another ...  
Romans 12:10 RSV Love one another ...  
I Corinthians 13:4-6,7 TLB Love is very patient and kind ...

NARRATOR: Now your attitudes and thoughts must all be constantly changing for the better. Learn as you go along what pleases the Lord. Talk with each other much about the Lord, quoting psalms and hymns and singing sacred songs, making music in your hearts to the Lord. Always give thanks for everything to our God and Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 4:23, 5:10, 19-20)\*

Songtext: Psalm 66:1-5 TEV Praise God with shouts of joy ...

NARRATOR: We are all parts of one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future. For us there is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and we all have the same God and Father who is over us all and in us all, and living through every part of us. However, Christ has given each of us special abilities--whatever he wants us to have out of his rich storehouse of gifts. (Ephesians 4:4-7)\*

Songtexts: James 1:17 Every good gift ...  
Psalm 8:3-4 RSV When I look at thy heavens ...

NARRATOR: Some of us have been given special ability as apostles; to others he has given the gift of being able to preach well; some have special ability in winning people to Christ, helping them to trust him as their Saviour; still others have a gift for caring for God's people as a shepherd does his sheep, leading and teaching them in the ways of God.

Why is it that he gives us these special abilities to do certain things best? It is that God's people will be equipped to do better work for him, building up the church, the body of Christ, to a position of strength and maturity; until finally we all believe alike about our salvation and about our Saviour, God's Son, and all become full-grown in the Lord--yes, to the point of being filled full with Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13)\*

Songtext: Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ ...

NARRATOR: Let everyone be sure that he is doing his very best, for then he will have the personal satisfaction of work well done, and won't need to compare himself with someone else. Each of us must bear some faults and burdens of his own. For none of us is perfect! Then we will no longer be like children, forever changing our minds about what we believe because someone has told us something different, or has cleverly lied to us and made the lie sound like the truth. Instead, we will lovingly follow the truth at all times--speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly--and so become more and more in every way like Christ who is the Head of his body,

the church. Under his direction the whole body is fitted together perfectly, and each part in its own special way helps the other parts, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

If we are living now by the Holy Spirit's power, let us follow the Holy Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Then we won't need to look for honors and popularity, which lead to jealousy and hard feelings. (Galatians 6:4-5; Ephesians 4:14-16; Galatians 5:25-26)\*

Songtext: I John 2:28 And now, little children ...

NARRATOR: Now glory be to God who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of--infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. May he be given glory forever and ever through endless ages because of his master plan of salvation for the church through Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 3:20-21)\*

(Invite congregation to stand for the benediction)

Benediction in song: Jude 24-25 Now unto him that is able ...

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## THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND

**NARRATOR:** Children are a gift from God; they are his reward.

The disciples came to Jesus to ask which of them would be greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven! Jesus called a small child over to him and set the little fellow down among them, and said, "Unless you turn to God from your sins and become as little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore anyone who humbles himself as this little child, is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. And any of you who welcomes a little child like this because you are mine, is welcoming me and caring for me. But if any of you causes one of these little ones who trusts in me to lose his faith, it would be better for you to have a rock tied to your neck and be thrown into the sea.

"Beware that you don't look down upon a single one of these little children. For I tell you that in heaven their angels have constant access to my Father. And I, the Messiah, came to save the lost.

"If a man has a hundred sheep, and one wanders away and is lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others and go out into the hills to search for the lost one? And if he finds it, he will rejoice over it more than over the ninety-nine others safe at home! Just so, it is not my Father's will that even one of these little ones should perish." (Psalm 127:3; Matthew 18:1-6, 10-14)\*

**Songtext:** Matthew 19:14 And Jesus said ...

**NARRATOR:** Children, obey your parents; this is the right thing to do because God has placed them in authority over you. Honor your father and mother. This is the first of God's Ten Commandments that ends with a promise. And this is the promise: that if you honor your father and mother, yours will be a long life, full of blessing. Every day and all night long their counsel will lead you and save you from harm; when you wake up in the morning, let their instructions guide you into the new day. For their advice is a beam of light directed into the dark corners of your mind to warn you of danger and to give you a good life. (Ephesians 6:1-3; Proverbs 6:22-23)\*

**Songtexts:** II Timothy 3:15 From a child thou hast known ...  
 Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents ...  
 Exodus 20:12 Honor thy father and thy mother ...  
 Proverbs 20:11 Even a child is known ...

**NARRATOR:** And now a word to you parents. Don't keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up with the loving discipline the Lord himself approves, with suggestions and godly advice. Love forgets mistakes. A dry crust eaten in

peace is better than steak every day along with argument and strife.  
(Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 17:9, 1)\*

Songtexts: Ephesians 4:32 RSV Be kind to one another ...  
I John 1:9 If we confess our sins ...

NARRATOR: Christ, God's faithful Son, is in complete charge of God's house. And we Christians are God's house--he lives in us!--if we keep up our courage firm to the end, and our joy and our trust in the Lord. Now we can come fearlessly right into God's presence, assured of his glad welcome when we come with Christ and trust in him. So let us come boldly to the very throne of God and stay there to receive his mercy and to find grace to help us in our times of need. (Hebrews 3:6; Ephesians 3:12; Hebrews 4:16)\*

Songtexts: Hebrews 11:6 Without faith it is impossible ...  
Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ ...  
Psalm 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart ...  
Revelation 22:14 Blessed are they ...

NARRATOR: The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let each one who hears them say the same, "Come." Let the thirsty one come--anyone who wants to; let him come and drink the Water of Life without charge. (Revelation 22:17)\*

Songtexts: Matthew 28:19-20 Go ye therefore and teach ...  
Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 RSV The end of the matter ...  
John 5:25-29 RSV The hour is coming ...  
I Thessalonians 4:16-17 The Lord himself shall descend ...

NARRATOR: Blessed forever are all who are washing their robes, to have the right to enter in through the gates of the city, and to eat the fruit from the Tree of Life. (Revelation 22:14)\*

Songtexts: Hebrews 9:28 So Christ was once offered ...  
Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come ...  
Revelation 2:17 He that hath an ear, let him hear ...  
Revelation 3:5 He that overcometh ...

Benediction in song: Matthew 6:9-13 Our Father which art in heaven ...

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## GOD'S PROMISES

NARRATOR: Ask, and you will be given what you ask for. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks, receives. Anyone who seeks, finds. If only you will knock, the door will open. If a child asks his father for a loaf of bread, will he be given a stone instead? If he asks for fish, will he be given a poisonous snake? Of course not! And if you hardhearted, sinful men know how to give good gifts to your children, won't your father in heaven even more certainly give good gifts to those who ask him for them? (Matthew 7:7-11)\*

Songtexts: Jeremiah 29:13 And ye shall seek me ...  
 Matthew 21:22 All things whatsoever ye shall ask ...  
 James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask ...  
 Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you ...

NARRATOR: So let us come boldly to the very throne of God and stay there to receive his mercy and to find grace to help us in our times of need. (Hebrews 4:16)\*

Songtexts: Psalm 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life ...  
 I Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation ...  
 Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass ...  
 Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ ...  
 I John 5:4 Whatsoever is born of God ...

NARRATOR: And we are sure of this, that he will listen to us whenever we ask him for anything in line with his will. And if we really know he is listening when we talk to him and make our requests, then we can be sure that he will answer us. (I John 5:14-15)\*

Songtexts: Lamentations 3:22-24 It is of the Lord's mercies ...  
 Isaiah 40:31 They that wait upon the Lord ...  
 Revelation 21:6 I will give unto him that is athirst ...  
 Proverbs 2:10-11 When wisdom entereth into thine heart ...  
 Philippians 4:19 My God shall supply all your needs ...

NARRATOR: Don't worry about things--food, drink, and clothes. For you already have life and a body--and they are far more important than what to eat and wear. Look at the birds! They don't worry about what to eat--they don't need to sow or reap or store up food--for your heavenly Father feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than they are. Will all your worries add a single moment to your life? And why worry about your clothes? Look at the field lillies! They don't worry about theirs. Yet King Solomon in all his glory was not clothed as beautifully as they. And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow,

won't he more surely care for you, O men of little faith? So don't worry at all about having enough food and clothing. Why be like the heathen? For they take pride in all these things and are deeply concerned about them. But your heavenly Father already knows perfectly well that you need them, and he will give them to you if you give him first place in your life and live as he wants you to. So don't be anxious about tomorrow. God will take care of your tomorrow, too. Live one day at a time.  
(Matthew 6:25-34)\*

Songtexts: II Corinthians 12:9 My grace is sufficient ...  
Isaiah 41:10 I will strengthen thee ...  
Joshua 1:9 Be not afraid ...  
Deuteronomy 33:27 The eternal God is thy refuge ...  
John 14:27 Peace I leave with you ...

NARRATOR: We love because he first loved us. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.  
(I John 4:19, 9-10)\*\*

Songtexts: John 3:16 For God so loved the world ...  
Isaiah 53:4-6 Surely he hath borne our griefs ...  
Hebrews 7:25 He is able also to save them ...

NARRATOR: So keep on believing what you have been taught from the beginning. If you do, you will always be in close fellowship with both God the Father and his Son. And he himself has promised us this: eternal life. Don't ever forget the wonderful fact that Jesus Christ was a Man, born into King David's family; and that he was God, as shown by the fact that he rose again from the dead. And if we think that our present service for him is hard, just remember that some day we are going to sit with him and rule with him. Even when we are too weak to have any faith left, he remains faithful to us and will help us, for he cannot disown us who are part of himself, and he will always carry out his promises to us. (I John 2:24-25; II Timothy 2:8, 12, 13)\*

Songtexts: Matthew 11:28-30 Come unto me ...  
John 14:1-3 Let not your heart be troubled ...

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## INFINITE RICHES!

NARRATOR: Shout with joy before the Lord, O earth! Obey him gladly; come before him, singing with joy.

Try to realize what this means--the Lord is God! He made us--we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Go through his open gates with great thanksgiving; enter his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name. For the Lord is always good. He is always loving and kind, and his faithfulness goes on and on to each succeeding generation. (Psalm 100)\*

Songtext: Psalm 16:11 Thou wilt show me the path of life ...

NARRATOR: The Lord's blessing is our greatest wealth. All our work adds nothing to it! Some rich people are poor, and some poor people have great wealth. God has chosen poor people to be rich in faith, and the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs, for that is the gift God has promised to all those who love him. (Proverbs 10:22, 13:7; James 2:5)\*

Songtext: Hebrews 11:6 Without faith it is impossible ...

NARRATOR: Do you want to be truly rich? You already are if you are happy and good. After all, we didn't bring any money with us when we came into the world, and we can't carry away a single penny when we die. So we should be well satisfied without money if we have enough food and clothing. But people who long to be rich soon begin to do all kinds of wrong things to get money, things that hurt them and make them evil-minded and finally send them to hell itself. For the love of money is the first step toward all kinds of sin. Some people have even turned away from God because of their love for it, and as a result have pierced themselves with many sorrows. (I Timothy 6:6-10)\*

Songtext: Hebrews 13:5 NEB Do not live for money ...

NARRATOR: You cannot serve two masters: God and money. For you will hate one and love the other, or else the other way around. So ... don't worry about things--food, drink, and clothes. For you already have life and a body--and they are far more important than what to eat and wear. Look at the birds! They don't worry about what to eat--they don't need to sow or reap or store up food--for your heavenly Father feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than they are. Will all your worries add a single moment to your life? So don't be anxious about tomorrow. God will take care of your tomorrow, too. Live one day at a time. (Matthew 6:24-27, 34)\*

Songtexts: James 1:17 Every good gift ...  
Philippians 4:19 My God shall supply ...



NARRATOR: Tell those who are rich not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which will soon be gone, but their pride and trust should be in the living God who always richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven--it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well.

When you help the poor you are lending to the Lord--and he pays wonderful interest on your loan! (I Timothy 6:17-19; Proverbs 19:17)\*

Songtext: Matthew 6:20-21 Lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven ...

NARRATOR: If you must choose, take a good name rather than great riches; for to be held in loving esteem is better than silver and gold. The purity of silver and gold can be tested in a crucible, but a man is tested by his reaction to men's praise. How much better is wisdom than gold, and understanding than silver! Good sense is far more valuable than gold or precious jewels. (Proverbs 22:1, 27:21, 16:16, 20:15)\*

Songtext: Proverbs 2:10-11 When wisdom entereth ...

NARRATOR: God is more pleased when we are just and fair than when we give him gifts. (Proverbs 21:3)\*

Songtext: Micah 6:8 He hath showed thee ...

NARRATOR: The hope of good men is eternal happiness: the hopes of evil men are all in vain. (Proverbs 10:28)\*

Songtext! Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death ...

NARRATOR: God paid a ransom to save you...and the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver...But he paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. And God has reserved for his children the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. For this world is not our home; we are looking forward to our everlasting home in heaven. (I Peter 1:18-19, 4; Hebrews 13:14)\*

Songtexts: Matthew 5:3-12 Blessed are the poor in spirit ...  
Revelation 3:11 Behold, I come quickly ...

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## THE VOICE OF HOPE

NOTE: Quotations for the Bible Reader are taken from The Living Bible.

BIBLE READER: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who bring the happy news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns. (Isaiah 52:7)

Songtexts: Isaiah 45:22 Look unto me ...  
 Jeremiah 31:3 I have loved thee ...  
 Ezekiel 34:16 I will seek ...  
 Isaiah 43:25 I, even I ...  
 Isaiah 65:24 It shall come to pass ...  
 Matthew 21:22 All things whatsoever ...

BIBLE READER: Seek the Lord while you can find Him. Call upon Him now while He is near. Let men cast off their wicked deeds; let them banish from their minds the very thought of doing wrong! Let them turn to the Lord that He may have mercy upon them, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon! (Isaiah 55:6-7)

Songtexts: John 15:5 I am the vine ...  
 Ezekiel 36:26-28 A new heart ...  
 Proverbs 3:1-4 My son, forget not ...  
 (stop after verse 4)

BIBLE READER: If you want favor with both God and man, and a reputation for good judgement and common sense, then trust the Lord completely; don't ever trust yourself. In everything you do, put God first, and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success. For I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels won't, and all the powers of hell itself cannot keep God's love away. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, or where we are--high above the sky, or in the deepest ocean--nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ when He died for us. But remember this--the wrong desires that come into your life aren't anything new or different. Many others have faced exactly the same problems before you. And no temptation is irresistible. You can trust God to keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it, for He has promised this and will do what He says. He will show you how to escape temptation's power so that you can bear up patiently against it. He is able to save completely all who come to God through Him. (Proverbs 3:4-6, Romans 8:38-39, I Corinthians 10:13, Hebrews 7:25)

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## The Voice of Hope (2)

Songtexts: II Corinthians 6:18 RSV I will be a father to you ...  
 Joshua 1:9 Be not afraid ...  
 Isaiah 41:10 I will strengthen thee ...  
 II Corinthians 12:9 My grace is sufficient ...  
 Matthew 11:28-30 Come unto me ...

BIBLE READER: O Lord God! You have made the heavens and earth by your great power; nothing is too hard for you. Lead me; teach me; for you are the God who gives me salvation. I have no hope except in you. (Jeremiah 32:17, Psalm 25:5)

Songtexts: Mark 8:34-36 Whosoever will come after me ...  
 John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give ...  
 Matthew 28:19-20 Go ye therefore and teach ...  
 Joshua 1:5--Exodus 4:12--Deuteronomy 33:27, a MEDLEY  
 (As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee ...)

BIBLE READER: Listen to what the Lord is saying to His people: He has told you what He wants, and this is all it is; to be fair and just and merciful, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:1, 8)

Songtext: John 14:1-3 Let not your heart be troubled ...

BIBLE READER: The Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a mighty shout and with the soul-stirring cry of the archangel and the great trumpet-call of God. And the believers who are dead will be the first to rise to meet the Lord. Then we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and remain with Him forever. (I Thessalonians 4:16-17)

Songtext: Matthew 25:34-36, 40 Come, ye blessed of my Father ...

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