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Family Hymn Sing

ACTIVITY BOOK

How do you learn your alphabet at school? You learn it by singing it! I find it hard even now to remember the order of the letters in my head without singing the song I learned as a child.

"How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!"
(Psalm 147:1, NIV)

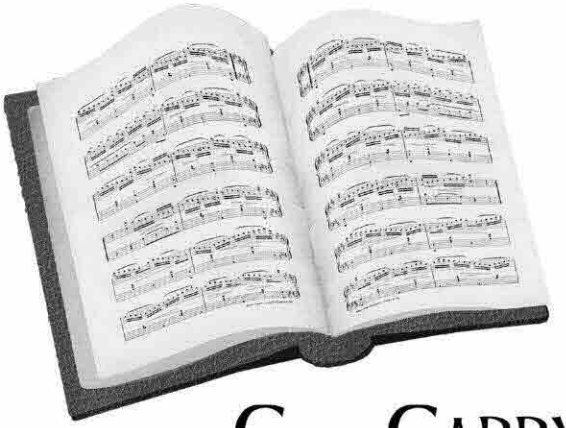
God has designed us in such a way that when we sing something we remember it better and we enjoy the remembering of it better! When we meditate, think over and over again, on God's Word the Bible tells us we will be blessed for we will be like a tree planted by streams of water, growing fruit in season (Psalm 1). Singing God's Word helps us do this. It helps us grow strong in the Lord like a healthy leafy tree.

Did you know that one of the commands most often repeated in the Bible is to sing? There is so much to praise Him for; so many splendid things to sing! While you are a child it is a wonderful thing to learn to do with your family and with your church family. It will be a gift that you will keep unwrapping your whole life!

*Here are three words, **the "ABC's"** if you like, of what happens when we sing together to the Lord:*

A = ADORE

When we sing to the Lord, we adore and praise Him for who He is and all He has done. We know a lot about the things that we love so our songs should tell in big and full ways about the Lord we love and follow.



B = BELONG

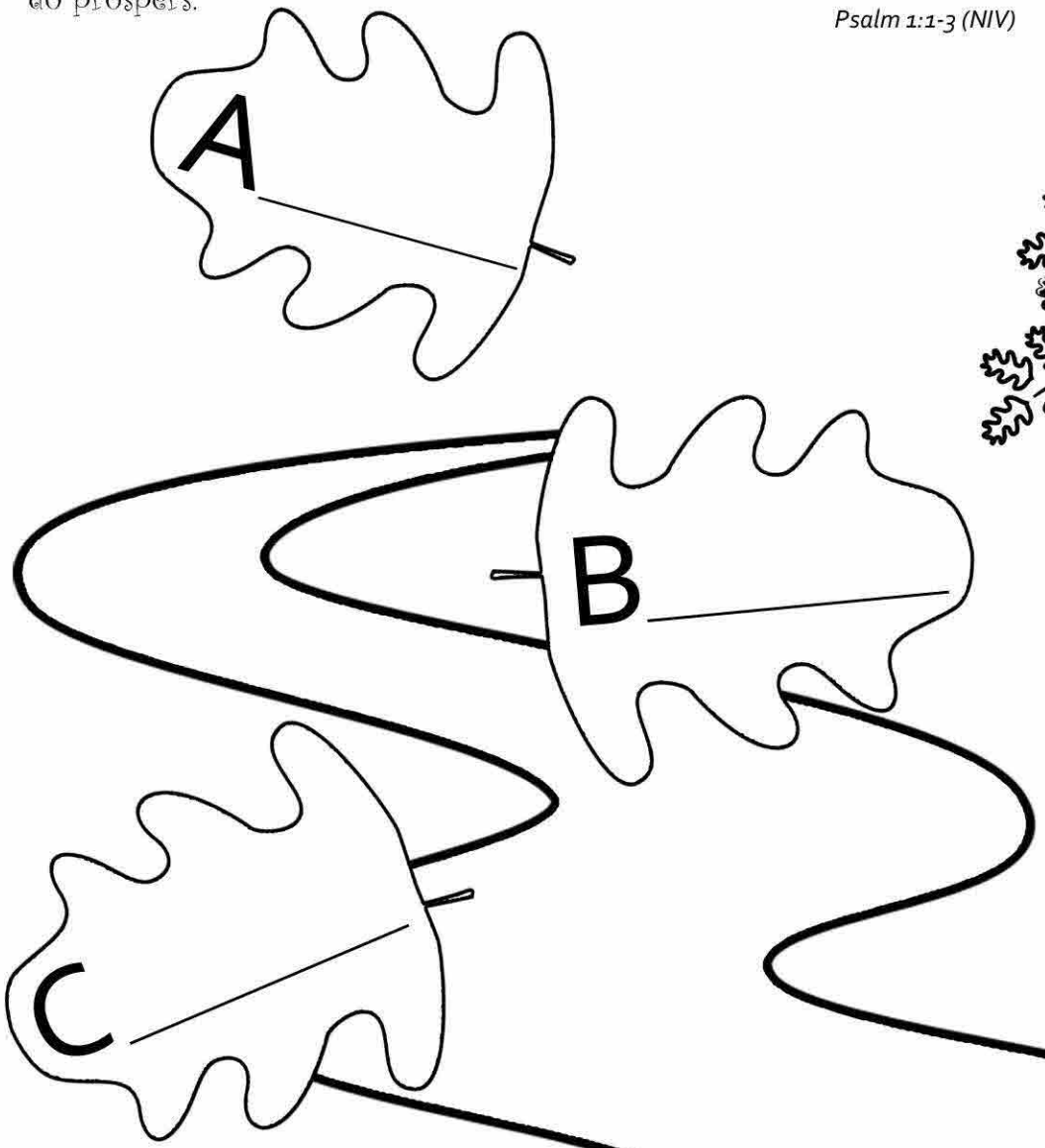
When we sing, we sing to each other to remind ourselves that we belong to God and to each other as His family, here and around the world. So we sing with passion, sing like we mean it!

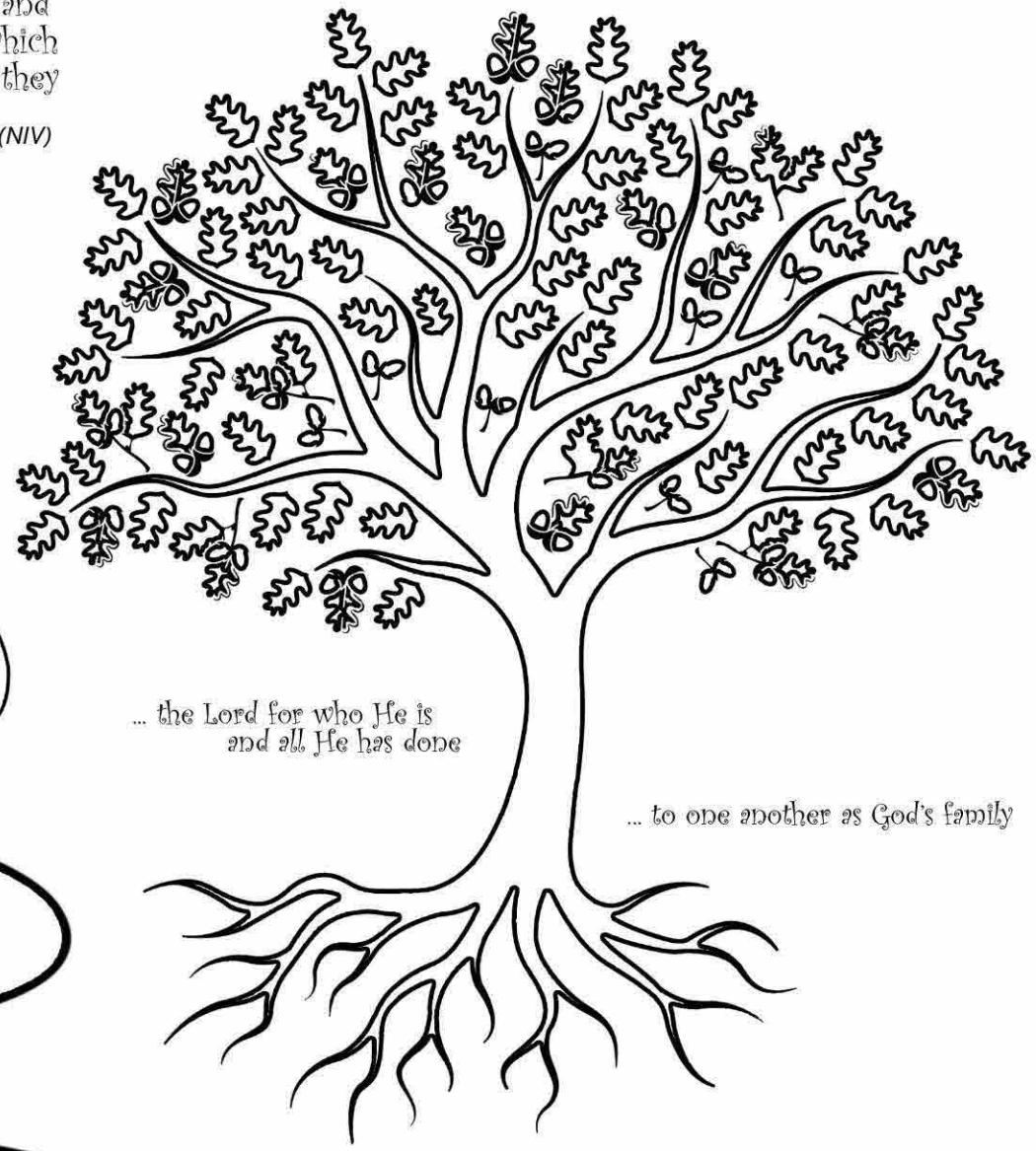
C = CARRY

When we sing, we carry God's Truth into our lives and into all the spaces that we live in. We remember His words to us better and the songs we sing give us words to share with others. They can travel with us throughout all our lives as we grow up (like a tree), encouraging us as we go.

"Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. **That person is like a tree planted by streams of water**, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers."

Psalm 1:1-3 (NIV)





... the Lord for who He is
and all He has done

... to one another as God's family

... His Word into all our lives

Fill in the rest of the word on each leaf...
then draw a line from each leaf to complete
the sentence on the next page!

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love,
What depths of peace,
When fears are stilled
When strivings cease,
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe,
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sins curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I stand

Devotional

Remember that moment when the first light of morning starts to gleam into your room and wakes you up!? Very quickly the night disappears as like a bright yellow crayon the sun colors everything in with light! By the sun's light we start to see the things around us as they really are and the shadows melt away. The Bible says that when Jesus came to save us He was like a Rising Sun, a light to color in our lives with joy and life. A light to guide our feet onto a peaceful path as we follow Him. He took all the dark and difficult things of our world on Himself when He died on the cross so that all who trust in Him would know light and hope instead. In Christ Alone is a hymn that helps us to remember and celebrate how the Lord Jesus fills all our life - 'He is our light, our strength, our song!'

Activity:

Why don't you draw and color a large sun on a piece of paper. Then inside the sun write, or ask a grown up to help you write, all the different names and describing words for Jesus that are found in this song! All these words tell us how Jesus fills our lives with light.

Write Your Own Song

Use words you know about Jesus praising Him for all He's done to write your own song!

IN CHRIST ALONE

MY HOPE IS FOUND

Lift High the Name of Jesus

Words and Music by
Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty,
Ed Cash and Fionán de Barra

Lively Folk Tempo (♩ = 120)

E5

1. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our King. Make
2. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Lord. His
3. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Light. No

E5

known the pow - er of His grace, The beau - ty of His peace. Re -
pow'r in us is great - er than, is great - er than this world. To
oth - er name on earth cane save, can raise a soul to life. He

B7 E A F♯m7 Bsus B

mem - ber how His mer - cy reached and we cried out to Him. He
share the rea - son for our hope, to serve with love and grace, That
o - pens up our eyes to see the har - vest He has grown. We

E5 B7 E

lift - ed us to sol - id ground, to free - dom from our sin. Oh
all who see Him shine through us might bring the Fath - er praise.
la - bor in His fields of grace as He leads sin - ners home.

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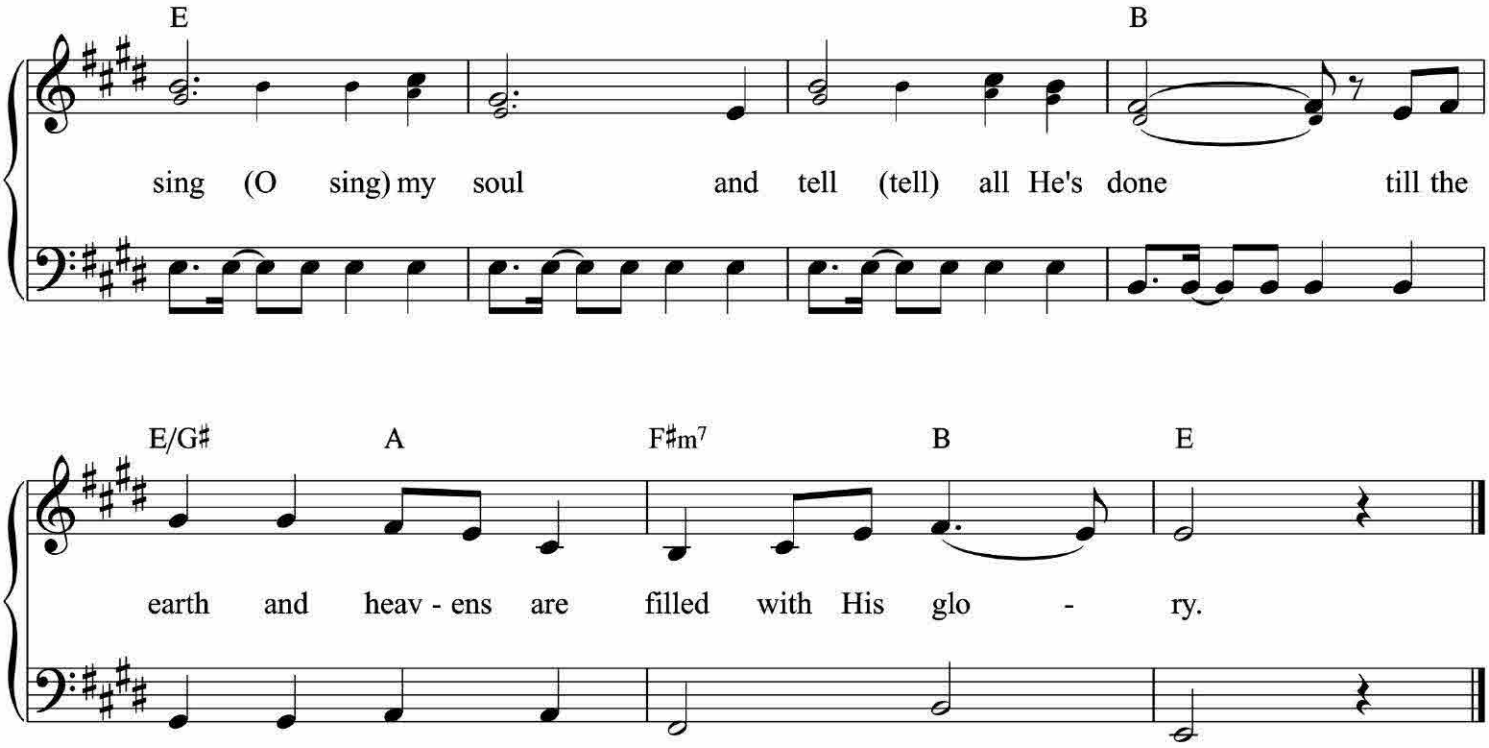

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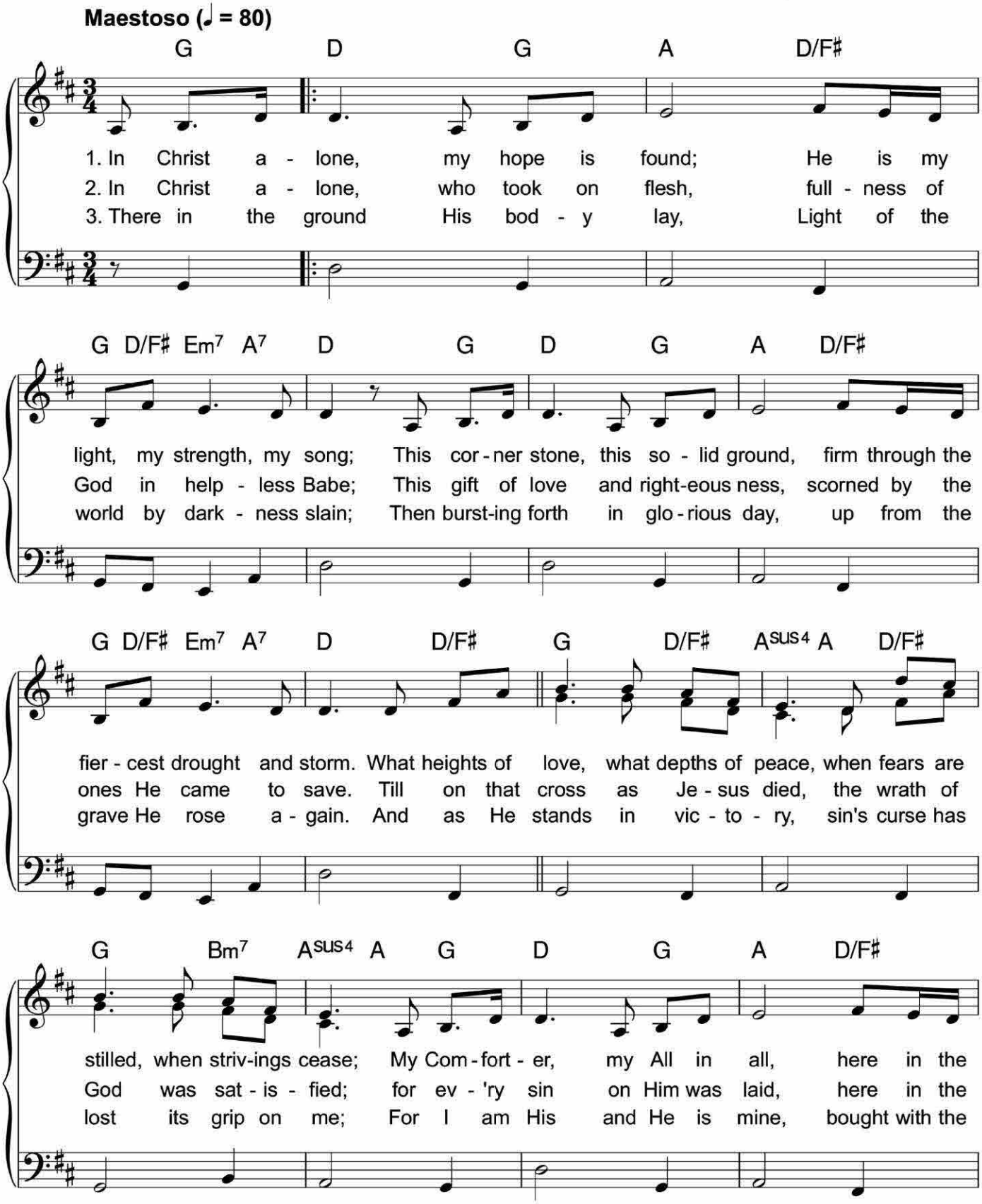
Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



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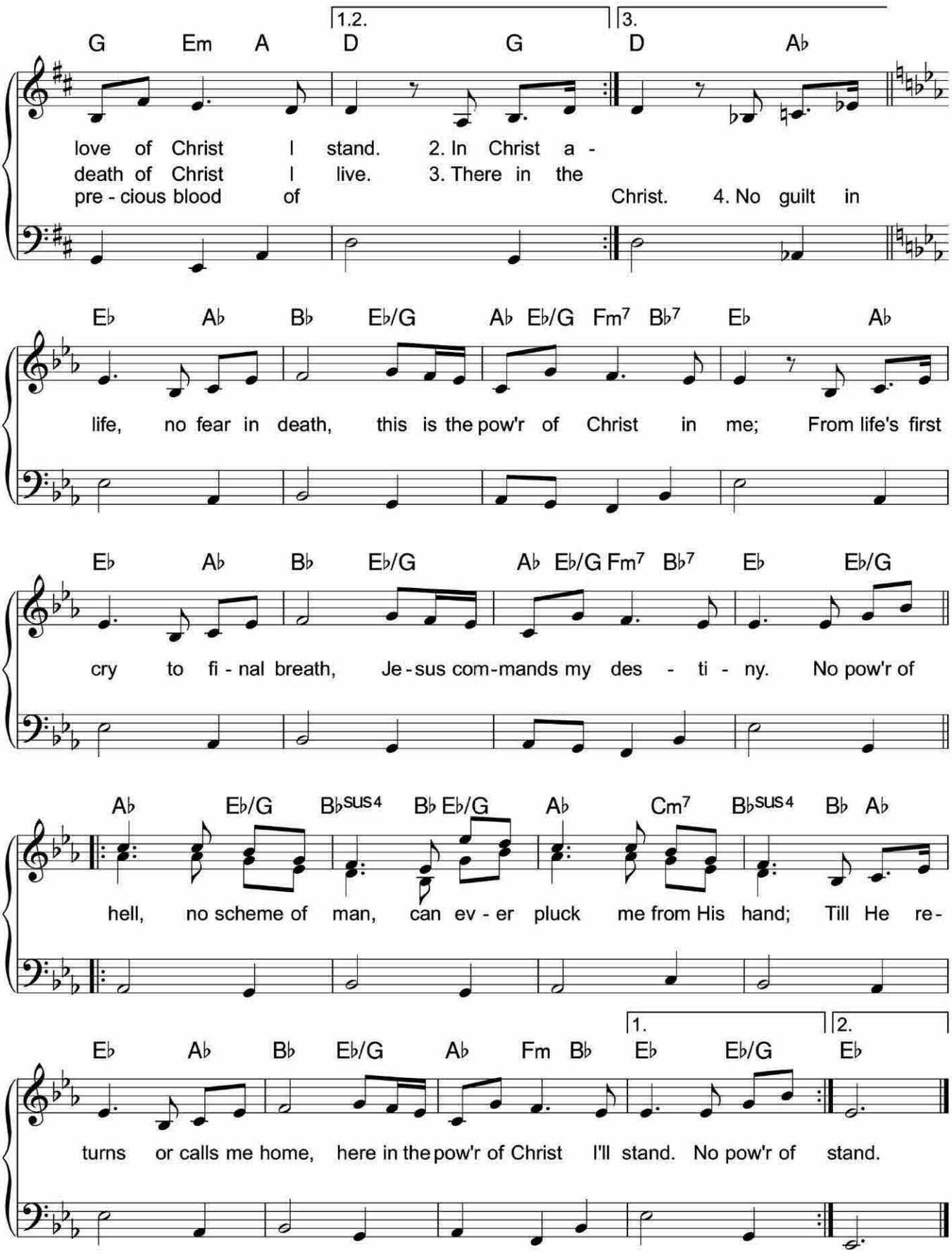

His Mercy Is More

Words and Music by
Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

Slowly (♩. = 44)

E A sus2 E B C♯m

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done; om - ni - scient, all kno - wing, He
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam; what Fa - ther, so ten - der, is
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He la - vished on us; His blood was the pay - ment, His

A add9 B E add9 F♯m7 E/G♯

counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or
call - ing us home. He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the
life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could ne - ver af -

A E/G♯ A E/G♯ B E

Refrain

shore;
poor;
ford;
our sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more. Praise the

A E B E/G♯ A E B A E

Lord! His mer - cy is more. Stron - ger than dark - ness,

B C♯m A E B E

new ev' - ry morn; Our sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.

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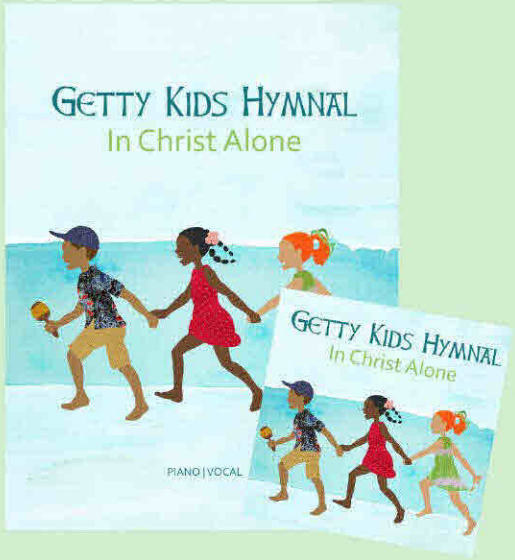

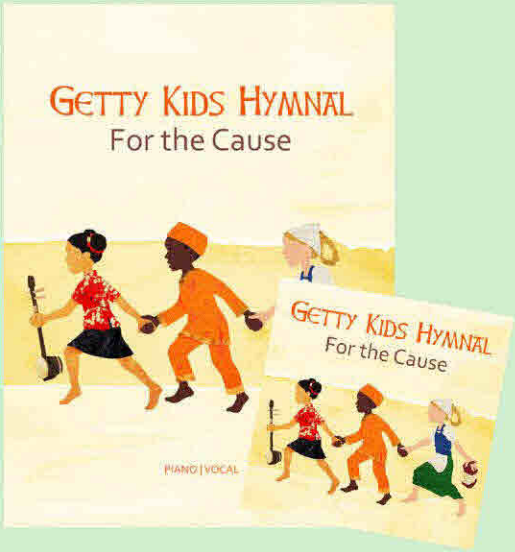

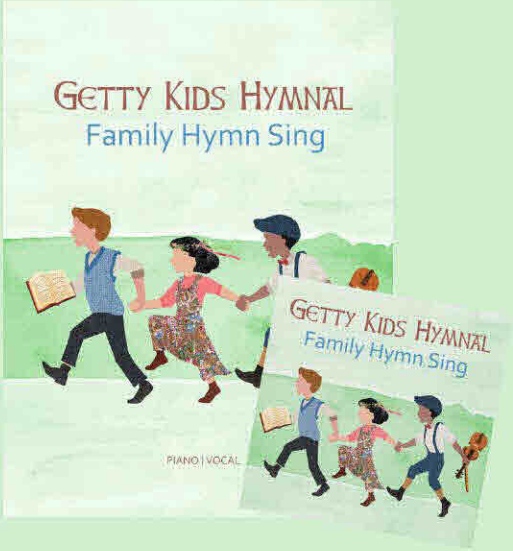

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Singing with your children …

Deuteronomy 6:20,21 says, "In the future, when your son asks you, 'What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the Lord our God has commanded you?' tell him: 'We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand…' The verses go on to recount the great rescue of the Israelites at the Lord's hand. A similar charge is given and is followed by recounting salvation history in the lyrics of Psalm 78 (NIV).

"I will open my mouth with a parable;
I will utter hidden things, things from of old—things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their descendants;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,
his power, and the wonders he has done."

From generation to generation the people of God have always sung their faith in front of and alongside their children. They have been able to give voice to their praise through singing but also instruction to themselves and the children listening on through the lyrics they sang. What we sing, in huge measure, influences how we understand and live out our faith.

The first Psalm tells us that blessed is the one who meditates day and night on God's Word for they will be like a tree planted by streams of water, fruitful in season and prospering in all they do. Singing God's Truth is one of the greatest ways we have been given to meditate on His Word and help our kids grow like fruitful trees, planted by the streams of living water.

We are created, commanded and compelled by the Lord to sing. If we are eager to teach our children about Bible study and prayer and service we must not exclude singing - it not only links to these other devotional disciplines but also uniquely strengthens their use in the daily life and learning of a child.

When we have talked specifically to children as we travel we often chat to them about the "ABC's of congregational singing" to try and help them understand

1. **Adore**
When we sing to the Lord together, we are bringing adoration - praise to Him. He is more valuable than all things, and we are made to delight in Him first. When we adore something, we know a lot about it. Our songs should be filled with who He is and all He has done so that we are bringing fullest praise to Him.

2. **Belong**
When we sing to the Lord together, we show we belong to Him so we do want to sing as well as we can and mean it when we do! We encourage each other by singing God's Truth to one another. We show we belong to the family of God here in our homes and in our churches, all over the world and also with those who lived before us.

3. **Carry**
When we sing to the Lord, we carry into our everyday life what we sing. Consider how we learn our alphabet - we sing it! We remember things better when we sing them so as we sing things rich in God's Word they become part of how we think, how we feel, how we treat each other, how we spend our time. Through our songs we carry the gospel to the world. We also want to learn songs that we will remember and carry with us throughout our life so they 'sing' to us until our very last breath.

*Here are **five ideas to encourage your kids to sing together** that we as parents have found helpful:*

1. **Have a song list** - put a song list together of 20-30 hymns you would like your children to know and carry with them over their life. Aim to cover the big story of the Gospel through the Scriptures, the character of God and all He has done. Pick hymns you like yourself!

2. **One song a month** - roughly aim to work through one hymn a month. It will take a little at a time, maybe a Chorus first for a few days, try part of the song to the sound 'fu, fu, fu' to focus the voice and solidify the melody, then add words, add a verse, repeat, repeat, repeat! Explain what the song means, the tricky words. We tend to do this as part of our bedtime routine as a good time for our family. Singing a cappella or even along with a recording on your phone. Then maybe come back to the hymn later in the year. Have a family hymn sing where you sing a few songs

3. **Sing/Play the songs in the spaces where life happens** - in the car, at breakfast, before bedtime

4. **Linking the generations together** - at our church the kids aged kindergarten and older join the main congregation for the first 10 minutes of the service so all the generations sing together. Try to find ways to link what you do with your family with other families in the church. Sing with your kids, invite grandparents to join when you can!

5. **Join a kids choir.** One of the greatest ways we build the singing core of the generations coming after us is to build the singing of our children in children's choirs. Encourage the kids choir in your church by sending your kids particularly if they have good aptitude for singing or be part of starting a kids choir!