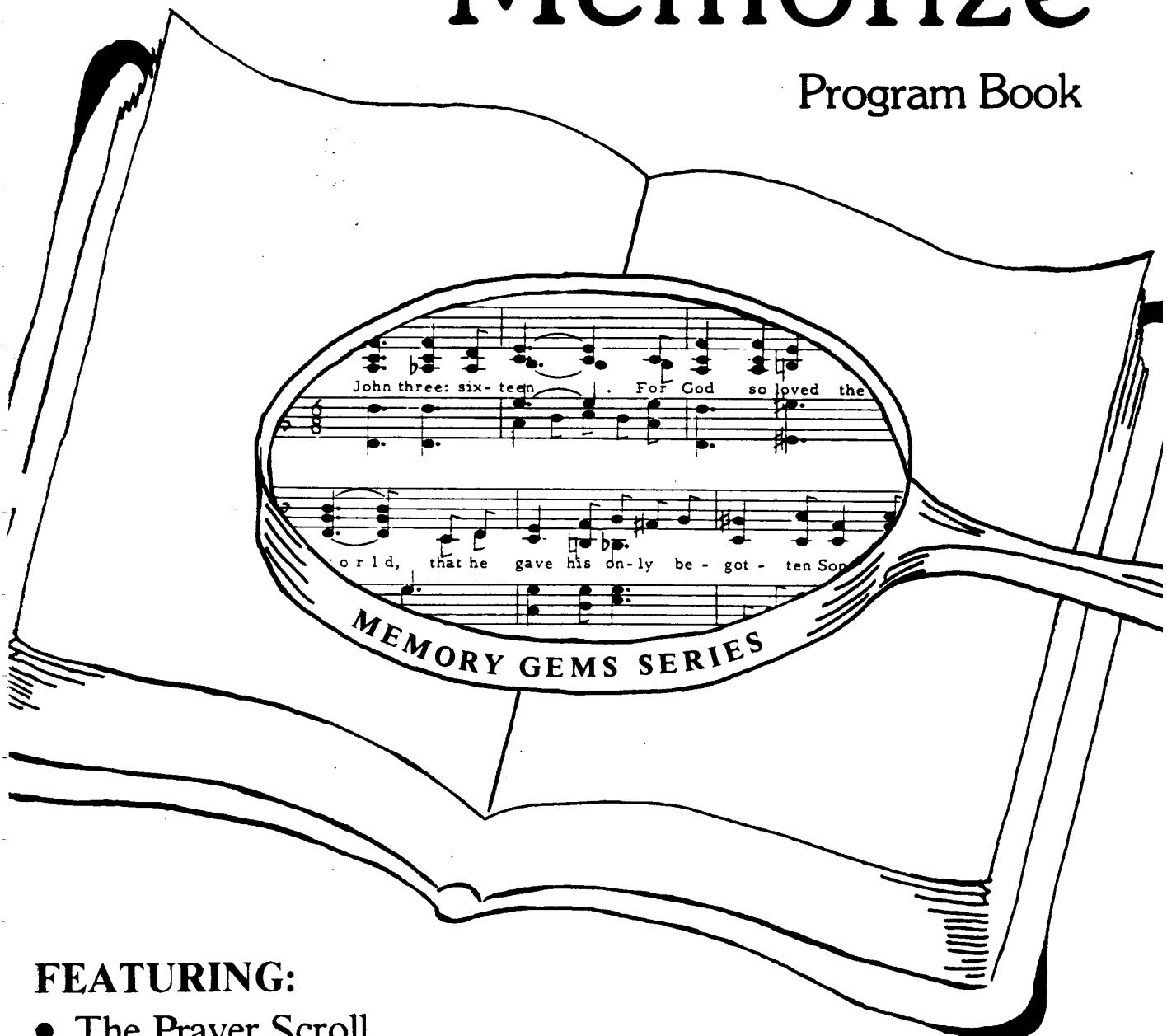


Sing 'N Memorize

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
SING 'N MEMORIZE
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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 SYNOPSSES

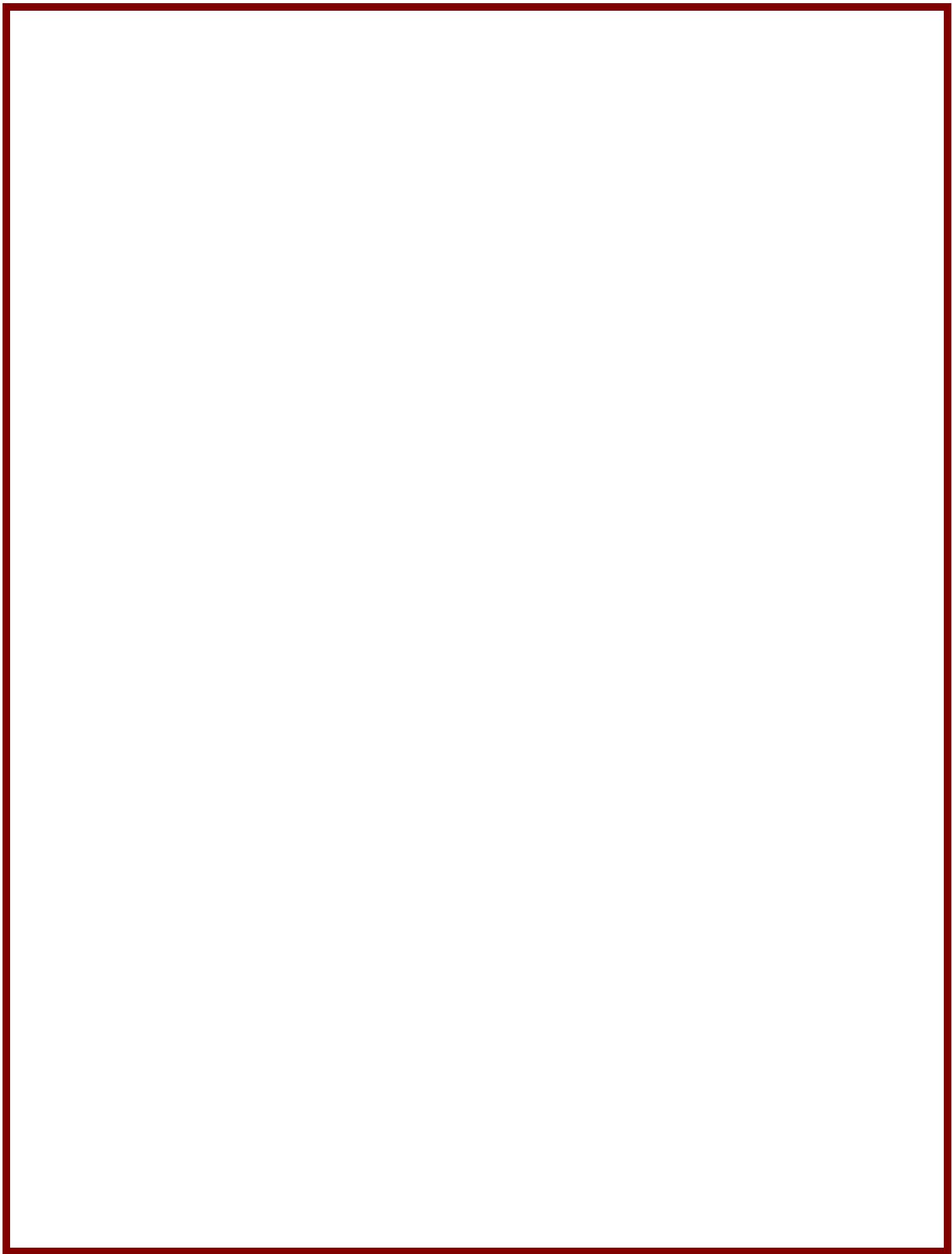
Special Features:

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 pantomined. 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

*PT: Performance time



TO THE TEACHER

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.

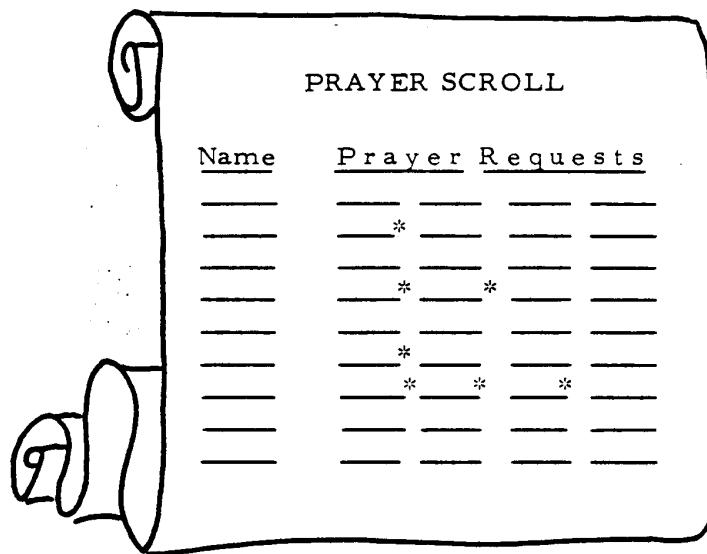
Listed below are some of the teaching techniques used during the pilot program which may be adapted for the home or church environment as well as the school classroom. Foster a spirit of "joyful reverence" without a "fun and games" approach to Scripture, for God's word is holy.

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:



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."

CONFESSON

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.

Hose 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

s t a n d what are ~~the~~ scars so cruel and deep? What hap-pened
f r e e . It cost the life I glad - ly gave that you might

to your hand?" "My child I once was of - fered to
live with m e; 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 make them free a - g a i n .
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

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| 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.

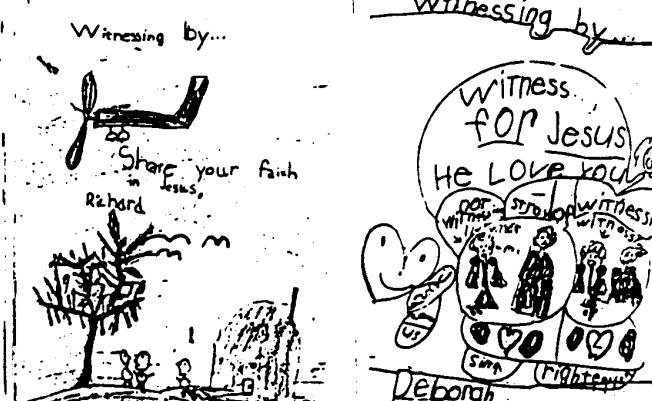
Now it is your turn to continue on into chapter two and the rest of the book of John. May the Holy Spirit richly impress e a c h step of the way.

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

1. Jeffrey	1/6/1	20. Carmen 11/2/1	2. Kelli	21. Carla
1. John 1:1 KJV		1. John 1:1	1. John 1:2 KJV	1. John 1:2 id28/
2. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.		2. It means to me:	2. The same was in the beginning with God.	2. It means to me:
3. And the Word was God.		3. In the beginning was Jesus and Jesus was with God.	3. Jesus is the beginning with God.	3. Jesus is the beginning with God.
4. And the Word was God.		4. Jesus was with God and Jesus was God.	4. Jesus was with God.	4. Jesus was with God.
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1. Melissa 11/7/1	3. Kimberly 11/2/1	3. Troy 10/2/1	4. James 11/2/1
1. John 1:3 KJV	1. John 1:3	1. John 1:4 KJV	1. John 1:4
2. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.	2. It means to me: Every thing was made by Jesus and without Jesus was not any thing made that was made.	2. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.	2. It means to me: In Jesus was life.
3. by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.	3. Every thing was made by Jesus and without Jesus was not any thing made that was made.	3. and the life was the light of men.	3. In Jesus was the source of life and the life was the light of men.
4. He was not any thing made that was made.	4. Jesus was not any thing made that was made.	4. These show two possible paraphrases of John 1:4	4. Understanding of men.
5. thing made that was made.	5.	5.	5.
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12.	12.	12.	12.

5. Richard 11/2/1	5. Elizabeth 11/5	5. Witnessing by...	Witnessing by...
1. John 3:19 KJV	1. John 3:19	1. John 3:19	1. John 3:19
2. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehendeth it not.	2. It means to me: And Jesus shared His love with other peoples and the people understood it not.	2. It means to me: Share your faith in Jesus.	2. Share your faith in Jesus.
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12.	12.	12.	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-existent 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- ginn-ing was the Word, and the Word was with God,

(2)

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

(3)

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

(4)

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

(5)

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, chapter 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

all men through him might be-lieve. (8) 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, chapter one: six through nine.) He was in the
world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him
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 G o d, ev- en to

them that believe on his n a m e: which were born, not of

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

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

(13)

(14)

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 the of whom I spoke,

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

John 1 (continued)

(16)

Musical notation for John 1:16. The music consists of two staves: treble and bass. The lyrics are: "for he was be - fore me. And of his full-ness have all". The key signature is one flat, and the time signature is common time.

Musical notation for John 1:16 continued. The lyrics are: "we received, and grace for grace." The key signature changes to no sharps or flats, and the time signature remains common time.

(17)

Musical notation for John 1:17. The lyrics are: "For the law was giv - en by Mo - ses, but grace and truth came by". The key signature changes back to one flat, and the time signature remains common time.

(18)

Musical notation for John 1:18. The lyrics are: "Je - sus Christ. No man hath seen God at an - y time; the". The key signature changes to no sharps or flats, and the time signature remains common time.

Musical notation for John 1:18 continued. The lyrics are: "on - ly be - got - ten Son, which is in the bos - om of the". The key signature changes back to one flat, and the time signature remains common time.

John 1 (continued)

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

(19)

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

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 conf-essed and de-nied not; but con-

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 an - swered, 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)

Lord, 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 unto him, Why baptizest

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

Musical score for John 1 (continued) verse 28. The music is in common time, treble and bass staves. The lyrics are: "et I am not wor - thy to un-loose. These things were done". The score includes a bassoon part with sustained notes.

Continuation of the musical score for John 1 (continued) verse 28. The lyrics continue: "in Beth-ab- a - ra be-yond Jor- dan, where John was bap-". The score includes a bassoon part.

Continuation of the musical score for John 1 (continued) verse 28. The lyrics continue: "tiz - ing. (John one:nineteen through twen-ty eigh t.) The". The score includes a bassoon part.

Continuation of the musical score for John 1 (continued) verse 29. The lyrics are: "next day John see-eth Je-sus com-ing un- to him, and". The score includes a bassoon part.

Continuation of the musical score for John 1 (continued) verse 29. The lyrics are: "saith, Be-hold, the Lamb of God, which tak - eth a - way the". The score includes a bassoon part.

John 1 (continued)

(30)

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

This musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music is in common time. The lyrics "sin of the world. This is he of whom I said. Af - ter" are written below the notes.

me com-eth a man which is pre-fered be - fore me:

This musical score continues the two-staff format from the previous section. The lyrics "me com-eth a man which is pre-fered be - fore me:" are written below the notes.

(31)

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

This musical score continues the two-staff format. The lyrics "for he was be - fore me. And I knew him not: but that" are written below the notes.

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

This musical score continues the two-staff format. The lyrics "he should be made man - i - fest to Is - ra - el," are written below the notes.

(32)

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

This musical score continues the two-staff format. The lyrics "there - fore am I come bap - tiz - ing with wa - ter. And" are written below the notes.

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.

Ho - 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 turned, and saw them follow-ing, and saith

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

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

John 1 (continued)

(39)

Master,) where dwel - lest thou? 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

hour. One of the two which heard Jdn 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 fard 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-pre-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. Ie - 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 1 (continued)

Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

(47) Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed in whom is no guile! Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G major, bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, followed by four bass staves. The lyrics for the first staff are: "Philip saith unto him, Come and see.". The second staff begins with a treble clef and contains the lyrics: "Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of". The third staff begins with a bass clef and contains the lyrics: "him, Behold an Israelite indeed in whom is no". The fourth staff begins with a treble clef and contains the lyrics: "guile! Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou". The fifth staff begins with a bass clef and contains the lyrics: "me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that". Measure numbers 47 and 48 are indicated above the first and fourth staves respectively.

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 I (continued)



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 law 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-men-t 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,

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The top staff is soprano, the second is alto, the third is tenor, and the bottom is bass. The music is written in common time with a key signature of one sharp. The vocal parts are separated by vertical bar lines. The lyrics are written below each staff, corresponding to the notes. There are some musical markings like fermatas and dynamic changes (e.g., ff, f, ff, ff) indicated by arrows pointing to specific notes.

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

Hope E. LeBrun

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 pitieith his children, so the Lord pitieith 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)

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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 earth. The earth was with - out form... and
 dark-ness was up-on the face of the deep
 And God said, Let there be light:... and
 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 firs t day. And God made the

firm-a-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

The musical score consists of five staves of music, each with a treble clef and a bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below specific notes or groups of notes. The music is in common time.

Staff 1: The first staff begins with a measure of three eighth notes. The lyrics "heav-en be gath-er'd to geth-er" are placed under the first two measures. The third measure contains six eighth notes, and the lyrics "un - to one place, and let the" are placed under it. Measure four starts with a single eighth note followed by a measure of six eighth notes.

Staff 2: The second staff begins with a measure of three eighth notes. The lyrics "dry land ap - pear. And God called the dry land Earth:" are placed under the first two measures. The third measure contains six eighth notes.

Staff 3: The third staff begins with a measure of three eighth notes. The lyrics "And the wa-ters called he Seas: And the earth brought forth" are placed under the first two measures. The third measure contains six eighth notes.

Staff 4: The fourth staff begins with a measure of three eighth notes. The lyrics "grass and herbyield-ing seed and the tree yiel-d-ing" are placed under the first two measures. The third measure contains six eighth notes.

Staff 5: The fifth staff begins with a measure of three eighth notes. The lyrics "fruit. And the eve-ning and the morn-ing were the" are placed under the first two measures. The third measure contains six eighth notes.

Genesis 1 (paraphrased) continued

The musical score consists of five staves of music in common time, key signature of one flat. The vocal range is soprano. The lyrics are paraphrases of the first chapter of Genesis.

Staff 1: third day. And God made two great lights; the

Staff 2: greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to

Staff 3: rule the night: he made the stars al - so. And the eve - ning

Staff 4: and the morn - ing were the fourth day. And God cre - at - ed

Staff 5: great whales, and eve - ry liv - ing crea - ture that

Genesis I (paraphrased) continued

The musical score consists of five staves of music in common time, treble clef, and bass clef. The lyrics are paraphrases of the first chapter of Genesis.

Staff 1: mov- eth, which the wat-ers brught forth a - bun-dant- ly and

Staff 2: eve-rywinged fowl aft- er his kin d. And the

Staff 3: eve-ning and the morn-ing were the fifth day. And God made the

Staff 4: be a st of the earth, and cat - tle aft - er their kind, and

Staff 5: eve- rything that creep-eth up - on the earth. And God

Genesis 1 (paraphrased) continued

Musical notation for the first line of Genesis 1 (paraphrased) continued. The music is in G clef, common time, and consists of two staves: treble and bass. The lyrics are: "said, Let us make man in our im-age,". The treble staff has a fermata over the first note of the word "said". The bass staff has a bassoon-like sound indicated by a bassoon icon.

Musical notation for the second line of Genesis 1 (paraphrased). The lyrics are: "aft - er our like-ness. So God cre-at - ed man; in the". The music continues in G clef, common time, with two staves: treble and bass.

Musical notation for the third line of Genesis 1 (paraphrased). The lyrics are: "im - age of God cre - at - ed he him; male and fe - male cre -". The music continues in G clef, common time, with two staves: treble and bass.

Musical notation for the fourth line of Genesis 1 (paraphrased). The lyrics are: "at - ed he them. And God blessed them, and God said un - to". The music continues in G clef, common time, with two staves: treble and bass.

Musical notation for the fifth line of Genesis 1 (paraphrased). The lyrics are: "them, Be fruit - ful and mul - ti - plu, and". The music continues in G clef, common time, with two staves: treble and bass.

Genesis I (paraphrased) continued

A musical score consisting of five staves of music in common time, featuring a treble clef and a bass clef. The music is in G major, indicated by a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are paraphrases of the first chapter of Genesis.

The lyrics are:

- 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 ea rth. And God saw
- eve - ry - thing that he had made , and be - hold, it was
- ver - ry good. And the eve - ning and the mor - ning were the

Accompanying the vocal line are harmonic chords played on a piano or organ, with bass notes indicated by a bass clef and a bass staff below the vocal line.

Genesis 1 (paraphrased) continued

sixth day. Thus the heav-ens and the earth were fin -ished. And

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

rest - ed on the sev-enth day from all

his work which he had made. And God blessed the sev-enth day

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

ADAM AND EVE

Genesis 3 RSV (paraphrased)

Hope E. LeBrun

Now the ser-pent was more subtle 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

The musical score consists of five staves of music, each with a treble clef and a bass clef, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are paraphrases of the story of Adam and Eve.

Staff 1: gar - den, nei - ther shall you touch it lest you die.' " But the

Staff 2: ser - pent said, "You will not die. For God knows that when you

Staff 3: eat of it your eyes will be o - pened, and you will be

Staff 4: like God, know - ing good and e - vil." So when the wo - man

Staff 5: 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
en-tered 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 morn-ing

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

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, common time. The lyrics are paraphrases of Genesis 19:

3
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
you be con-sumed." If Lot had man-i- fest - ed no hes - i-tan-
cy to o - obey the an - gels' warn-ing, but had earn-est - ly

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*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 man-tains with-out one word of plead-ing, his

wife al-so would have made her es-cape. The in-flu-ence of his ex-

#2 (see below)

am-ple would have saved her from the sin that sealed her

doom." The an-ge-l of the Lord en-camp-eth round a-

about them that fear him and de-liv-er - eth 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.¹

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 farsighted 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.²

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.³

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.⁴

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.⁵

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.⁶

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.⁷

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.⁷

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."⁸

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 sec-ond de-cree 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

Through Ha - man, the Ag - a - gite, an un - scrupu - 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-foxe

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 and wom - en,

Esther 3:13 (cont.)

in one day. (in one day.)

6

Esther 2:17 *Hope E. LeBrun*

And the king loved Es- ther a- bove all the
wom- en, and she ob-tained grace and fa-vor in his
sight more than all the vir- gins;

Esther 2:17 (cont.)

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

crown up-on her head, 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.)

The musical score consists of five staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the staves.

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?

9

Esther 4:16 *Hope E. LeBrun*

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

Esther 4:16 (cont.)

in shu-shan, and fast ye for me, and nei-ther eat
nor drink three days, night or day: I al-so 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 musical score consists of five staves of music. The top staff has a treble clef, a common time signature, and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "The Jews gathered them-selves to-gether in their cit-ies". The second staff continues with the same key signature and lyrics: "through-out all the prov-inc-es of the king A-has -u- e -rus,". The third staff begins with a change in key signature to one flat (B-flat), and the lyrics continue: "to lay hand on such as sought them hurt: and no man". The fourth staff continues with the B-flat key signature: "could with-stand them; (no man could with-stand them) for the". The fifth staff concludes the piece with the B-flat key signature: "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. (for - ev - er) Praise ye the Lord.

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*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.*¹

John 5:39

Hope E. LeBrun
Ruth E. Brown

The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time (indicated by '4'). The music features eighth-note patterns and rests. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of lyrics is "Search the Scriptures, for in them" and the second line is "ye think ye have e-". The third line starts with "ter-nal life:" and ends with "and they are they which tes-ti-fy of me." The score is divided into two sections by a vertical bar line in the middle of the first line of lyrics.

Search the Scriptures, 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.²

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

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

Speech choir:

The plan for our redemption was not an afterthought... It was an unfolding of the principles that from eternal ages have been the foundation of God's throne... God did not ordain that sin should exist, but He foresaw its existence and made provision to meet the terrible emergency. So great was His love for the world that He covenanted to give His only begotten Son.³

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

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Genesis 3:14-15

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

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

Genesis 3:14-15 (cont.)

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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.

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)

Galatians 3:16 The Living Bible 4

Hope E. LeBrun
Ruth E. Brown

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

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.)

Hope E. LeBrun
Ruth E. Brown

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)

Exodus 13:21

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Hope E. LeBrun
Ruth E. Brown

And the Lord went be-fore them by day in a pil-lar of $\frac{A}{B}$

Exodus 13:21 (cont.)

Hope E. LeBrun
Ruth E. Brown

Musical notation for Exodus 13:21 (cont.). The music consists of two staves: treble and bass. The lyrics are: "cloud to lead them by the way: and by night in a pillar of fire." The music features eighth-note patterns and rests.

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

I Corinthians 10:4

Hope E. LeBrun
Ruth E. Brown

Musical notation for I Corinthians 10:4. The music consists of two staves: treble and bass. The lyrics are: "All our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea..." The music features eighth-note patterns and rests.

sea... and did all drink the same spiritual drink; for they

Musical notation for I Corinthians 10:4 continuation. The music consists of two staves: treble and bass. The lyrics are: "sea... and did all drink the same spiritual drink; for they". The music features eighth-note patterns and rests.

drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them:

Musical notation for I Corinthians 10:4 final part. The music consists of two staves: treble and bass. The lyrics are: "drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them:". The music features eighth-note patterns and rests.

1 Corinthians 10:4 (cont.)

Hope E. LeBrun
Ruth E. Brown

Musical notation for 1 Corinthians 10:4 (cont.). The music consists of two staves. The top staff is in G major and the bottom staff is in C major. The lyrics "and that Rock was Christ." and "(And that Rock was Christ.)" are written below the notes.

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

Micah 5:2

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Musical notation for Micah 5:2. The music consists of two staves. The top staff is in G major and the bottom staff is in C major. The lyrics "But thou, Beth-le-hem Eph- ra- thah, though thou be lit-tle a-mong the thou-sands of Ju-dah, yet out of thee shall He come" are written below the notes.

Musical notation for Micah 5:2 continued. The music consists of two staves. The top staff is in G major and the bottom staff is in C major. The lyrics "forth un-to Me that is to be rul - er of Is - rael: Whose" are written below the notes.

Musical notation for Micah 5:2 final section. The music consists of two staves. The top staff is in G major and the bottom staff is in C major. The lyrics "forth un-to Me that is to be rul - er of Is - rael: Whose" are written below the notes.

Micah 5:2 (cont.)

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Ruth E. Brown

Musical notation for Micah 5:2 (cont.). The music is in common time, treble clef, and consists of two staves. The lyrics "go-ings forth have been from of old, from ev - er - last-ing." are written below the notes.

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

Galatians 4:4-5 RSV

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Ruth E. Brown

Musical notation for Galatians 4:4-5 RSV. The music is in common time, treble clef, and consists of two staves. The lyrics "When the time had ful - ly come, God sent forth His Son, born of wo-man, born un - der the law, to re-deem those who were" are written below the notes. A circled '8' is positioned above the first staff.

Continuation of musical notation for Galatians 4:4-5 RSV. The music is in common time, treble clef, and consists of two staves. The lyrics "un - der the law that we might re-ceive a - dop- tion as sons." are written below the notes.

Final continuation of musical notation for Galatians 4:4-5 RSV. The music is in common time, treble clef, and consists of two staves.

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-gele 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

Luke 2:8-14 (cont.)

Hope E. LeBrun
Ruth E. Brown

people; 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

Luke 2:8-14 (cont.)

Hope E. LeBrun
Ruth E. Brown

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:*⁴

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Ellen G. White
Hope E. LeBrun
Ruth E. Brown

Oh 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.

Ellen G. White (cont.)

Hope E. LeBrun
Ruth E. Brown

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."

John 3:16-17 RSV

Hope E. LeBrun
Ruth E. Brown

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 alter.

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 ...

NARRATOR: All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. So we should not be like cringing, fearful slaves, but we should behave like God's very own children, adopted into the bosom of his family, and calling to him, "Father, Father." For his Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts, and tells us that we really are God's children. And since we are his children, we will share his treasures--for all God gives to his Son Jesus is now ours, too. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering. Dear brothers, is your life full of difficulties and temptations? Then be happy, for when the way is rough, your patience has a chance to grow. So let it grow,... For when your patience is finally in full bloom, then you will be ready for anything, strong in character, full and complete. (Romans 8:14-17; James 1:2-4)*

Songtexts: I Peter 4:16 TEV If you suffer because you are a Christian ...
I Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation ...

NARRATOR: These troubles and sufferings of ours are, after all, quite small and won't last very long. Yet this short time of distress will result in God's richest blessing upon us forever and ever! So we do not look at what we can see right now, the troubles all around us, but we look forward to the joys in heaven which we have not yet seen. The troubles will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever. So take a new grip with your tired hands, stand firm on your shaky legs, and mark out a straight, smooth path for your feet so that those who follow you, though weak and lame, will not fall and hurt themselves, but become strong. (II Corinthians 4:17-18; Hebrews 12:12)*

Songtexts: Romans 8:26-28 The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities ...
Romans 8:38-39 For I am persuaded ...

NARRATOR: May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love; and may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it. And so at last you will be filled up with God himself. (Ephesians 3:17-19)*

Songtexts: I John 2:28 And now, little children ...
Jude 24-25 Now unto him that is able ...

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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

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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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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 ...
