

# OLIVET KIDS NURSERY AND PRESCHOOL

## WORSHIP SONGS FOR KIDS

Hello families,

In order to equip you at home in teaching your children about God and Jesus, here are some ideas and actual songs to use.

There are 3 important things that God wants your child to know:

1. God loves them
2. God made them (He made *everything*)
3. God is with them

Let all your teaching, stories, songs, and talks center around at least one of these big ideas.

### WORSHIP MUSIC & SONGS

You may have already figured out that little ones love music, and it doesn't have to be little kid's music. When my kids were growing up I spent a lot of time in the kitchen, and the only music I played was Christian Praise and Worship music. Most of it was adult, but sometimes it was for kids. Sometimes it was loud (usually if I was alone), but most of the time it was quieter as background music. I loved that it set the tone (did you know that our worship is warfare? More on that later), and the kids picked up on the words whether they realized it consciously or not.

I also played Christian CD's in the car. I remember one time my 5-year old singing along to "Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest", and then making a comment that she thought it repeated a lot!

### SINGING

Of course, you and your kids can sing to recorded music, but there are many songs you can sing without music. There are classics such as "Jesus Loves Me" and "Jesus Loves the Little Children", but these are quite wordy for very young children (although when your child is older you can add other verses).

Do know that even though your child does not actually sing with you yet, they are learning, absorbing, and enjoying every moment. They may likely learn to hop, dance, and do actions before they actually say the words. Keep at it!

Know also that you don't have to actually SING. You can just say the words with a rhythm. And once the kids are familiar with the songs, you can sing them differently - faster, slower, upside down, with funny voices, etc. Of course you still want to maintain respect for God, but God does have a sense of humour too.

While your child is little it is best to stick with very simple lyrics that repeat a lot. There are a lot of songs about Jesus and God that are sung to a familiar tune such as The Farmer in the Dell, or Twinkle Twinkle Little Star (which is the same tune as Mary Had a Little Lamb and the ABC song). You can also "make up" songs using these familiar tunes.

For example, sung to Farmer in the Dell:

**JESUS LOVES ME SO**

Jesus Loves me so  
Jesus Loves me so,  
Jesus Loves me oh so much, yes  
Jesus Loves me so.

**JESUS LOVE YOU TOO**

And Jesus loves you too,  
Jesus loves you too,  
Jesus loves you yes He does  
Jesus loves you too

Keep going - how about -

Jesus loves us all.....

I love Jesus too....

God wants me to share....

Jesus is so kind....

Once you get the hang of this, you can make up songs for all sorts of things -

I can do my chores....

And you can add intuitive actions if you want to! In fact, kids will love the actions before they learn the words. As you sing, think of actions that make sense. And be consistent using the same actions for particular words that are used in different songs.

Here are some other songs sung to familiar tunes:

[sung to "London Bridge"]

**JESUS SAID YOU ARE MY FRIENDS**

Jesus said you are my friends, are my friends, are my friends,  
Jesus said you are my friends, and I love you.

**GOD IS WITH ME ALL THE TIME**

God is with me all the time, all the time, all the time  
God is with me all the time, because He loves me

God will help me do what's right....

God will help me share my toys....

[sung to "Are You Sleeping" / "Frere Jaques" ]

**I WILL FORGIVE**

I will forgive, I will forgive,  
Yes I will, yes I will  
The Bible (or Jesus) says to for-give  
The Bible says to for-give  
So I will, so I will

**I WILL HELP**

I will help, I will help  
Yes I will, yes I will  
The Bible (or Jesus) says to he-lp  
The Bible says to he-lp  
So I will, so I will

**I LOVE GOD**

I love God, I love God  
Yes I do, yes I do  
The Bible says to love Him  
He wants me to love Him  
Yes I do, yes I do

[sung to "Mary Had a Little Lamb"]

**JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD**

Jesus is the Son of God, Son of God, Son of God,  
Jesus is the Son of God, and God is very pleased.

**JESUS IS FOREVER KING**

Jesus is Forever King, Forever King, Forever King  
Jesus is Forever King, and He loves us!

[sung to "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"]

**GOD CARES FOR ME**

God Cares for me, all the time (x3)  
Thank You God You care for me

(could sing a second time, God cares for us)

Here are a couple of classic songs, but with more words for older preschoolers:

**JESUS LOVES ME**

Jesus Loves me yes I know  
For the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to Him belong  
They are weak but He is strong  
Yes Jesus loves me  
Yes Jesus loves me  
Yes Jesus loves me  
The Bible Tells me so

**[another verse]**

I love Jesus and I know  
He wants me that love to show  
by the way I live each day  
In my home, with friends, at play  
Yes, I love Jesus  
Yes, I love Jesus  
Yes, I love Jesus  
My life will tell Him so!

[sung to Jesus loves the little children]

**JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN**

Jesus loves the little children  
All the children of the world  
Red and yellow black and white  
They are precious in His sight  
Jesus loves the little children of the world

**THANK YOU GOD FOR ALL THE WORLD**

Thank You God for all the World  
You made everything there is  
Things I see and things I taste  
Things I feel and things I hear  
Thank You God for making everything there is!

Whatever story or conversation you have just had with your child, or even as you are inspired as you walk through nature, make up a song! Once you get the hang of it, it becomes very easy. Encourage your child to help you pick different words together. And soon your child will be making up songs on their own.

God bless, guide and inspire you!