

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!