

Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. Psalm 47:6

Why Songs are Important in Sunday School/Children's Church

1. It's the perfect avenue to teach praise and worship.
2. Loosens up the atmosphere and gives everyone a chance at being involved.
3. Can be used as a tool of training up leaders and allowing children to use their talents for God's glory (Children's Church Praise & Worship).
4. A GREAT filler, or tool to break things up during long period of time with little or no interaction.
5. LET THE KIDS EXERT SOME ENERGY AND HAVE FUN!

Making It Exciting!

*Psalm 96:1 – O sing unto the Lord **a new song**: sing unto the Lord, all the Earth. ☺*

- I love the traditional Sunday School songs, but don't get stuck or get lazy. You can even find revamped versions of some of the oldie-but-goodies.

*Psalm 98:4 – Make a **joyful noise** unto the Lord, all the Earth: make a **loud noise**, and rejoice, and sing praise.*

- Be joyful and be loud. Don't be shy or hold back. In kids' ministry, you can overemphasize EVERYTHING! Have fun and let the kids follow your lead.

*Psalm 149:3 – Let them praise His name in **the dance**: let them sing praises unto Him with the timbrel and harp.*

- Hebrew word goes back to the word for "twirl." Dancing doesn't have to be choreographed, but it's not worldly or charismatic to dance to songs geared toward ministering to children.

Tips for Finding New Songs

I highly recommend investing in subscribing to one of the services listed below (I prefer and use Apple Music myself). They have millions of songs in their library and can show you similar artists when you look up a certain artist or genre. I've found some Christian Children's music groups I've never heard before by using the similar artists/recommend for you feature.

Spotify Premium: \$9.99/month (30 day free trial)

Apple Music: \$9.99/month **OR** \$4.99 for college students (3 month free trial)

Google Play: \$9.99/month **OR** \$14.99/month for a family account up to 6 people

Amazon Music Unlimited Individual Plan: \$9.99/month **OR** \$7.99/month for current Prime members

Do a Youtube search: "New Sunday School Songs" "Praise and Worship for Kids" "Songs for Kids Church" "Christian Kids Songs" etc.

Sing Actual Praise & Worship Songs: "How Did You Feel?" "Open The Eyes of My Heart Lord" "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord" "I'm Trading My Sorrows" "When I Think of His Goodness (All Night)" "Break Every Chain" "He Knows My Name" etc.

Establish the new song until it's somewhat familiar before overwhelming them to try to learn new songs every Sunday. By the way, it's ok to have a Theme Song or a go-to song that the kids never get tired of!

Children's Music Artists (*SEE NOTE AND END OF HANDOUT!***):**

GoFish		Ronnie Caldwell
Uncle Charlie (Good luck finding him though)		Hillsong Kids / Hillsong Kids Jr.
Shout Praises Kids		Doug Horley
Crazy Praise Vol 1 & 2 (by Studio Musicians)		Veggie Tales
Jana Alayra	Group Music (VBS)	Elevation Church Kids
Amber Sky Records		Bethel Music Kids
Capital Kids!	Yancy	Denver and the Mile High Orchestra

List of Songs at "The Best of Songs" SCC Kids-Min Seminar:

"So Good To Me" by Shout Praises Kids

"I've Got That Joy" (Formerly "Come On and Dance") by Vineyard UK

"Light of the World" by GroupMusic

"Sunday School Swing" by GoFish with Denver and the Mile High Orchestra

"Trading My Sorrows (Yes Lord)" by Israel Houghton

"I Can Count On God" by Yancy

"Deep Cries Out" by Bethel Music Kids

"Stand Up" by Ken Reynolds (I usually just sing this acapella, but you could use the music too. It's a fun chant song: ie. Aint' No Party, Give Me A J, etc.)

"You Forgive Me" by GroupMusic

If you come across other great Children's Artists and/or a specific song from that artist PLEASE SHARE it with the Apostolic community by letting me and others know about it!

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