

SEASONAL SCRIPTURES in SONG

**Implementation
Strategies**

THE MISSION

“To transform and enrich the daily and faith lives of all people through creative and meaningful songs and musical experiences.”

Through *Seasonal Scriptures in Song*, new hymns or songs are created to aid in learning Bible verses or passages pertaining to church seasons and growing one’s Scriptural foundation. Learning scripture by heart through song is a devotional exercise, a matter of the heart.

This mission is grounded in Colossians 3:16, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” While the mission is initially manifested in scripture based song, the vision of *Seasonal Scriptures in Song* is to realize:

- Many lives, across the globe, enriched and transformed, having embodied scripture through music and song;
- An ongoing and creative means to assist teachers, parents, pastors, music directors, children, families, and congregations embody the scriptures through song;
- A transformative, growing, and readily available canon of music for small and large churches alike all around the world.

...here are some strategies:

- 🎵 Teach all students the song so that it can be used:
 - † Each week in chapel at a designated place of the service
 - † As a prayer for each class to sing or speak at a specific time of the day
 - † At times when the students are scared, worried, overwhelmed, etc. (guidance in how to do so will be needed)
- 🎵 Age-appropriate learning about words in the passage and the context of the verse itself
 - † Create art projects based on the given text, which will be shared on the project website
- 🎵 The song is made available to families via printed format, within the school newsletter, and/or the secure portion of the school website to be utilized by families at home during bedtime, mealtime, as a sung blessing before everyone leaves for work or school, etc.
- 🎵 Devotional questions based on the verses or passages:
 - † How has God...(i.e. comforted you in your distress today - Psalm 119:50)?
 - † How can the text of the *Seasonal Scriptures in Song* apply to your life and faith today/this week?
 - † How can the text of the *Seasonal Scriptures in Song* be used in answering various devotional questions during classes or Bible studies? (see example on page four)
- 🎵 Teachers have the option of including the song as the week’s memory verse

- 🎵 School choirs can:
 - † Learn the song to be sung in chapel, in worship, or as a prayer warmup at the beginning of rehearsal
 - † Utilize the song as a tool for developing musicality
- 🎵 Employ the tune in teaching music elements:
 - † Rhythm
 - † Melody
 - † Dynamics
 - † Harmony
 - † Movement - sign language, etc.
- 🎵 Incorporate the song and/or text into games and activities:
 - † Jump Rope Rhymes
 - † Four Square Challenges
 - † Version of “Horse” for basketball, etc.
- 🎵 Depending on the Patreon Contribution Level, the school or church could:
 - † Request a specific verse or passage to be set to music for a given month
 - † Ask for orchestrations to be used by the school band (skill development) or other church musicians
- 🎵 Within the worship setting, the *Seasonal Scriptures in Song* could be sung integrated into these possible elements as:
 - † A Kyrie
 - † A Hymn of Praise or Thanksgiving
 - † An Offertory Response
 - † A response to the readings
 - † A prayer or prayer reflection, etc.
 - † All of the above will be based on the text befitting the usage
- 🎵 Sunday school programs can include the *Seasonal Scriptures in Song* in these possible ways:
 - † Learn the songs to be sung as a group for worship, having learned the song (Scripture verse/passage) by heart
 - † Utilize the songs as a prayer to begin the Sunday School “hour” whether as individual classes or in larger group settings
 - † The song is made available to families via printed format within the order of worship or information bulletin/newsletter to be utilized by families at home during bedtime, mealtime, as a sung blessing before everyone leaves for work or school, etc.
- 🎵 As a reminder, all of the above are suggestions to provide a starting point for how the songs can be incorporated. That said, any ideas or methods created beyond what’s offered are encouraged. Also, please share with me how you are utilizing the *Seasonal Scriptures in Song* so that I can add the options to the list.

Exodus 19:3-6 (King James Version)

³And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; ⁴Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. ⁵Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: ⁶And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Matthew 22:34-39 (King James Version)

³⁴But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. ³⁵Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, ³⁶Master, which is the great commandment in the law? ³⁷Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. ³⁸This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Psalms 19 (King James Version)

¹The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.
²Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.
³There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.
⁴Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,
⁵Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.
⁶His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.
⁸The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.
⁹The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
¹¹Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.
¹²Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.
¹³Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.
¹⁴Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

- ★ When you're faced with difficult decisions, who or what do you trust above all else?
- ★ How can you love your neighbor as yourself?
- ★ How has God raised you up on eagle's wings today?

reflective DEVOTIONS

- ★ We read in the Psalm about God's teachings, statutes, testimony and commandments. How then, are the commandments of God, "sure," "right," "clear," and "true"?
- ★ How can you live the commandments to serve and love others?
- ★ How can the text of the *Seasonal Scriptures in Song* apply to your life and faith?
- ★ How can the text of the *Seasonal Scriptures in Song* be used in answering the questions above?