

# *A selection of Songs.... a beginning*

*- to use with children on Sundays, in clubs and schools \**  
(NB choose lyrics carefully if using in schools. Songs with \* more suitable for schools)

## **TRIM test for choosing a song**

**Teach** - what does the song teach about God, Jesus, Christian faith practices? Is it biblically accurate and appropriate for the learning outcome?

**Relevant** - is the song relevant to the children in this context? (for Christian children or non-Christian children in kids club or schools.)

**Interesting/inspiring** - do the children enjoy singing it?

**Meaning** - do the students understand the meaning of the words or is there too much Christian jargon? Does it ask the singer to make a faith confession that is not appropriate (see relevant context)

*Where to listen to songs before purchasing and knowing if suitable?*

*The easiest way is to open an itunes account, then search for an individual song, listen before purchasing (\$1.79- \$2.39 each) Don't know how to do this- ask a teenager!*

*Or get a copy of Cheryl's "Itunes 101" [cheryl@kidsfriendly.org.nz](mailto:cheryl@kidsfriendly.org.nz)*

*Lyrics and music accompaniment are usually available on the websites as listed below:*

**Andrew Chinn** - <http://www.butterflymusic.com.au/>

Australian children's song writer (for more than 15 years- many fun and faith songs for a Catholic school setting)

**Doug Horley** - <http://www.duggiedugdug.org> UK, prolific writer and performer of children's song- high energy and fun, but some lovely quieter ones too. Preview songs on itunes:

<https://itunes.apple.com/nz/artist/doug-horley/id30778985>

**Colin Buchanan**- <http://colinbuchanan.com.au> 15 years and multiple albums and DVDs later, Colin is unquestionably Australia's leading Christian children's artist. Original and remixed versions of well known tunes (see 'Pharoah Pharaoh' in the table below)

**Jules Riding** – a NZer – <http://www.elkanah.nz/> Scroll down page to see Kids Time Vol 1 and 2 Popular with kids and parents. Lyrics free to download with CCL license

**Johnny Burns** – <http://www.johnnyburns.com.au/> Check website for free download of lots of his music and lyrics.

**Hillsong Kids** - <http://hillsong.com/kids> Well- known Australian church for producing worship songs- for all ages. Lots of Youtube videos eg 'Never Give Up': <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15R6SNZ-K1g>

**Kids Vineyard Worship** - <https://itunes.apple.com/nz/album/kids-vineyard-worship-great/id23207659> Listen to the 3 songs listed below on 'Great Big God' top selling album (tracks 1, 5, 13)

**Karen Henley**- <http://karynhenley.com/site/Product-family-pages/Music.html> specializes in playsongs for 0-5 yr olds (Many used by music and movement groups eg mainly music)

**'King of the Jungle'** – an old favourite- origin unknown This one found [www.greatworshipsongs.com](http://www.greatworshipsongs.com) Many you tube versions! Eg: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJwUvjVq9k4>

**Snack Music** - Snack Music is a Christian band for primary school aged kids, based in Melbourne Australia. Website has songs, CDs, games and fun stuff! <https://www.snackmusic.com.au/>

**Fischy Music** – <http://www.fischy.com> produces memorable, easy to learn, fun songs that any child can learn – is a UK based charity that supports the emotional, social and spiritual well-being of primary aged children- great resource packages for schools. Download the 'Songs for Life' free taster

**The Rizers** - <http://www.therizers.com> a band that sings Scripture verses in the form of upbeat, kid-friendly music. Name is short for "memorizers"- Videos, CDs downloadable resources

**Go Fish** - <http://gofishresources.com/cd-music> – upbeat praise songs, Bible story and verse content, catchy tunes

**Yancy not Nancy** - <http://yancyministries.com/> - upbeat praise songs, Bible verse content,catchy

Song Title	Writer	Album	Age level	Notes	
Who is the King Who is the King of the Jungle?	Colin Buchanan (Remix version)	10, 9, 8 God is Great	Younger	Look at the YouTube video of this fun song too	
Pharoah Pharoah	Colin Buchanan version	I want my Mummy	Middle - older	Still popular with kids, especially the boys	*
2 Timothy 1:7	Colin Buchanan	Baa baa doo baa baa	All ages	Straight scripture. Learn easily with echo	
If I were a Butterfly	Andrew Chinn	Together as One	Junior	An oldie and a goodie	
An Irish Blessing	Andrew Chinn	Wherever I go	Any age, used in <b>ALL AGE</b> worship	Good finishing song, work out a wee ritual during the instrumental	*
I'm Gonna Jump up and Down	Doug Horley	Lovely Jubbly	Any age	Catchy clap beat in the middle. "I will follow" commitment	
Glory and Honour	Doug Horley	Funky Action Songs DVD Vol 4	ALL AGE	Learn the sign language actions for this moving worship song <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FdNq22113s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FdNq22113s</a>	
God Loves Me	Doug Horley	Lovely Jubbly	Younger		
God's Love is bigger than a burger	Doug Horley	Chuffed	younger	How big is God? And his love for us- a fun way to address this age old question	
My God	Go Fish	Kids Music	Middle to older	'My God is so big so strong and so mighty' lively remix with biblical story content in verses	

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Superhero	Jules Riding	Kids time 1	Younger to middle	Make up actions for all the superheroes mentioned	
Kia ora whanau	Jules Riding	Kids time 1	<b>ALL AGE</b>	Good welcome song for Sunday church (Sing correct pronunciation Whanau = 'far no')	
Jesus loves me rap/remix	Christian Religious Education	Sounds and Songs CRE	Any age, used in <b>ALL AGE</b> worship	Slightly different version in link here but gives the idea <a href="http://missionbibleclass.org/songs/songs-i-p/jesus-loves-me-remix-song/">http://missionbibleclass.org/songs/songs-i-p/jesus-loves-me-remix-song/</a> ( you can also echo each line of the verse before going into the 'na na na' chorus.)	
Jumping for Jesus	Johnny Burns	How cool is that.	Any age, used in <b>ALL AGE</b> worship	Great action song, kids can add actions in	*
Bethlehem Bop	Johnny Burns	Praise Crazy	Any age	Christmas song	*
How cool is that	Johnny Burns	How Cool is that	Any age	Easter Song	
Be Strong	Hillsong kids	Youtube	Any age	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NENosj521RQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NENosj521RQ</a> <i>Suitable for school- fits many Bible stories</i>	*
Never give up	Hillsong Kids	Youtube	Any age- older chn can make up actions	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15R6SNZ-K1g">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15R6SNZ-K1g</a> Suitable words and themes for school setting	*
Rainbow song	Hillsong Kids	Super Strong God	Any age	Use rainbow props	

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Superhero	Hillsong Kids	Jesus is my Superhero	Any age	Actions enjoyed	
Let your Light shine	Hillsong Kids	Superstrong God	Any age	Light theme song- good for Light party	
Great Big God	Kids Vineyard Worship	Great Big God	Any age, used in <b>ALL AGE</b> Worship	Good action song OK in school?	*
Man looks on the Outside	Kids Vineyard UK Worship	Great Big God	Any age used in <b>ALL AGE</b> worship	Important message that gets 'home' with the repetition	*
I'm gonna clap my hands to say I love you	Kids Vineyard UK Worship	Great Big God	Any age, used in <b>ALL AGE</b> worship	Sign Language- quieter middle part. Commitment type song for church kids	