## Resources for Family Discipleship: SING

The Bible is filled with God's people singing praise to Him. Teaching our children to worship through song is part of making disciples.

## Q and A

Q1: What if we are not a musical family?

A1: Find a favorite worship song or hymn, listen to it together and sing along. No need to sing a capella. Worship is an expression of your heart, not the sound of your voice. Even if you can't sing, you can still initiate a time of singing with your family.

Q2: What if we don't know what to sing?

A2: Try following Hymn of the Month with Redeemer Kids or the Redeemer Rockford Students worship playlist on spotify (Spotify Playlist Link). You can use your mobile device to look up the song lyrics. I suggest picking 1 or 2 songs to do for the month that way your family can learn them. With practice, it will get easier until your entire family is familiar with the hymn or song. You can find other ideas further down in this document.

Q3: Why should we sing? Isn't Bible reading and prayer enough? A3: Singing puts biblical truths into our hearts that we remember for years. God's people sang to celebrate victories and His power. We are encouraged to sing and make melody to the Lord with our heart in Ephsians 5:19.

## **Articles**

- John Piper shares how he incorporates singing into family devotions
- Keith Getty's encouragement to start singing during quarantine
- A dad's perspective on singing

## Ideas

 Hymn of the Month - Every month Redeemer Kids will highlight a hymn to learn with your kids. The words of these hymns are so rich and will stay with your kids for the rest of their lives. Play

- the hymn when you are in the car, eating, getting ready, etc. Let it be a constant part of their background music.
- <u>Seeds Family Worship</u> This company sets Scripture to music.
  It's an easy way to store Scripture in your child's heart. You can buy their CDs one for you and one to give away. Or you can listen to their music on <u>Spotify</u>.
- Slugs and Bugs This website has music, shows, books and other resources. Randall Goodgame created Slugs & Bugs because he wanted to disciple his kids well. "...We are all on the same journey of discipleship. And with Jesus, that journey is filled with joy and light and laughter amidst the struggle."
- Redeemer <u>Kids Spotify playlist</u> or Redeemer <u>Students Spotify</u> <u>Playlist</u>