

# 5 Acts of Worship: Part 2 Singing

## Level 1

- Begin by asking what the 5 acts of worship are -- have members of your family go around the room and list one at a time
  - Begin by telling your family you want to focus your devotional time on the act of singing
  - Sing devotional songs with your family -- depending on family size let each pick a song to sing together
    - remember even if you are not the best of singers that we are told to sing and make melody in our heart -- even if we don't sound the best we are still commanded to sing
    - Children [even older] will be more apt to desire to sing if every member of the family is putting forth good effort to sing
  - Pray as a family
  - Then discuss singing is a command -- read with your family Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16
    - [dependant on age level] have children learn to memorize the passage
      - Begin with repeating back the words
      - Then phrases
      - Then you say a phrase and then they say a phrase
      - Then they put phrases together with direction from you
    - Ask the question "Where are commanded to sing" -- they respond "Ephesians 5:19 or Colossians 3:16"
  - Then tell a Bible Story with a connection to singing (Example -- Paul and Silas singing at Midnight Acts 16)
  - Sing a few more songs
  - Close in prayer (someone different from earlier prayer)
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## Level 2

- Begin by asking what the 5 acts of worship are -- have members of your family go around the room and list one at a time
- Begin by telling your family you want to focus your devotional time on the act of singing
- Ask the question "Where are commanded to sing" -- they respond "Ephesians 5:19 or Colossians 3:16"
- Sing devotional songs with your family -- depending on family size let each pick a song to sing together
  - remember even if you are not the best of singers that we are told to sing and make melody in our heart -- even if we don't sound the best we are still commanded to sing
  - Children [even older] will be more apt to desire to sing if every member of the family is putting forth good effort to sing
- Pray as a family
- Then discuss singing is a command -- read with your family Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16
  - have children learn to memorize the passage
  - Question for discussion --
    - what is important about the "one another" part of the passage [singing is to be done when we are together]
    - What is the difference between spiritual songs and secular songs [why do we not come together to sing "row, row, row you boat"??]
- Then tell a Bible Story with a connection to singing (Example -- Paul and Silas singing at Midnight Acts 16)

- Discuss how singing played a part in the story
  - Discuss how our singing today can lead people to Christ
  - Sing a few more songs
  - Close in prayer (someone different from earlier prayer)
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### **Level 3**

- Begin by asking what the 5 acts of worship are -- have members of your family go around the room and list one at a time
- Begin by telling your family you want to focus your devotional time on the act of singing
- Ask the question "Where are commanded to sing" -- they respond "Ephesians 5:19 or Colossians 3:16"
- Sing devotional songs with your family -- depending on family size let each pick a song to sing together
  - remember even if you are not the best of singers that we are told to sing and make melody in our heart -- even if we don't sound the best we are still commanded to sing
  - Children [even older] will be more apt to desire to sing if every member of the family is putting forth good effort to sing
  - Look over and discuss lines and phrases [or difficult words] in the songs you sing
- Pray as a family
- Then discuss singing is a command -- read with your family Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16
  - have children learn to memorize the passage
  - Question for discussion --
    - what is important about the "one another" part of the passage [singing is to be done when we are together]
    - What is the difference between spiritual songs and secular songs [why do we not come together to sing "row, row, row you boat"?)
    - Discuss ideas of "religious" music with instruments
      - Everyone is commanded to sing -- is there any command to play an instrument in those passages or any other New Testament passage?
      - Can we use Old Testament passages like Psalm 150 for authorization (Consider Colossians 2:14)
- Then tell a Bible Story with a connection to singing (Example -- Paul and Silas singing at Midnight Acts 16)
  - Discuss how singing played a part in the story
  - Discuss how singing can play a part in leading people to Christ
- Sing a few more songs
- Close in prayer (someone different from earlier prayer)