



Songs

All-age outward-focused song index

This index is a smaller, and more specialised version of our general outward-focused song index, which you can find at www.thesanctuarycentre.org/whereworldandworshipmeet-othersongs

In it we have included songs under each main heading which are suitable for children's and all-age settings. Some of them have been specially written for this purpose, but others are "adult" songs that contain accessible content. In recommending these songs, we have considered a number of factors, including the complexity of language and concepts included in the lyrics; range of notes used; and simplicity of melody and harmonic structure.

(A brief for writing, or choosing, suitable songs for children and all-age settings is available as part of our article "Learning the key of justice – worshipping fully at every age", which is available at www.thesanctuarycentre.org/whereworldandworshipmeet-articles)

This is not an exhaustive list of outward-focused songs which may be suitable for children and all ages to use. You may be aware of others – please continue to use them! And do email any suggestions you think others might find helpful to info@thesanctuarycentre.org

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1. Specific songs expressing a commitment to reach out and make a difference

Song title and first line if different	Songwriter/Artist (Stream)	Where to find it	Notes
Break our hearts	Vicky Beeching (Soul Survivor/Kingsway)	ALBUM: Eternity invades	Sending out song – evangelism or justice depending on context. Adult song but clarity of words in 2 nd verse, chorus and bridge and ease of tune makes it suitable for all ages. (Children would struggle with the first verse as too abstract.)
Hey you!	Sam Pamplin	Online at ITUNES or AMAZON	Champions the ability to make a difference by relying on God and expresses commitment to be Jesus' hands and feet. Written for all ages.
I want to be like Jesus	Cindy Rethmeier	ALBUM: Great Big God 3	Justice; evangelism; acts of love and service; healing and miracles are all talked about in this song which expresses the desire to be like Jesus. Written for children.
Help me be your eyes	Doug Horley	ALBUM: Fandabadozzie	Song about being God's eyes to see where his love is needed, and then being his hands to help give his love where it is most needed. Written for children.
Tell the World	Jonathon Dougless/Joel Houston/Marty Sampson	ALBUM: Tell the World(Hillsong Kids)	Looks at the relationship between worship and evangelism. Written for children.
You're the answer	Julia A'Bell/David and Beci Wakerley	ALBUM: Tell the World(Hillsong Kids)	Refers to standing up for what is right and making a difference in the world, whilst interceding for God to heal it too. Written for children.
I want to be like Jesus	Simon Parry	ALBUM: God's Love is Big	Expresses desire to be like Jesus and follow him to build his kingdom. Focuses on different actions that can be taken. Written for children.
Breathe	Kylie Fisher	ALBUM: Jesus is my superhero	Asks for help in reaching the lost and the broken, and talks about inter-generational healing too. Written for children.
I Want to Do What my Father's Doing	Sarah Pickering	ALBUM: Great Big God 2	Declares that the Father has a plan for each child, and expresses a desire to be part of that by following in his footsteps. Written for children.
Shine	Sam Pamplin	ALBUM: Jump	Declaring desire and resolve to love and shine for God in a hurting world. Written for children.

2. A few examples of songs which resonate and promote the Biblical context if you use them in a justice setting but will not necessarily raise the issues out of context

Song title and first line if different	Songwriter/Artist (Stream)	Where to find it	Notes
History Maker	Delirious?	ALBUM: History Makers	Song about being history makers by giving our lives in service and outreach. Written for adults but works well for children due to simplicity, clarity and strength of central metaphor. Range may need simplifying.
Our God Saves (In the name of the Father) Chorus only	Brenton Brown and Paul Baloche (Vineyard)	ALBUM: Because of your love	Declares that we can come to God for help and declares his saving grace. Written for adults but chorus is suitable for children.
Our God (Water you turned into wine)	Jonas Carl Gustaf Myrin, Matt Redman, Jesse Reeves, Chris Tomlin	ALBUM: Our God	Declares God's sovereignty, uniqueness and power. Written for adults but suitable for children because of clarity of words and simplicity of tune. Suggest using chorus and bridge with everyone, but verse only with children over eight.
Jump	Sam Pamplin	ALBUM: Jump	Song about standing up for what is right even when it is hard – could be applied to a range of different situations if introduced well. Also could have pronouns changed to act as a prayer for persecuted church. Written for children.
Do everything in love	Seeds family	ALBUM: Seeds of courage	Song asking for help to stand firm; be courageous; and do everything in love. Written for children.

3. Songs which are not about justice issues but resonate strongly when used in that context, or with slightly altered words

(Also see our article *Practical input - exploring contextualisation to bring through justice issues at www.thesanctuarycentre.org/whereworldandworshipmeet-articles*)

Song title and first line if different	Songwriter/Artist (Stream)	Where to find it	Notes
All who are thirsty	(Vineyard)	ALBUM: Surrender	Song based on Isaiah 55. Written for adults but suitable for children due to simplicity and clarity. Needs to be transposed down from the original key to be in suitable range.

Freedom reigns	Rita Springer (Vineyard)	ALBUM: Created to worship	Declares 'where the Spirit is there is freedom' – is useful to sing as blessing and declaration over people and situations – especially the chorus. Written for adults but suitable for children.
More love, more power	Jude Del Hierro	ALBUM: Worship (Michael W Smith)	Words can be applied to wider contexts such as more of you in our city/church/nation etc... Written for adults but suitable for children.
Kiss it better	Sarah Pickering	ALBUM: Great Big God 3	Powerful intercessional metaphor for children. Change pronouns to we/they or them/ours or theirs. Written for children.
One thing remains	Jesus Culture (Bethel)	ALBUM: Come away with me	Declaration that God's love is higher than any mountain and that it never fails – can be sung over others as well as personally if pronouns are changed. Written for adults but suitable for children.

4. Intercession songs for our nation, or the nations, or songs which declare and promote a national or international vision for revival, mission or outreach

Song title and first line if different	Songwriter/Artist (Stream)	Where to find it	Notes
Always enough	Casting crowns	ALBUM: Until the whole world hears	Proclamation of God's love being enough for any and all situations. Links personal journey to intercession. Written for adults but suitable for children too.
Can a nation be changed?	Matt Redman	Songbook: Survivor	Intercessional sung worship for single nation. Written for adults but suitable for children because of simplicity – watch musical link at the end of chorus though; this may need adapting).
God of this city	Bluetree	ALBUM: God of this city (Chris Tomlin - Passion movement)	Intercessional sung worship for single city and nation – city can also be changed to town; village; valley; playground etc.
Your world (alt words to "Your family")	Liz Baddaley	WEBSITE: www.whereworldandworshipmeet.org	Simple song which talks about choosing to love people in the world, no matter how different they are from us. Written for all-age settings (alt. words to original song "Your family" about loving the church).

Awesome is the Lord Most High	Chris Tomlin/Jesse Reeves/Cary Pierce/Jon Able	ALBUM: Massive – Just Gotta Praise	Declares reality of God's faithfulness; the world-wide church; and a commitment to go to the ends of the earth to make God known.
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5. Songs of intercession for prodigals, friends, or neighbours

Song title and first line if different	Songwriter/Artist (Stream)	Where to find it	Notes
The Way (Reveal to us how your heart beats)	Cathy Burton (Vineyard)	ALBUM: Source of every hour	Combines prayer for heart for lost/prodigals with declaration of God as the way. Written for adults but suitable for all-age due to clarity of words and easy melody.
Prayer for a friend (Lord I lift my friend)	Casting Crowns	ALBUM: The Altar and the Door	Lifts up a personal friend, and asks for the wisdom to have the words to speak truth. Written for adults but suitable for all-age due to clarity of words and easy melody.

6. Songs of unity, intercession for the church and/or declaration of the church's calling

Song title and first line if different	Songwriter/Artist (Stream)	Where to find it	Notes
Your family	Liz Baddaley	www.whereworldandworship meet.org	Simple song which talks about being the family of God and choosing to love each other, because that's what it means to be church. Written for all-age settings (alt. words available as Your world to talk about loving beyond the church).
Doing life together	Massive	ALBUM: Outrageous Praise	Song about unity which talks about proactively walking together as a community, and supporting each other when things are difficult. Written for children.

7. Songs of worship from round the world

Sourced by Iona – see www.iona.org/wgrg_home.php and www.ionabooks.com/Song-Audio.html for details of anthologies from John Bell, the Wild Goose Resource Group, and the Iona community, which include songs from the worldwide church, and many on justice themes. See particularly song-books such as *Love and Anger*.