

# St. Paul's Children's Songbook



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*Opening Hearts and Minds to God's Grace*

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## 1. Father Abraham

Father Abraham had many kids.  
Many kids had Father Abraham.  
I am one of them, and so are you.  
So let's just praise the Lord.

Right arm ...  
Right arm, Left arm ...  
Right arm, Left arm, Right foot ...  
Right arm, Left arm, Right foot, Left foot ...  
Right arm, Left arm, Right foot, Left foot, Chin up  
...  
Right arm, Left arm, Right foot, Left foot, Chin up,  
Turn around ...  
Right arm, Left arm, Right foot, Left foot, Chin up,  
Turn around, Sit down.

*Author unknown*

## 2. Give Me Oil in My Lamp

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.  
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
Keep me burning 'til the break of day.

### **Chorus:**

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King.

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
... (*Chorus*)

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
... (*Chorus*)

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
... (*Chorus*)

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## 3. God Loves You

God loves you, and I love you,  
and that's the way it should be, Alleluia!  
God loves you, and I love you,  
and that's the way it should be.

God loves you, and I love you,  
and that's the way it should be, Alleluia!  
God loves you, and I love you,  
and that's the way it should be.

God loves everyone, and God loves me.  
God loves everyone, and God loves me.  
God loves everyone, and God loves me.

God loves you, and I love you,  
and that's the way it should be, Alleluia!  
God loves you, and I love you,  
and that's the way it should be.

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## 4. God Made Me

God made me, God made me,  
In my Bible Book it says that God made me.

God loves me, God loves me,  
In my Bible Book it says that God loves me.

God helps me, God helps me,  
In my Bible Book it says that God helps me.

God keeps me, God keeps me,  
In my Bible Book it says that God keeps me.

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## 5. I've Got Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river in my soul. (*Repeat*)

I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul. (*Repeat*)

I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. (*Repeat*)

I've got peace like a river  
I've got love like an ocean  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. (*Repeat*)

I've got peace, love and joy like a river  
I've got peace, love and joy like an ocean  
I've got peace, love and joy like a fountain in my  
soul. (*Repeat*)

"I've Got Peace Like a River", Words: Public Domain Negro Spiritual, Arranged by  
William J. Reynolds

## 6. I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart, down in my heart.  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, Down in my heart.  
Down in my heart to stay.  
And I'm so happy, so very happy, I've got the love  
of Jesus in my heart.  
And I'm so happy, so very happy, I've got the love  
of Jesus in my heart.

I've got the Love of Jesus, love of Jesus, Down in  
my heart,  
Down in my heart, down in my heart.  
I've got the Love of Jesus, love of Jesus  
Down in my heart. Down in my heart to stay.  
And I'm so happy, so very happy, I've got the love  
of Jesus in my heart.  
And I'm so happy, so very happy, I've got the love  
of Jesus in my heart.

I've got the Peace that passes understanding, down  
in the depths of my heart,  
down in the depths of my heart, down in the depths  
of my heart,  
I've got the Peace that passes understanding, down  
in the depths of my heart,  
Down in my heart to stay.  
And I'm so happy, so very happy, I've got the love  
of Jesus in my heart.  
And I'm so happy, so very happy, I've got the love  
of Jesus in my heart.

And if the devil doesn't like it he can sit on a tack.  
Sit on a tack, sit on a tack.  
And if the devil doesn't like it he can sit on a tack.  
Sit on a tack to stay.  
And I'm so happy, so very happy, I've got the love  
of Jesus in my heart.  
And I'm so happy, so very happy, I've got the love  
of Jesus in my heart.

"I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy", Words & Music: George W. Cooke, 1848-1923,  
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## 7. Jesus Hokey Pokey

You put your right hand in.  
You put your right hand out.  
You put your right hand in and you shake it all about.  
You give your heart to Jesus.  
He will turn your life around  
That's what it's all about.  
Give your heart to Jesus. Give your heart to Jesus.  
Give your heart to Jesus. That's what it's all about.

You put your left hand in.  
You put your left hand out.  
You put your left hand in and you shake it all about.  
You give your heart to Jesus.  
He will turn your life around  
That's what it's all about.  
Give your heart to Jesus. Give your heart to Jesus.  
Give your heart to Jesus. That's what it's all about.

You put your right foot in.  
You put your right foot out.  
You put your right foot in and you shake it all about.  
You give your heart to Jesus.  
He will turn your life around  
That's what it's all about.  
Give your heart to Jesus. Give your heart to Jesus.  
Give your heart to Jesus. That's what it's all about.

You put your left foot in.  
You put your left foot out.  
You put your left foot in and you shake it all about.  
You give your heart to Jesus.  
He will turn your life around  
That's what it's all about.  
Give your heart to Jesus. Give your heart to Jesus.  
Give your heart to Jesus. That's what it's all about.

You put your head in. You put your head out.  
You put your head in and you shake it all about  
You give your heart to Jesus.  
He will turn your life around  
That's what it's all about.  
Give your heart to Jesus. Give your heart to Jesus.  
Give your heart to Jesus. That's what it's all about.

You put your whole self in.  
You put your whole self out.  
You put your whole self in and you shake it all about  
You give your heart to Jesus.  
He will turn your life around  
That's what it's all about.  
Give your heart to Jesus. Give your heart to Jesus.  
Give your heart to Jesus. That's what it's all about.

"Jesus Hokey Pokey", Traditional Music

## 8. Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
And the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to him belong,  
In his love we shall be strong.

### *Refrain:*

Yes, Jesus loves me,  
Yes, Jesus loves me,  
Yes, Jesus loves me,  
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
As he loved so long ago,  
Taking children on his knee,  
Saying, 'Let them come to me'.

Jesus loves me still today,  
Walking with me on my way,  
Wanting as a friend to give  
Light and love to all who live.

"Jesus Loves me," words by Anna Bartlett Warner and David Rutherford McGuire, melody from William Batchelder Bradley. Public Domain, Red Hymnal # 123.

## 9. Kum ba yah

Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah!  
Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah!  
Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah.  
O Lord, Kum ba yah

Someone's laughing, Lord, Kum ba yah!  
Someone's laughing, Lord, Kum ba yah!  
Someone's laughing, Lord, Kum ba yah!  
O Lord, Kum ba yah

Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah!  
Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah!  
Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah!  
O Lord, Kum ba yah

Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah!  
Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah!  
Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah!  
O Lord, Kum ba yah

Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah!  
Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah!  
Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah!  
O Lord, Kum ba yah

Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah!  
Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah!  
Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah.  
O Lord, Kum ba yah

"Kum ba yah", traditional

## 10. My God is So Big

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
There's nothing my God cannot do. (Repeat)  
The mountains are His, the rivers are His  
The stars are His handiwork too.  
My God is so big, , so strong and so mighty  
There's nothing my God cannot do.

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty  
There's nothing my God cannot do. (Repeat)  
He made the trees. He made the seas.  
He made the elephants too.  
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty  
There's nothing my God cannot do.

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## 11. Oh, Be Careful Little Eyes

Oh be careful little eyes what you see  
Oh be careful little eyes what you see  
For the Father up above is looking down in love  
Oh be careful little eyes what you see

Oh be careful little ears what you hear  
Oh be careful little ears what you hear  
For the Father up above is looking down in love  
Oh be careful little ears what you hear

Oh be careful little hands what you do  
Oh be careful little hands what you do  
For the Father up above is looking down in love  
Oh be careful little hands what you do

Oh be careful little feet where you go  
Oh be careful little feet where you go  
For the Father up above is looking down in love  
Oh be careful little feet where you go

Oh be careful little heart whom you trust  
Oh be careful little heart whom you trust  
For the Father up above is looking down in love  
Oh be careful little feet where you go

Oh be careful little mind what you think  
Oh be careful little mind what you think  
For the Father up above is looking down in love  
Oh be careful little feet where you go

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## 12. One More Step

One more step along the world I go.  
One more step along the world I go.  
From the old things to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with You.

### *Chorus:*

And it's from the old, I travel to the new.  
Keep me travelling along with You.

Round the corner of the world I turn.  
More and more about the world I learn.  
All the new things that I see,  
You'll be looking at along with me. (*Chorus*)

As I travel through the bad and good,  
keep me travelling the way I should.  
Where I see no way to go,  
You'll be telling me the way, I know. (*Chorus*)

Give me courage when the world is rough.  
Keep me loving, though the world is tough.  
Leap and sing in all I do.  
Keep me travelling along with You. (*Chorus*)

You are older than the world can be;  
You are younger than the life in me:  
Ever old and ever new.  
Keep me travelling along with You. (*Chorus*)

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## 13. Only a Boy Named David

Only a boy named David, only a little sling,  
Only a boy named David, but he could pray and sing.  
Only a boy named David, only a rippling brook.  
Only a boy named David, but five little stones he took.  
And one little stone went in the sling, and the sling  
went round and round.  
And one little stone went in the sling, and the sling  
went round and round and round and round and  
round and round and round and round and round.  
And one little stone went up in the air,  
and the giant came tumbling down.

Only a boy named David, only a little sling,  
Only a boy named David, but he could pray and sing.  
Only a boy named David, only a rippling brook.  
Only a boy named David, but five little stones he took.  
And one little stone went in the sling, and the sling  
went round and round.

And one little stone went in the sling, and the sling  
went round and round and round and round and  
round and round and round and round and round.  
And one little prayer went up to God. And the giant  
came tumbling down.

"Only a Boy Named David", words and music by Arthur Smith Arnott, based on 1 Samuel  
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## 14. Pass It On

It only takes a spark,  
to get a fire going,  
And soon all those around,  
Can warm up to its glowing.  
That's how it is with God's love,  
Once you've experienced it,  
You spread His love  
to everyone,  
You want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring,  
When all the trees are budding,  
The birds begin to sing,  
The flowers start their blooming.  
That's how it is with God's love,  
Once you've experienced it,  
You want to sing,  
it's fresh like spring,  
You want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend,  
This happiness that I've found,  
You can depend on Him,  
It matters not where you're bound.  
I'll shout it from the mountain top,  
I want my world to know  
The Lord of love  
has come to me,  
I want to pass it on.

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## 15. Rise and Shine (Short Version)

God told Noah to built an arky, arky  
God told Noah to built an arky, arky  
Out of sticks and hickory barky, barky.  
Children of the Lord.  
So rise and shine and give God the glory, glory.  
Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory.  
Rise and Shine and, give God the glory, glory.  
Children of the Lord.



The animals, they came, they in two-zies, two-zies  
The animals, they came, they in two-zies, two-zies  
Elephants and kangaroo-zies, roo-zies.  
Children of the Lord.

So rise and shine and give God the glory, glory.  
Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory.  
Rise and Shine and, give God the glory, glory.  
Children of the Lord.

It rained and poured for forty day-zies, day-zies  
It rained and poured for forty day-zies, day-zies  
Nearly drove those animals crazy, crazy.  
Children of the Lord.

So rise and shine and give God the glory, glory.  
Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory.  
Rise and Shine and, give God the glory, glory.  
Children of the Lord.

A dove went out to take a peeky, peeky  
A dove went out to take a peeky, peeky  
Came back with a twig in her beaky, beaky.  
Children of the Lord.  
So rise and shine and give God the glory, glory.  
Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory.  
Rise and Shine and, give God the glory, glory.  
Children of the Lord.

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### **17. Rise and Shine (Arky, arky)**

Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory,  
Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory,  
Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory;  
Children of our God.

God said to Noah, "There's gonna be a floody,  
floody,"  
God said to Noah, "There's gonna be a floody,  
floody,  
Get those children out of the muddy, muddy,"  
Children of our God.

Noah, he built him, he built him an arky, arky.  
Noah, he built him, he built him an arky, arky.  
Made it out of gopher barky, barky.  
Children of our God.

All of the animals, they came in by twozies, twozies.  
All of the animals, they came in by twozies, twozies.  
Elephant and kangaroozies, roozies.  
Children of our God.

Rained and poured for forty dayzies, dayzies.  
Rained and poured for forty dayzies, dayzies.  
Nearly drove those animals crazies, crazies.  
Children of our God.

Dove went out to take a peeky, peeky.  
Dove went out to take a peeky, peeky.  
Dove came back with a twig in her beaky, beaky.  
Children of our God.

This is the end of, the end of our story, story.  
This is the end of, the end of our story, story.  
Ev'rything is hunky-dory, dory.  
Children of our God.

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### **18. Sandy Land**

Don't build your house on the sandy land  
Don't build it too near the shore  
Well it might look kind of nice  
But you'll have to build it twice  
Oh you'll have to build your house once more  
You better build your house upon a Rock  
Make a good foundation on a solid spot  
Oh the storms may come and go  
But the peace of God you will know

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### **19. Share the Light**

Share the light of Jesus.  
Share the light that shows the way.  
Share the Light of Jesus.  
Share God's Spirit today. Share God's Spirit today.

Share the word of Jesus.  
Share the word that shows the way.  
Share the word of Jesus.  
Share God's Spirit today. Share God's Spirit today.

Share the love of Jesus.  
Share the love that shows the way.  
Share the love of Jesus.  
Share God's Spirit today. Share God's Spirit today.

Share the smile of Jesus.  
Share the smile that shows the way.  
Share the smile of Jesus.  
Share God's Spirit today. Share God's Spirit today.

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## 20. The Butterfly Song

If I were a butterfly  
I'd thank You Lord for giving me wings  
If I were a robin in a tree  
I'd thank You Lord that I could sing  
If I were a fish in the sea  
I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee  
But I just thank You Father for making me me

### Chorus:

For You gave me a heart  
And You gave me a smile  
You gave me Jesus  
And You made me Your child  
And I just thank You Father  
For making me me

If I were an elephant  
I'd thank You Lord by raising my trunk  
If I were a kangaroo  
You know I'd hop right up to You  
If I were an octopus  
I'd thank You Lord for my fine looks  
But I just thank You Father for making me me  
(Chorus)

If I were a wiggly worm  
I'd thank You Lord that I could squirm  
And if I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear  
I'd thank You Lord for my fuzzy wuzzy hair  
If I were a crocodile  
I'd thank You Lord for my great smile  
But I just thank You Father for making me me  
(Chorus)

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## 21. The Wise Man and the Foolish Man

The wise man built his house upon the rock  
The wise man built his house upon the rock  
The wise man built his house upon the rock  
And the rains came tumbling down.

The rains came down and the floods came up  
The rains came down and the floods came up  
The rains came down and the floods came up  
And the house on the rock stood firm.

The foolish man built his house upon the sand  
The foolish man built his house upon the sand  
The foolish man built his house upon the sand  
And the rains came tumbling down.

The rains came down and the floods came up  
The rains came down and the floods came up  
The rains came down and the floods came up  
And the house on the sand went splat.

So build your life on the Lord, Jesus Christ  
So build your life on the Lord, Jesus Christ  
So build your life on the Lord, Jesus Christ  
And the blessings will rain down.

Blessings rain down as the prayers go up  
Blessings rain down as the prayers go up  
Blessings rain down as the prayers go up  
So build your life on the Lord.

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## 22. This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine ...

Don't let anyone blow it out; I'm gonna let it shine ...

All around the neighbourhood, I'm gonna let it shine  
...

See it spreading round the world; see all the faces  
shine.

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## 23. We Are the Church

### Refrain:

I am the church! You are the church!  
We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!  
Yes, we're the church together.

The church is not a building,  
the church is not a steeple,  
the church is not a resting place,  
the church is the people! (Refrain)

We're many kinds of people  
with many kinds of faces.  
all colours and all ages too,  
from all times and places. (Refrain)

And when the people gather  
there's singing and there's praying,  
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes  
all of it saying: (Refrain)

I count if I am ninety,  
Or nine or just a baby,  
There's one thing I am sure about  
And I don't mean maybe: *(Refrain)*

At Pentecost some people  
received the Holy Spirit,  
and told the Good News through the world  
to all who would hear it. *(Refrain)*

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## **24. You Got to Move When the Spirit Says Move**

You gotta move when the spirit says move.  
You gotta move when the spirit says move.  
'Cause when the Spirit says move, ya gotta move, oh yeah!  
You gotta move when the spirit says move.

You gotta clap when the spirit says clap.  
You gotta clap when the spirit says clap.  
'Cause when the Spirit says clap, ya gotta clap, oh yeah!  
You gotta clap when the spirit says clap.

You gotta pray when the spirit says pray.  
You gotta pray when the spirit says pray.  
'Cause when the Spirit says pray, ya gotta pray, oh yeah!  
You gotta pray when the spirit says pray.

You gotta praise when the spirit says praise  
You gotta praise when the spirit says praise  
'Cause when the Spirit says praise, ya gotta praise, oh yeah!  
You gotta praise when the spirit says praise.

You gotta laugh when the spirit says laugh.  
You gotta laugh when the spirit says laugh.  
'Cause when the Spirit says laugh, ya gotta laugh, oh yeah!  
You gotta laugh when the spirit says laugh.

"You Got to Move When the Spirit Says Move," Traditional American.  
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## **25. Zaccheus Was a Wee Little Man**

Zaccheus was a wee little man  
and a wee little man was he,  
He climbed up in a sycamore tree,  
The Lord He wanted to see.  
The Lord passed by and said,  
"Zaccheus, you come down from there,  
'cause I'm goin' to your house for tea,  
'cause I'm goin' to your house for tea."

*(Repeat once ending with:)*

"Yes, I'm goin' to your house for tea."

"Zaccheus Was a Wee Little Man,"  
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