

# *Zion Baptist Church* Teacher Training: Singing: Music with a Message

*Psalm 100:1-2* Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! <sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.

## **Introduction:**

Everybody sings! (And everybody can sing).

Children don't care as much about how good or bad you sing as you do. They just like to sing.

## **Why teach songs to children?**

1. God tells us to sing!
2. Music is a natural part of human life, especially children's lives.
3. Songs communicate God's truth in a way that is easy to remember.
4. Singing is a way to worship God.
5. Songs can help you (as a child or a grow-up!) express what is in you.

## **Ask yourself: Is this song...**

Scriptural, that is, true according to God's Word?

Sing-able, for you and the children?

Simple for the children to understand?

Related to the rest of the program?

Suitable in length for the age level?

Enjoyable enough to go into the week with the child?

## **How to teach a new song:**

1. Know the song yourself (melody and words)
2. Introduce it in a meaningful way (be enthusiastic and positive)
3. Sing or play the song for the children
4. Explain the words or concepts
5. Sing the song together at least two times

## **What types of songs are good to sing?**

Songs with the message of salvation

Action songs (but with good meaning)

Songs about God's Word

Songs related to a specific truth or teaching

Missionary songs

Hymns

Meaningful choruses

"praise and worship" songs