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### WHAT ARE DOORPOST SONGS?

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Great music for kids is tough to find.

If you're a leader in worship or children's ministry, you already know that to be true. You've heard it all. Some of it is super-hip, but hard for kids to sing. Some of it is mind-numbingly simple and shallow. Some it makes you want to surgically extract your eardrums.

That's why we created **Doorpost Songs**.

**Doorpost Songs** begin with scripture. Each song is based entirely on a passage of scripture, and we present as much of the passage word for word as we can. Just one listen will tell you that these songs are different from most of the kids music you've heard. They are written in kid's vocal ranges so that kids can sing them. They are created with high production value and a depth of musicality. Your kids are going to *love* them – and their parents will, too!

But it's not just the music that sets **Doorpost Songs** apart. From the very beginning we've wanted to create something more than just music. Our passion is to facilitate moments of worship and discipleship that cross generations both in the home and at church.

In the home this means equipping families to create times of worship together. This is a *massive* challenge for all families – including our own – but the size of the challenge only reminds us how high the stakes are, and how significant the impact can be.

Meeting the challenge begins by offering the right resources. We start with music that's fun, catchy and packed with truth from God's word, and then build **Family Worship Kits** around each album. These kits are created with busy family schedules in mind, and include a family worship guide, devotionals, and beautifully-designed memory verse cards.

**Family Worship Kits** can be purchased individually, or through our **Family Worship Subscription**, which gives a family access to *all* of our **Family Worship Resources** for a small annual fee.

We also have a heart for the church. We've served on church staffs. We know the challenges that ministry leaders face. So we've created a **Church Subscription** that allows churches to pay a small monthly fee and then *give*



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away our **Family Worship Resources** to their people at no charge. For just pennies per family, you can give each family in your church access to *all* our scripture songs and *all* our **Family Worship Kits**.

Completing this holistic vision are our affordable **Resource Packs** that can help churches engage with these great songs in a variety of venues.

Our **Music Packs** include chord charts, lead sheets, “melody only” lead sheets for kids, piano and string parts, instrumental tracks, ProPresenter files, and Creative Scripture Readings that can be utilized as part of a presentation.

Our **Lesson Plan Packs** include fun, flexible, age-appropriate lesson plans that can be used for children’s worship, children’s choir programs, Sunday School and more.

Our **Graphics/T-Shirt Packs** include graphic elements to help you create promotional material, plus an awesome custom t-shirt design that can be used for special services or events.

Our **Multitracks Packs** include all of the original, high quality audio stems to help you fill out your worship team, whether you’ve got a full band or just a couple musicians.

Our hope is to see churches using these **Doorpost Songs** in their children’s choirs and children’s worship venues and Sunday School rooms and then sending families home with great music and tools for creating moments of worship and discipleship at home.

It’s a *massive* challenge, but it’s one we’re called to meet. Thank you for teaming up with us to meet the challenge head on.

Your partners in ministry,

**Dave & Jess Ray**

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## A WORD FOR LEADERS

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If you're reading this, we know a couple things about you - and we like you already! You care about kids. You care about teaching them to worship. You care about creating disciples. *We love that about you!*

We also know that you've got a tough job. You have a tough time finding great music for children's worship. You spend time searching for lesson plans that have great content and will fit your ministry. And you're probably understaffed and overworked.

We know it's a tough job because we're doing it. We're in the trenches with you. And so our goal is for this **Lesson Plan Pack** to be a powerful tool in your arsenal.

This **Lesson Plan Pack** includes all the great music from the album *Doorpost Songs: Unto Us*. It's designed to be a set of five Advent Lesson Plans, four for the weeks of Advent and a fifth for a Christmas Eve service or event. Each song establishes a theme verse for a lesson, which is supported by a fun, interactive story from God's word:

Song	Theme Verse	Story
Week 1: Unto Us	Isaiah 9:6 - "For to us a child is born..."	Isaiah the Prophet
Week 2: Ends of the Earth	Micah 5:2 - "But you, Bethlehem, though you are small..."	Mary and Joseph
Week 3: In the Beginning	John 1:4-5 - "The light shines in the darkness..."	The Journey of the Magi
Week 4: Glory to God in the Highest	Luke 2:14 - "Glory to God in the highest..."	The Shepherds and the Angels
Christmas Eve: Gloria (Angels We Have Heard)	Philippians 2:10-11 - "At the name of Jesus, every knee will bow..."	The Reason for Christmas

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Each lesson plan includes a time of worship, an interactive Bible story, a time of prayer, a memory verse activity, and fun learning activities to help reinforce the theme of each lesson.

We also recognize that there is a big developmental difference between a preschooler, a second grader, and a fifth grader. To account for some of these differences while still giving you the flexibility you need, we've created two categories, **Younger Kids** and **Older Kids**. In our minds, **Younger Kids** are generally older preschool through first grade, and **Older Kids** are generally grades two through five, but we'll let you make the call for your kids.

We've used these two groups to create age-appropriate theme verses and activities, and occasionally when we feel a story concept is too big for younger minds, we've marked it "For Older Kids Only."

We've also included **Presentation Graphics** (included individually and in PowerPoint® presentations) that you can use to display lyrics and augment the Bible story, either on a TV or projector or by printing them out.

These lesson plans are designed to be completely flexible, so feel free to mix and match the sections as needed to fit your scenario, whether it's children's choir, children's worship, Sunday School, or a Backyard Bible Club.

Whatever your venue, we want to encourage you to begin your time with worship, whether it's five minutes or twenty minutes. As you lead the children in worship, use *worship* language, not *music* language. For instance, we're not going to "sing some songs," we're going to "worship together." Remind them that God's presence is with you and that we're singing to him. Model worship for them as you worship alongside them. They need to see your example!

We're super-excited that you're all-in on creating moments of worship and discipleship for your kids. And we're in your corner! We want to help you however you can. It's hard work, but don't grow weary. Remember that your labor is not in vain (1 Cor. 15:58). God's on your side! And we'll be cheering you on the whole time!

Your ministry cheering section,

**Kasey Fagan, Lisa Keeling & Dave Ray**

## **DOORPOST SONGS: THIS IS LOVE**

Lesson Plan Pack



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Take the included MP3s and transfer them either to your computer audio player (iTunes®, QuickTime®, Windows Media Player®, etc.) or a playable audio CD.

Lyrics are included in PowerPoint® and ProPresenter® formats.

Bible story slides are included as individual files in JPG format and as PowerPoint® presentations.

## **CONTACT US**

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We would love to hear from you! Please feel free to contact us at [info@daveandjessray.com](mailto:info@daveandjessray.com) if you have any questions or issues or just want to drop us a note of encouragement.