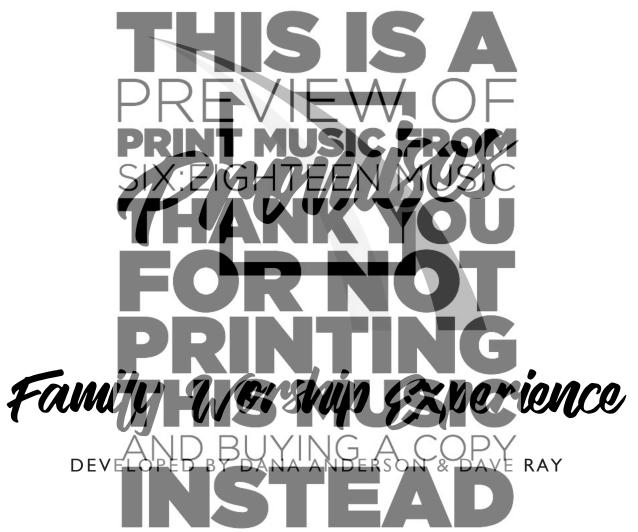
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PREPARE

People:

- Host
- Greeters (consider using kids or having families fill this role together)
- Worship Leader
- 6 child narrators
- 8 child actors: 2 news anchors (one boy, one girl), a reporter (preferably a boy, but could also be a girl, substituting "Judy" for "Judah"), and 5 kid "truth reports"

Supplies:

- Computer graphics slides and videos
 - o Countdown video
 - Verse slides 2 Corinthians 1-20, Deuteronomy 31-8
 - o Close appicture of a spider EN MUSIC
 - o Video of a coaster ride
- Game supplies (based on game choice, refer to Leader Guide)
- "News desk" and 2 chairs (consider placing mics on short stands in front of the "news anchors")
- 2 mics on stands (for Scripture readers and reporter)
- Sheets of paper for "Lift Your Head" activity, enough for each person in attendance (1/4 of an 8.5" x 11" sheet at the smallest; they should be large enough to crumple into a good-sized ball)
- Pens or pencils, enough for each person in attendance (these might be in your pews or seats, if not use cheap "golf-style" pencils)

Before the Event:

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- Download the slides and videos and place them in your presentation software (i.e., ProPresenter, Media Shout).
- Place 2 mics on stands near the worship leader for Scripture readers. (One of these mics can be used for the reporter.)
- Gather game supplies and place them in a basket to the side of stage
- Place blank sheets of paper and pens/pencils underneath the end of each row for the "Lift Your Head" activity. (Or, if available, in the backs of pews.)
- Place "news desk," chairs, and news anchor mics on one side of the stage if space allows. If not, place them off stage with stagehands ready to bring them on at the right time.

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PRE-SERVICE

As parents and kids are walking in, have the environment ready for them. Ensure greeters are in place, and play upbeat, familiar music.

- Play worship music as families enter
- On screens: video or slide of the event or ministry title

1 minute before start time:

- 1-minute countdown video
- Band, worship team, and children get into place

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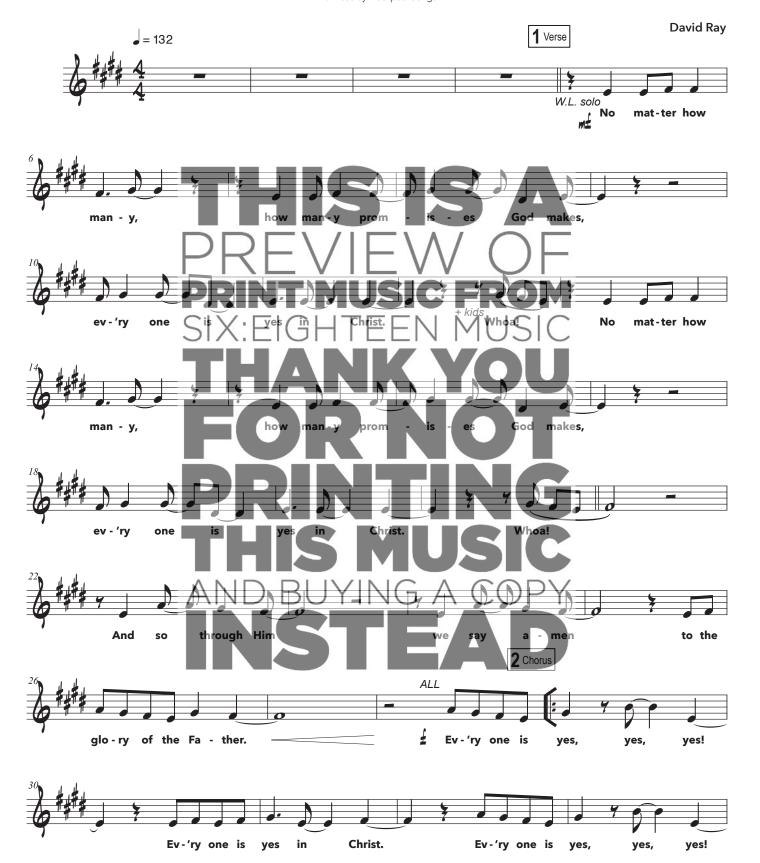
HOST: Welcome! We are so glad you're here to join us in worshipping together. This is a night for families. It's a night to sing, dance, laugh and worship our God. We are so excited you are here. We're going to have some fun playing games, we're going to connect with each other, and best of all we're going to remember God's promises and praise Him together. Welcome to our Family Worship Night!

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Promises



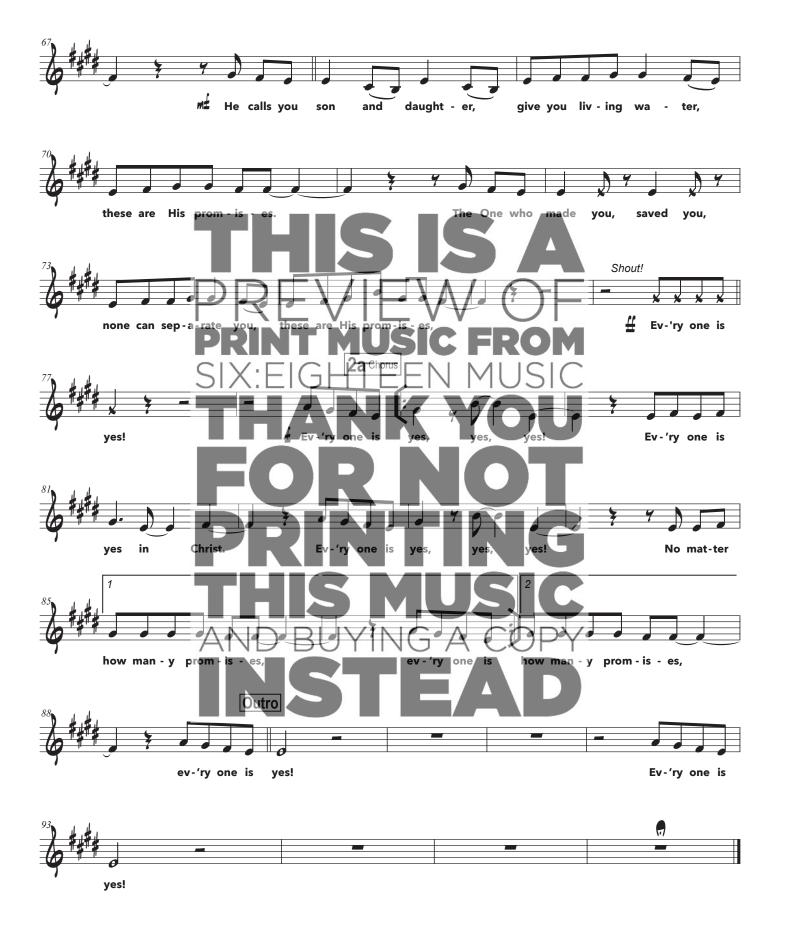
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As song ends and HOST begins to speak, NARRATORS get in place in front of mics in two lines. NARRATORS 1, 3, and 5 should be in one line, and NARRATORS 2, 4, and 6 in the other.

HOST: This night is amazing for so many reasons. One reason is we are here with so many incredible parents and families! (lead applause and cheers)

Our God is amazing! He loves us so much and provided His Word for us to know Him better. We just sang it: His promises are forever. And He keeps every one. His Word reminds us that all His promises are answered *YES*! Kids, parents, let's all say this verse together.

[Verse Slide - 2 Corinthians 1:20]
For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes' in Christ.

NARRATOR 1: It's so cool to know that God will always keep His word! He has made so many promises – like these...

NARRATOR 2: Romans 8:39 says that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God!

NARRATOR 3: Isaiah 19:20 reminds us that God protects and defends us!

NARRATOR 4: John 1:12 tells us that those believe in His name are sons and daughters of God!

NARRATOR 5: In Romans 8:33, God promises that He is on Dix side. And if God is for us, then who can be against us?

NARRATOR 6: God wants us to know Him! When we remember His promises, we can remember how much He loves us! He will always keep His promises.

[REMEMBER (1000 GENERATIONS)]

Remember (1000 Generations)



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HOST: You know, the great part about worshipping with kids is that we get to have fun together! And we're going to have a little fun with this next song. We need a few volunteers to help us out!

(Pick 4 kids and ask them to bring a parent onstage with them. You might also use 3 kid/parent duos and give the last "volunteer" slot to a well-known member of your church staff – who is also a good sport!)

HOST: We're going to do something we like to call a Hand Motion Mad Lib. Our friends here are going to help us come up with the hand motions for this next song, but they won't know our mystery verse until after they create the motions. Let's meet our volunteers!

(Ask each person to say their name, perhaps even having the kid introduce the parent. Repeat the names into the mic so evenyone can hear)

HOST: Alright guys, now I want you to remember this: all these people out here (motion to the congregation) have to do whatever hand motions you come up with! (To the crowd) Why don't you guys stand up, and let's get started.

[Volunteer #1], I need you to come up with a hand motion for someone who is very stealthy.

(When the volunteer comes up with a motion, repeat it and have everyone in the congregation do it together.)

[Volunteer #2], I want you to point to you self in a super fun and creative way.

(Again, repeat the hand motion with the congregation.)

[Volunteer #3], you've seen something that disgusts you and you just want to get it away!

(Repeat the hand motion with the congregation.)

And [Volunteer #4], show us your happy dance!

(Repeat the hand motion with the congregation.)

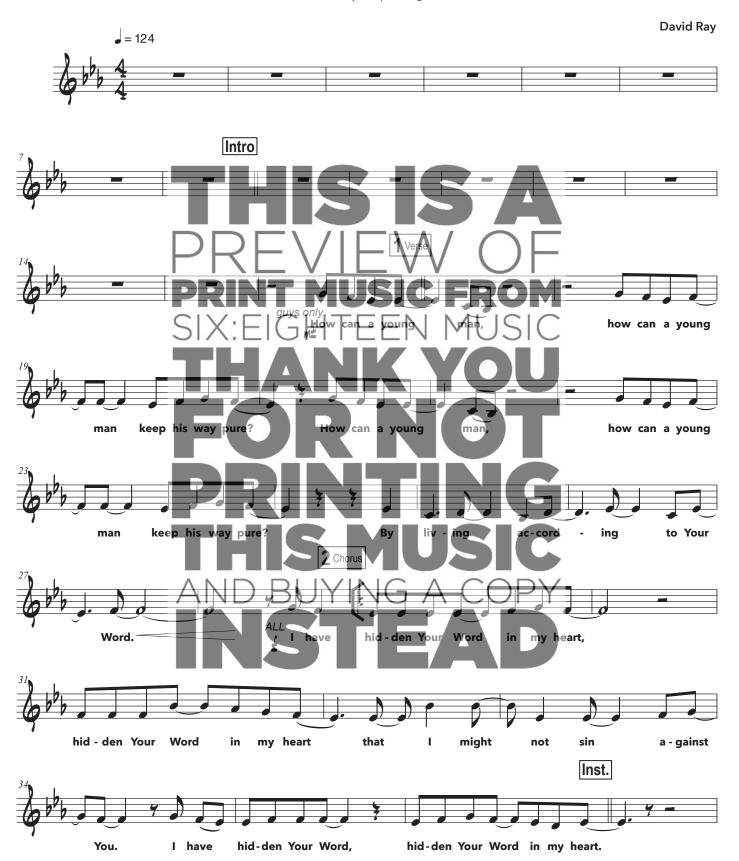
Okay, are you ready to hear our mystery verse? Here goes: I have HIDDEN (do motion #1) your Word in my HEART (do motion #2) that I might not SIN (do motion #3) against you. Everyone got it? (Repeat the verse and motions.) What's that? We're missing one? You're right! We're going to do our happy dance during every dance break! (Do Volunteer #4's happy dance in the instrumental section after each chorus of the song.) Are you guys ready?! Here we go!

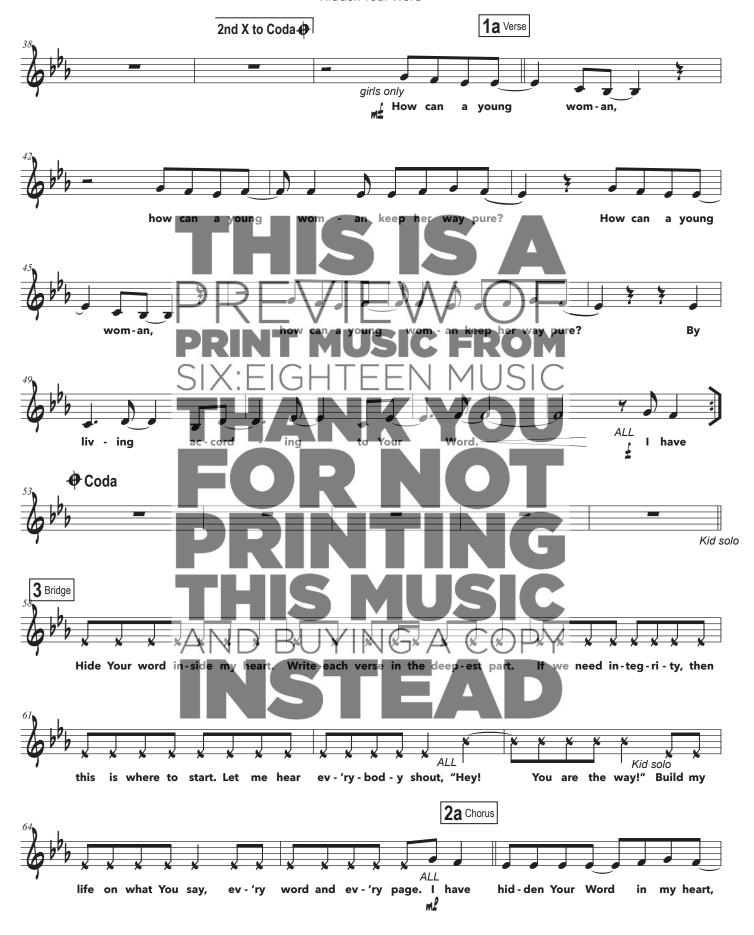
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Hidden Your Word 3



As volunteers go back to the congregation and HOST begins to speak, CAST get into place, NEWS ANCHORS behind desk and REPORTER on the opposite side stage with KIDS in a semi-circle around him or her.

HOST: That was awesome! Thank you! Help me thank our volunteers as they head back to their seats? (*Lead in applause, then seat the congregation.*)

NEWS ANCHOR 1: Hello and welcome to the Good News Evening News. I'm Eugene Tootight...

NEWS ANCHOR 2: ... and I'm Shirley Youcantbeserious. We are here to bring you, our viewers, the Good News you've been looking for.

NEWS ANCHOR!: Let's check in with our reporter, Judah Mann, who is live on location in our community.

NEWS ANCHOR 2: Judah, have you found any good news to share with our viewers this evening?

REPORTER: Yes, I have, as a matter of fact. This group of young people claims to have very good news for us from a highly reliable source.

NEWS ANCHOR I: We are all ears.

NEWS ANCHOR 2: Let's hear this good news!

(Each time a KID speaks, the reporter should place his or her mic in front of the KID)

REPORTER (approaching KID 1): Thank you for being with us today. Can you tell me about this Good News you have to share with us?

KID 1: Yes! We have news from the Bible that can only be defined as good.

REPORTER: And is this news reliable?

KID 2: The Bible is God's Word. And because no word from God has ever failed, we know that everything in the Bible is TRUE!

REPORTER: You heard it here, folks. This news comes from a reliable and true source, the Bible. Now on to the good news...

KID 3: The Bible says in Romans that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" and that "the wages of sin is death."

REPORTER: (quickly draw back the mic) Well, that is NOT good news. That is the OPPOSITE of good news!

KID 4: But WAIT! There IS good news. The Bible tells us that even though our sin payment is death, "the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus."

KID 5: Yes! Romans 5:8 says that God showed His love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

REPORTER: (cautiously optimistic) This is shaping up to sound like better news...

KID 1: It sure is! You see, John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world, that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should have eternal life."

KID 2: God loves us so much that He figured out a way to take our sin away so we can live with Him!

REPORTER: This is not only good news - this is GREAT NEWS!

KID 3: That's right. And this good news can be ANY ONE's new if only they believe.

KID 4: Romans 10:13 says that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be sayed"!

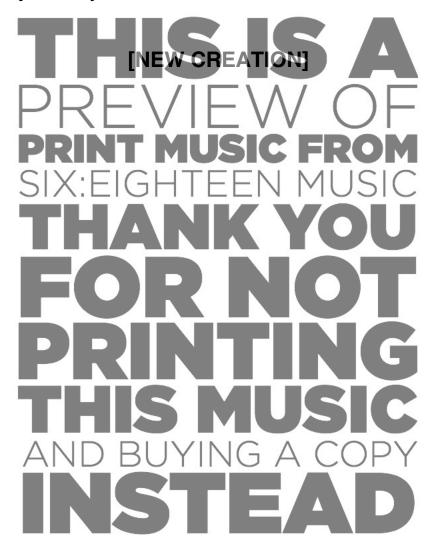
KID 5: And 2 Corinthians says that anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

REPORTER: I think this news is the BEST news we will ever hear! Thank you friends! Now, back to you in the studio.

NEWS ANCHOR 1: Wow! Shirley, I don't think it could get any better than that!

NEWS ANCHOR 2: I think this Good News broadcast has now become the BEST News broadcast!

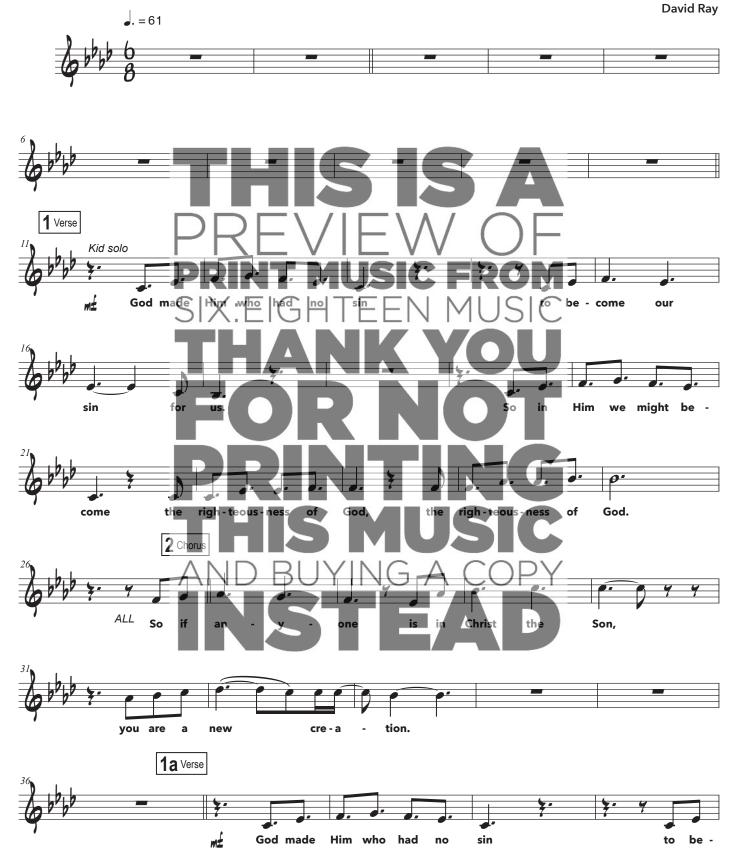
During intro and first verse of "New Creation," CAST returns to choir and stagehands move "news desk" if necessary.



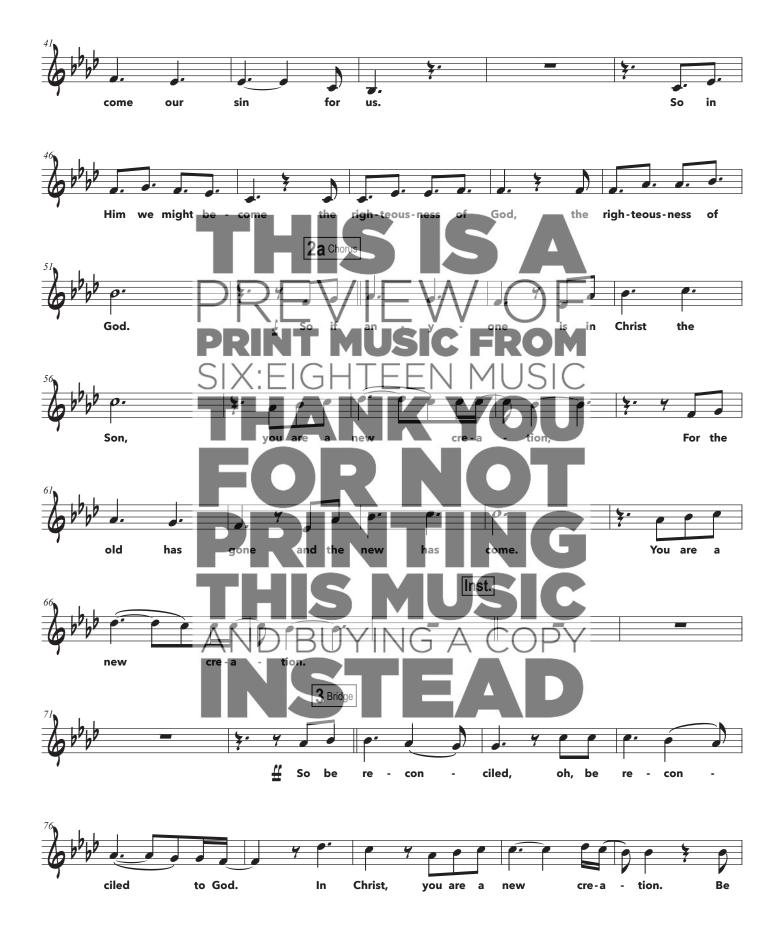
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[FAMILY GAME]

Pick a game from the options in the Leader Guide or use another of your favorites.

[OPTIONAL WORSHIP SECTION]

WORSHIP LEADER: Stand with me and join us in worship.

Pick one or two worship songs that are familiar to your group and easy for kids to sing. Use lyric videos with instrumental tracks or a live band.

Suggestions: How Great is Our God, Good Good Father, Glorious Day, Reckless Love, Great Are You Lord, No Longer Slaves

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Invite your pastor to share for five minutes or so about what it means to follow Christ as a family.

HOST: Aren't you thankful for a pastor that teaches us the Word of God?! (lead in applause)

Those of you on the ends of each row, please look under your chair. There should be a stack of blank paper and pencils. Please take one and pass down your row so each person has one of each. [Or, if papers and pens/pencils are in the backs of chairs or pews, let people know where to look.]

As you are doing that, I want to remind you that God's promises are sprinkled throughout His Word. Like this one:

[Verse Slide - Deuteronomy 31:8]

The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you or forsake you. Do not be afraid.

HOST: Yes! Even when we are afraid, God promises to be with us; to never leave us; to carry us! What an amazing promise! That is so comforting to me when I am afraid – which is more often than I like to admit!

Like when I see a spider! I am super afraid of spiders! (slide or video of spider appears on screen, host pretends not to notice) What's that? There's something behind me? On the screen? (host turns to face the screen and reacts) AHHHH!

Or when I ride a roller coaster. (video of a roller coaster drop) Oh no oh no!

Or I'm in the dark! (turn lights out for 3 seconds) REALLY????

Even more importantly, sometimes I'm afraid of being alone, or providing for my family, or making the right choice in a tough situation. Is there something that *you* are afraid of?

On the piece of paper you just received, I want you to write something you are afraid of. Anything. Something big, something small. No one ekse will see, just you.

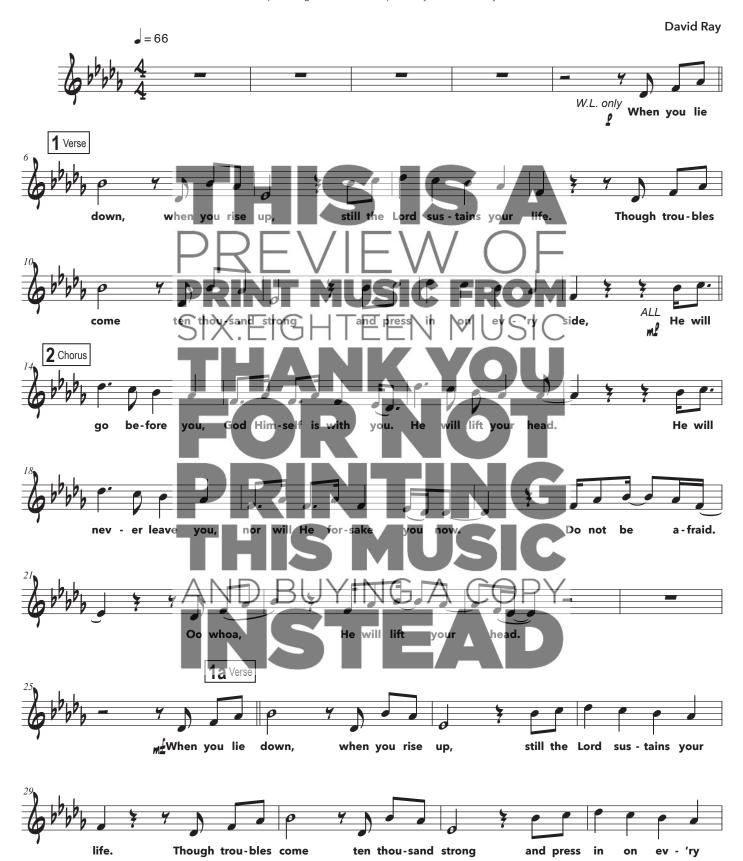
Once you are finished, stand up, hold your paper and join us in singing this promise. No matter what you face, God is there to lift your head.



Lift Your Head



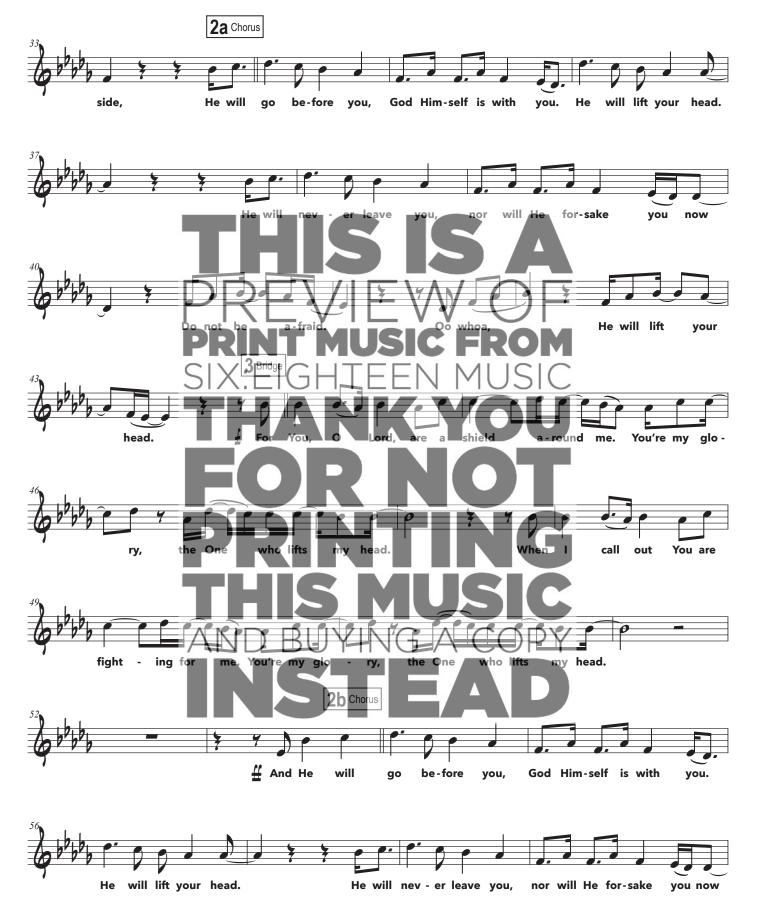
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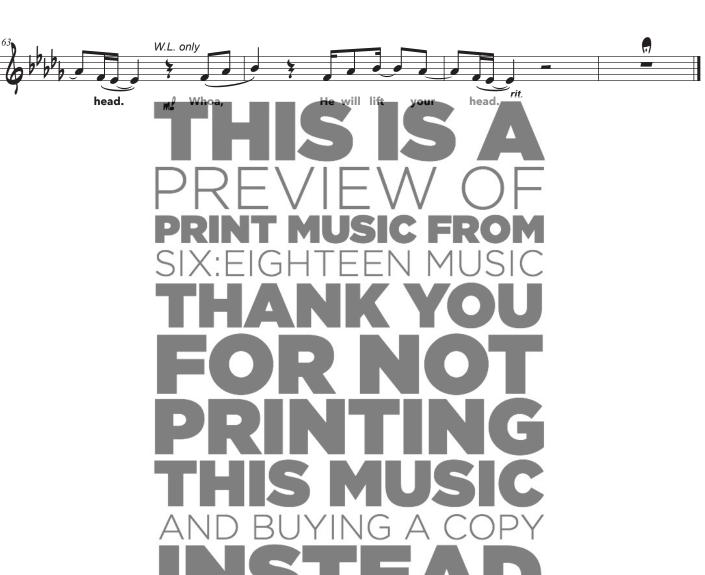
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WORSHIP LEADER: What an amazing promise! God is a shield around us, the one who lifts our heads. And that means we don't have to be afraid. We're going to show our fear that God is in charge. Everyone, take your piece of paper and crumple it into a ball. (give them time to do it) Now THROW it at someone!

(let a "crumpled paper snowball fight" continue for a few moments)

HOST: Thank you for joining us tonight as we worship together. Let's pray together.

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving us. Thank you for loving these kids and parents and families. Thank you for your Word. Thank you for your promises, and that every one is true. Help us to remember your promises and how much you love us as we leave this place. In your Son's name we pray, Amen!

Let's say thank you to these kids again. Didn't they do an incredible job leading us in worship? (lead applause) Now let's celebrate the goodness of our God one last time!

[GOODNESS AND MERCY]

After Goodness and Mercy, worship leader gives final dismissal and any necessary instructions for child pickup.

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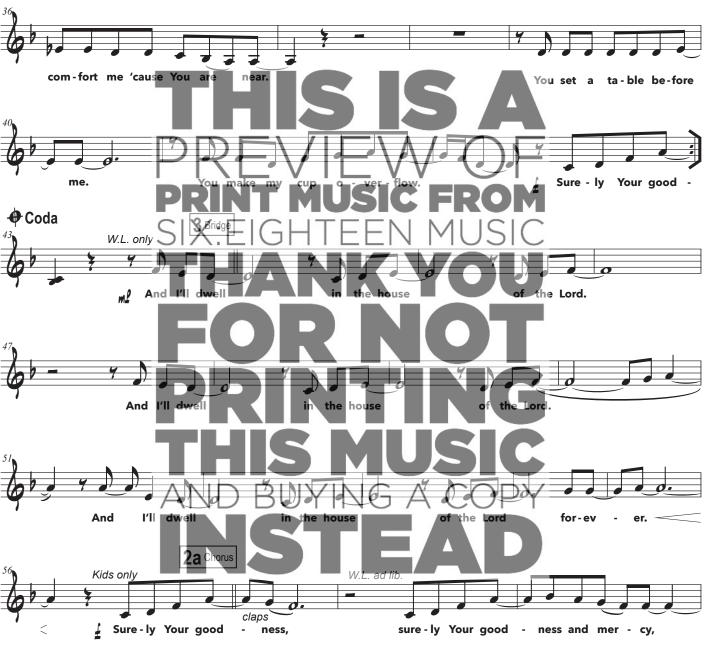
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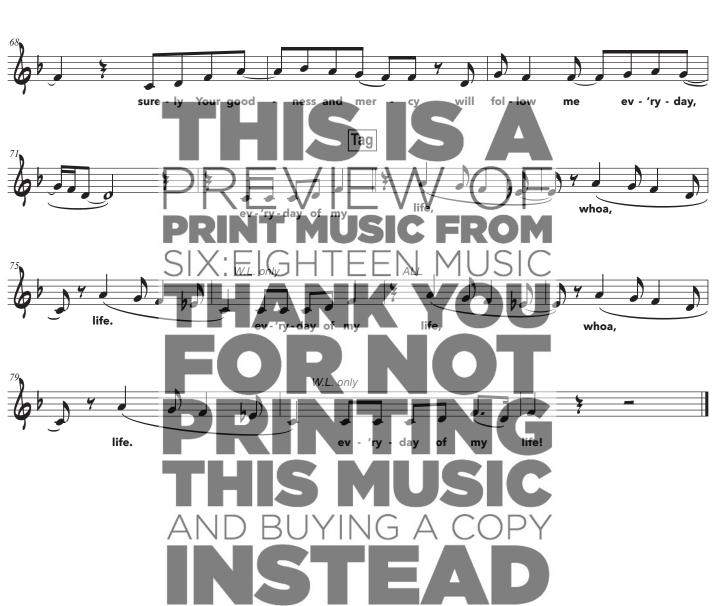












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