

I KNOW
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INTRODUCTION

I Know He Lives is a music and spoken word presentation dedicated to Jesus Christ. His mortal life was devoted to blessing others. He calmed the seas for the frightened fishermen. He answered the pleas of the sick. He laid down his life for all mankind. But death was not the end of his work and his glory. You and I need him today just as the people of his day needed him. I Know He Lives shows how Jesus lives to bless me with his love. He lives to plead for me above. He lives to silence all my fears. He lives to wipe away my tears. He lives my mansion to prepare. He lives to bring me safely there.

TO YOUTH LEADERS

This presentation is designed to allow the youth of your ward or stake to strengthen their testimonies through sharing their testimonies by song and spoken word. Prayerful consideration of which youth should take the role of speaking, sharing their testimony, or singing can greatly bless their lives and add a strong Spirit to the presentation, benefiting all involved.

This presentation is divided up into young men (YM) and young women (YW) readers, youth who share their testimonies, and musical numbers for youth choir as well as soloists.

YM and YW Readers

It is recommended that the young men and women memorize their parts so they can look into the audience as they speak.

Testimonies

Youth assigned to share their testimonies ought to focus their brief remarks to the recommended subject.

Musical Numbers

The more youth who can participate in the youth choir, the better. There is strength in numbers. If you have youth who are confident enough to sing solo parts, utilize their talent and willingness to do so. Some youth will need a little encouragement to accept the invitation. Explain that if they are prayerful and sing to bless and not impress, they will touch lives. Solos can also be adapted into duets and trios.

NEEDED MATERIALS

- * I Know He Lives Fireside/Performance CD and/or I Know He Lives Songbook
- * Sufficient sheet music or lyric sheets for participants

TECHNICAL RECOMENDATIONS

A sound system with 1-3 microphones, speakers, and a CD player is needed if the Fireside/Performance disc is used.

If you are in a setting where you have control over lighting, dimming the congregation lights is recommended (until you reach I Know That My Redeemer Lives in the program, where the congregation will need to read and sing along in the hymn book). This presentation can be done with one podium microphone, but two or three microphones will be more accommodating in coordinating singing/speaking parts.

YM READER #1: The Spirit of God is moving across the Earth, lifting lives, enlightening minds, and leading the pure in heart.

A young girl was lead to peace by the Spirit of God. Her life, along with her brothers and sisters', was torn because their abusive father. One of her sisters sought comfort through a boyfriend. Another through drugs.

But this young girl new that these "other sources" would "cease to make them whole," and that there was only one place where she could turn to find true and lasting peace...

TESTIMONY #1: Share testimony of Christ' love and peace to help through trials.

YW READER #1: The love we feel within us from Christ will begin to overflow– so much that we will want to share that love with others. One of the best ways to show

THE SPIRIT OF GOD [Track #10, Fireside/Performance disc]

[START *Where Can I Turn For Peace?* MUSIC]

Where Can I Turn for Peace?
[Track #2 or #3,
Fireside/Performance disc]
[female soloist]

our appreciation for what Jesus has done for us is to serve others. Such is the story of a man who encounters a poor wayfaring man of grief...

YW READER #1: Matthew
25:40

YM READER #2: One of the many titles given to Christ is the name, "Wonderful." Isaiah referred to Christ using the name "Wonderful" over seven hundred years before Christ was born. Perhaps it is more of an exclamation of the joy he felt when he foresaw that Christ would be "wounded for our transgressions" and "bruised for our iniquities."

To know "that he would descend from his throne divine to rescue a soul so rebellious and proud as mine...is wonderful. Wonderful to me."

A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief [Track #4,
Fireside/Performance disc]
[male soloist]

[START *I Stand All Amazed*
Music]

I Stand All Amazed [Track
#5 or #6,
Fireside/Performance disc]
[female or male soloist &
female choir members (or
minus track with b/g vocals)]

TESTIMONY #2: Share testimony of Christ' redeeming power from sin. *Note:* be cautious not to go into detail about past transgressions.

YM READER #3: As the Spirit of God brings us closer and closer to Christ, it teaches us more and more of divine truth. The Spirit begins to teach us about our family – our spiritual family. The Spirit teaches us that we have a Father in Heaven. And that all of us are brothers and sisters.

When Jesus spoke with Mary after he had risen from the dead, he said "I ascend unto my Father, and you Father; and to my God, and your God." (John 20:17)

YM READER #3: [once the lyrics are sung and the song begins to fade] Paul taught "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ..." (Romans 8:16-17).

YW READER #2: Our Father won't leave his children without help and in the dark. Many have wondered about

[START *I Am a Child of God* MUSIC].

I Am A Child of God [Track #7 or #8, Fireside/Performance disc] [female soloist, duet or trio]

the purpose of life and why he has sent us here to live this life. Some have philosophized different answers. But the real reason for living can be found if we simply ask our Father.

YM READER #4: A young boy named Joseph Smith had many questions about life and religion and was confused like many of us are at times in our lives. We would attend one church which would say one thing, and visit another that would say something completely contradictory.

YW READER #2: But one day he read how to find the answers he was looking for. He was reading in the Bible, James chapter 1, verse 5 which reads, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

YM READER #4: When Joseph read those words, the Spirit moved upon him and urged him to turn to our Father for answers. This is what happened.

[START Oh, How Lovely Was the Morning MUSIC]

Oh, How Lovely was the Morning [Track #9, Fireside/Performance disc]
[male solo]

READERS

YM READER #4: In answer to Joseph's prayer, Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ appeared and called Joseph to be a prophet in these last days, just like Moses was a prophet in ancient times. Joseph was called upon to do many difficult things for the Kingdom of God. He taught the truth, just like prophets of old. He was persecuted, just like prophets of old. And in the end, he died a martyr, just like many prophets of old.

TESTIMONIES

TESTIMONY#3: Share your testimony of Joseph Smith

YW READER #3: Every person will face difficulty in life. Every person at one time or another will feel like they have fallen into the wildest ocean because of trials of some kind or another. Maybe our family situations aren't ideal. Or our financial goals seem to be shattered. Perhaps the death of a loved one has cast us into a stormy sea of despair. But the waves and winds still know the voice of the Master, who said, "Peace, be still."

YW READER #4: Our Master, Jesus Christ, has given us the duty to bear one another burdens – physical burdens, emotional burdens, mental burdens, and spiritual burdens. We can be his instrument to calm another person's raging ocean.

MUSICAL NUMBERS

Be Still, My Soul

[male group or mixed group
a cappella]

READERS

TESTIMONIES

MUSICAL NUMBERS

We will love one another. We will comfort the weary. We will strengthen the weak.

YM READER #5: [To be read during the musical interlude after the Young Women have sung *As Sisters In Zion & The Young Women Theme Melody* but before the Young Men sing *We'll Bring the World His Truth*]. We have been held in reserve for 6000 years to make our appearance in these final days before the Second Coming of the Lord. There has never been more expected of the faithful in such a short period of time as there is of us. Never before on the face of this earth have the forces of evil and the forces of good been as well organized. President Ezra Taft Benson has said, "Make no mistake about it, you are a marked generation."

YW READER #5: Life's challenges and lessons are all designed to lead us one place – to Christ. He is the answer. He is where we turn for true

[START *EFY Medley: As Sisters In Zion & We'll Bring the World His Truth* MUSIC.]

EFY Medley: As Sisters In Zion & We'll Bring the World His Truth
[Track #1,
Fireside/Performance disc]
[youth choir]

READERS

peace. He is our wonderful Savior from death and sin. He answer our prayers. He calms the storms of our life.

TESTIMONIES

[TESTIMONIES 4-10 (or however many testimonies you decide to have for this segment) are designed to make a short statement showing how each youth knows that Jesus Christ lives, i.e. "I know that my Redeemer lives because he has answered my prayers" or "I know that my Redeemer lives because I have been forgiven", etc.)

TESTIMONY #4: I know that my Redeemer lives because

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TESTIMONY #5: I know that my Redeemer lives because

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TESTIMONY #6: I know that my Redeemer lives because

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TESTIMONY #7: I know that my Redeemer lives because

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TESTIMONY #8: I know that my Redeemer lives because

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TESTIMONY #9: I know that my Redeemer lives because

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TESTIMONY #10: I know that my Redeemer lives because

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

[START *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* MUSIC when there are four testimonies left to be given]

I Know That My Redeemer Lives [Track #11 or #12, Fireside/Performance disc] [female solo; have youth choir and/or congregation join in on the 4th verse]