

WALK WITH ME

a musical devotional

YOUTH LEADER INSTRUCTIONS & MATERIALS PACKET

INTRODUCTION

Walk With Me is a music and spoken word presentation dedicated to Jesus Christ and His loving invitation to follow Him. In a world filled with noise and distraction, the Savior offers peace, strength, and clear direction. Through scriptures, counsel from *For the Strength of Youth: A Guide for Making Choices*, sacred music, and personal testimonies, this fireside inspires youth to build their lives on the sure foundation of the Savior, reach out in loving service to others, and walk in covenant path.

TO YOUTH LEADERS

This presentation is designed to allow the youth of your ward or stake to strengthen their testimonies by sharing them through 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.

YM & YW Readers

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

Testimonies

Youth assigned to share their testimonies should focus their brief remarks on the assigned gospel topic or one-sentence Redeemer testimony statement.

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. Some youth will need a little encouragement; remind them that if they sing prayerfully **to bless** and not impress, they will touch lives regardless of talent level. Solo arrangements can also be adapted into duets or trios, etc.

RESOURCES & TECHNICAL GUIDANCE

Needed Materials

- Walk with Me Fireside Script & Sheet Music
- Accompaniment Tracks mp3s (if live accompanist is not used)
- Sufficient sheet music or lyric sheets for choir and soloists
- All materials are available for purchase at michaelrhicks.com
- Questions: email mike@michaelrhicks.com

Personnel Required

- 7 Young Men Readers
- 7 Young Women Readers
- 10-15 Youth Testimonies
- 5 soloists
- **all** youth are invited to be part of the choir
- Music Director(s) & Accompanist(s) and/or audio engineer

Technical Recommendations

- Live Musicians: The chapel internal system with 2–3 microphones should be sufficient for soloists and speakers.
- Track Accompaniment: If using recorded tracks, a separate auxiliary sound system is recommended so vocalists do not conflict with the music track on chapel audio lines.
- Choir Numbers: Numbers such as 'The Spirit of God' and 'EFY Medley' do not typically require microphones for the choir.

SPEAKING & SINGING ASSIGNMENTS

SPEAKING PARTS	TESTIMONIES	SOLOISTS & MUSICAL PARTS
YM READER #1	TESTIMONY #1 (Gospel Guidance)	The Spirit of God (Choir)
YM READER #2	TESTIMONY #2 (Atonement & Grace)	I Believe in Christ (Female or Male Solo/Ensemble)
YM READER #3	TESTIMONY #3 (Restoration)	I Stand All Amazed (Female Solo & Choir)
YM READER #4	TESTIMONY #4 (Service)	Oh, How Lovely Was the Morning (Male Solo)
YM READER #5	TESTIMONY #5 (Redeemer Statement)	A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief (Male Solo)
YM READER #6	TESTIMONY #6 (Redeemer Statement)	EFY Medley (Choir)
YW READER #1	TESTIMONY #7 (Redeemer Statement)	I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Female Solo/Choir)
YW READER #2	TESTIMONY #8 (Redeemer Statement)	—
YW READER #3	TESTIMONY #9 (Redeemer Statement)	—
YW READER #4	TESTIMONY #10 (Redeemer Statement)	—
YW READER #5	TESTIMONY #11 (Redeemer Statement)	—
YW READER #6	TESTIMONY #12 (Redeemer Statement)	—
—	TESTIMONY #13 (Redeemer Statement)	—
—	TESTIMONY #14 (Redeemer Statement)	—
—	TESTIMONY #15 (Redeemer Statement)	—

SUGGESTED REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

This *suggested* schedule utilizes 7 weeks of mid-week rehearsals and Sunday 'refreshers' for Young Women, and 5 weeks for Young Men. Adapt this suggested schedule to meet your local needs.

MID-WEEK REHEARSALS (MID-WEEKS)	SUNDAY REFRESHERS
Mid-week #1: YW: I Believe in Christ (Choir & Soloist rehearsal)	Sunday #1: YW Review: I Believe in Christ
Mid-week #2: YW: I Stand All Amazed, I Believe in Christ (Choir & Soloists)	Sunday #2: YW Review: I Stand All Amazed
Mid-week #3: YW: I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Choir & Soloist)	Sunday #3: YW Review: I Know That My Redeemer Lives YM: The Spirit of God
Mid-week #4: YM/YW: EFY Medley, The Spirit of God (Full Youth Choir) Rehearse Soloists: A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief, Oh, How Lovely Was the Morning	Sunday #4: YW Review: EFY Medley YM: EFY Medley
Mid-week #5: Speaking & Script Memorization, Testimony Activities (See Script Rehearsal Activities below)	Sunday #5: YW/YM Review: The Spirit of God & I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Mid-week #6: 1st Full Run-Through!	Sunday #6: Full Review: Problem areas / transitions
Mid-week #7: 2nd Full Run-Through / Dress Rehearsal! Final invitations to ward and community.	Sunday #7: THE DAY OF FIRESIDE! Meet for pre-fireside setup. Be in seats 15 min prior.

SCRIPT REHEARSAL ACTIVITIES

To prepare for this activity, have two leaders prepared to present and instruct the youth in their respective roles. In advance, ask soloists to prepare a testimony about the message of their assigned song.

READERS ACTIVITY (Leader #1) • Instruction: Share John 14:26 ('...the Holy Ghost... shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance...'). Explain that prayer will invite the Spirit to aid their memory and delivery. • Activity: Divide readers into pairs. Have them memorize line by line—memorize two sentences, recite to partner, memorize the next two, and repeat cumulative recitation until fluent.	TESTIMONIES & SOLOISTS (Leader #2) • Group A (Redeemer Testimonies #4–10): Guide youth to narrow their testimony to ONE specific sentence: 'I know that my Redeemer lives because [specific reason, e.g., He gives me peace when I am afraid].' • Group B (Topic Testimonies #1–3): Have youth write one focused paragraph on their respective topic (choosing to follow Christ, repentance, restoration, service.) • Soloists: Practice solos with accompanist/accompaniment mp3s in a separate room after sharing testimony thoughts.
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“I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!”