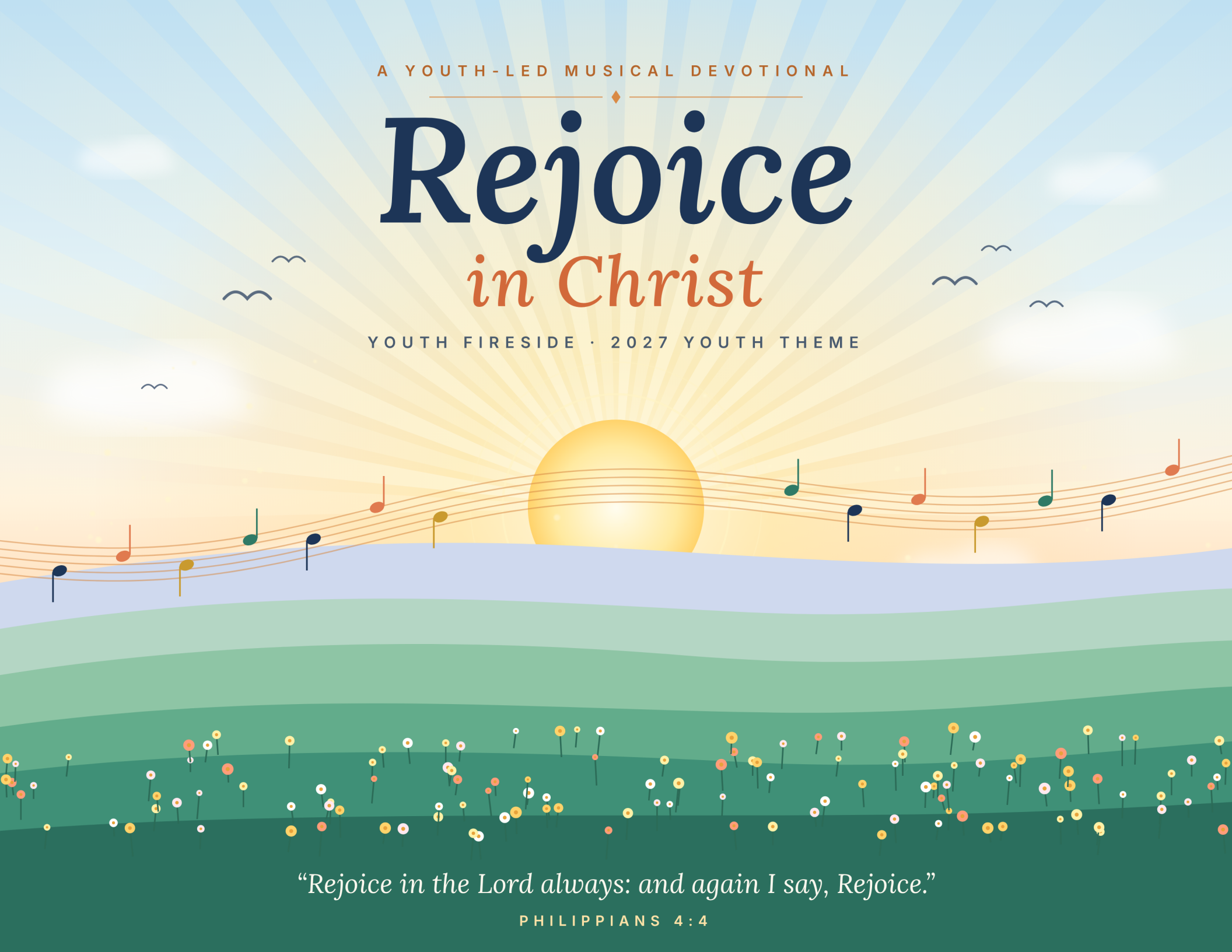
A YOUTH-LED MUSICAL DEVOTIONAL

Rejoice in Christ

YOUTH FIRESIDE · 2027 YOUTH THEME



"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice."

PHILIPPIANS 4:4

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A Youth-Led Christ-Centered Musical Devotional Script | 2027 LDS Youth Theme (Philippians 4:4)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW & GUIDANCE

This youth-led devotional centers on the 2027 Youth Theme: "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). In alignment with Church youth music guidance, spoken-word narratives incorporate scripture, teachings from Latter-day prophets and apostles, and principles from For the Strength of Youth: A Guide for Making Choices. Thoughts directly and seamlessly flow into sacred hymn arrangements, followed by brief personal youth testimonies.

NARRATORS & SPOKEN WORD	TESTIMONIES	MUSICAL NUMBERS
		1. I Believe in Christ [Female or Male Soloist]
YM NARRATOR #1: Welcome to our youth fireside. Tonight, we gather around a theme exclaimed from the heart of the Apostle Paul: "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). **YW NARRATOR #1:** In *For the Strength of Youth: A Guide for Making Choices*, we are taught that Jesus Christ *is* the strength of youth. True joy isn't found in perfect circumstances or worldly excitement—it is found in a living relationship with our Redeemer.		
YM NARRATOR #2: President Russell M. Nelson taught: "The joy we feel has little to do with the circumstances of our lives and everything to do with the focus of our lives. When the focus of our lives is on God's plan of salvation... and Jesus Christ and His gospel, we can feel joy regardless of what is happening—or not happening—in our lives." **YW NARRATOR #2:** When we fall short or make mistakes, the Savior's Atonement makes continuous growth possible. Repentance is not a punishing penalty—it is the joyful, gift of turning back toward Christ, feeling His grace, and standing amazed at His loving mercy.		
		(after 'the Savior's Atonement makes continuous growth possible', START *I Stand All Amazed*)

		2. I Stand All Amazed [Female or Male Soloist with Youth Choir]
	TESTIMONY #1: Share a brief testimony about experiencing the joy and peace that come through Jesus Christ and His infinite Atonement.	
YW NARRATOR #3: Rejoicing in Christ does not mean we will never face sorrow. In mortality, we encounter deep trials, illness, disappointment, and the painful loss of loved ones. But even in our darkest moments, we do not walk alone. **YM NARRATOR #3:** Elder Jeffrey R. Holland testified that through the Savior's resurrection, "every tear will be wiped away, every broken heart mended." Because Jesus Christ conquered death, our farewells are only temporary. God's divine love sustains us until we meet again.		
		(after 'every broken heart mended', START *God Be With You Til We Meet Again)* **3. God Be With You Til We Meet Again** [Female or Male Soloist]
	TESTIMONY #2: Share a brief testimony of finding hope and divine comfort in Christ during difficult trials or losing a loved one.	
YM NARRATOR #4: To draw closer to our Savior, Heavenly Father has provided holy places: His sacred temples. In the house of the Lord, we make sacred covenants that anchor us to Christ and lift us above the noise of the world. **YW NARRATOR #4:** *For the Strength of Youth* reminds us: "Focusing on the Savior and your covenants will bring you lasting joy." As we participate in temple ordinances, our hearts are elevated, and we draw ever nearer to God.		
		(after 'will bring you lasting joy', START *Nearer My God to Thee*)

		4. Nearer My God to Thee [Female soloist - alto]
	TESTIMONY #3: Share a brief testimony of how attending the temple and keeping covenants draws you nearer to God.	
YW NARRATOR #5: The restoration of the gospel brought back temple blessings to the earth, filling the world with divine light. President Nelson has urged youth to help gather Israel on both sides of the veil through temple and family history work. **YM NARRATOR #5:** When we enter the house of the Lord, the Holy Ghost testifies of Jesus Christ, filling our souls with celestial joy. The Spirit of God is indeed burning and guiding us forward in these latter days.		
		(after 'the Holy Ghost testifies of Jesus Christ', START *The Spirit of God*) **5. The Spirit of God** [Youth Choir]
	TESTIMONY #4: Share a brief testimony of the joy of doing temple & family history work and feeling the Holy Spirit.	
YM NARRATOR #6: As covenant youth, our joy in Christ is meant to be shared. We are called to stand as lights in a dark world, uniting as brothers and sisters to invite all to come unto Him. **YW NARRATOR #6:** When young women and young men stand together in faith—as sisters in Zion and youth of the Lord's army—we bring the truth of the gospel to a world that desperately needs His light.		
		(after 'youth of the Lord's army', START the *EFY/FSY Medley*)

		6. EFY/FSY Medley: As Sisters in Zion & We'll Bring the World His Truth [Youth Choir]
	TESTIMONY #5: Share a brief testimony of standing strong as a disciple of Christ and sharing His light with peers.	
YW NARRATOR #7: Our fireside concludes tonight where true discipleship begins: with a personal witness of Jesus Christ. Rejoicing in Christ is not a single event; it is a daily way of living centered on our living Lord. **YM NARRATOR #7:** We know that our Redeemer lives. He loves us, leads us, and offers us eternal joy. As we hear personal testimonies from our youth – both spoken and sung, let our hearts rejoice in Him.		
	TESTIMONY STATEMENTS (Youth #6–#15): (Each youth steps to the microphone to share a one-sentence personal witness of why they rejoice in Christ) • Youth #6: "I rejoice in Christ because..." • Youth #7: "I rejoice in Christ because..." • Youth #8: "I rejoice in Christ because..." • Youth #9: "I rejoice in Christ because..." (Continue through Youth #15. Optional additional testimonies.)	
		(When 4 testimonies remain, START *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*.) **7. I Know That My Redeemer Lives** [Soloist(s) for initial 3 verses; Youth Choir & Congregation join on 4th verse]