



Unit 4.3 Christianity, music and worship: what can we learn?

Links to Prior knowledge:
Unit 3.1

Key Knowledge

- To gain knowledge of Christmas carols, Christian hymns, the Hallelujah chorus, and contemporary worship music, including Christian songs for children.
- Describe beliefs and practice about worship with music in Christianity.
- Show they understand how and why Christians use music to express beliefs about God and devotion to God.

Key Skill

- To compare Christian music with music that they find spiritually interesting or inspiring.
- Listening, discussion and self-expression skills, including music appreciation.

Music and songs help people to express their feelings such as thankfulness, joy, sadness or peace.

Singing is also a great method for remembering God's Word. Asked to recite the alphabet, most people remember it to the tune which accompanied it in their childhood. There is no denying that music is a powerful tool for memorisation, which is why we often find it easier to memorise entire songs than even small passages of scripture.



Traditional Hymns:

- Amazing Grace – BBC Songs of Praise
- All Things Bright and Beautiful – BBC Songs of Praise



Christmas Carols:

- Away in a Manger – BBC Songs of Praise
- Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (Cornish Christmas) – BBC Songs of Praise



Modern Church Music:

- Hosanna – Hillsong Worship
- Sparrows (Live) – Cory Asbury



Easter Songs:

- Happy Day – Tim Hughes
- Crown Him With Many Crowns – BBC Songs of Praise



Acoustic Worship:

- The Blessing (Living Room Session) – Elevation Worship
- God So Loved – We The Kingdom (Home Worship)



Children's Christian Worship Songs:

- Every Step – Nick & Becky Drake
- Every Move I Make – Hillsong Kids



Rhythmic Worship Music:

- Siyahamba – Angel City Chorale
- Hakuna Mungu – Watoto Children Choir

Examples of
Christian Music

Key Vocabulary

Religion	A belief in God or gods and the activities that are associated with this belief.
Christian	Believes in Jesus Christ and God.
spiritual	Exploring our sense of identity, belonging and purpose.
worship	showing great honour and respect. It's a way to connect with something you believe is powerful or holy.
devotion	To feel loyal and loving toward someone or something
belief	Trust, faith or confidence in (someone or something)
self-expression	Expressing one's thoughts or feelings.
hymn	A song of praise often sung by Christians in church.

Key Questions

- Can you explain why music and songs are important to Christians?
- Which was your preferred music and why?
- Why do you think there are so many different sorts of music and song?
- What music do you like to listen to?
- How does this piece (music) make you feel?

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