



EXODUS FOR KIDS

Have you ever wondered why Christians gather every Sunday and sing songs about God? Today we are going to read from Exodus 15 where we find the people of Israel doing the same thing after God rescued them from Pharaoh through the Red Sea.

But before we look at Exodus 15, I have a question for you guys. Have you ever been really, really excited about something? What made you excited, and how did you show your excitement?

There are lots of moments in life to get excited about when you're a kid. Like when your mom or dad tells you to invite a friend over to play, or to come to the table for ice cream! Here is the truth these examples reveal; when great things happen to us, we respond with excitement and gratefulness. We jump up and down and say, "Thank you, thank you, thank you!"



To answer to our question about why Christians gather and sing songs about God, it is because they are so excited and grateful about who God is and what God has done for them!

This is exactly what happened in Exodus chapter 15. God had just saved Israel from Pharaoh and his army by parting the Red Sea. And in light of what God had done for them, here is what they did in response:

**THEN MOSES AND THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL SANG THIS SONG TO THE LORD, SAYING, "I WILL SING TO THE LORD, FOR HE HAS TRIUMPHED GLORIOUSLY; THE HORSE AND HIS RIDER HE HAS THROWN INTO THE SEA. THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH AND MY SONG, AND HE HAS BECOME MY SALVATION; THIS IS MY GOD, AND I WILL PRAISE HIM, MY FATHER'S GOD, AND I WILL EXALT HIM.
(EXODUS 15:1-3)**

In response to God saving them, Israel sang a new song to God about how great He was. For the same reasons, Christians gather and sing together to show God how excited and thankful they are for what He has done for them in Christ!

Now here is another question for you, if worship is a response to God's greatness, then should we mumble quietly so no one hears us, or should we lift our voices with passion and volume so God and others can hear?

Of course we should sing with passion, because it is the Lord we are singing to! So the next time you have an opportunity to sing the Lord, whether you are in the car or in the church building, sing with all your heart and all your might. After all, you're singing to the Lord, and because He gave us His best, that makes us sing our best.

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