

# Andrew Chinn

## 7-05 Thank You God!

### Music for the early childhood classroom



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How does music move the heart, engage us in our faith, guide us in prayer and create bonds from one to another?

#### Why is singing so important for early childhood?

- Numeracy and literacy (learning to read via hymns)
- Increase vocabulary - the role of song in ancient culture
- Mountain tops? - when we don't get the words right - Australian anthem
- Lifts mood
- Rhythm and co-ordination
- Develops team work, brings us together
- The "wallpaper of their life" even before they're born!
- Church document mentions their "special affinity for music"
- Music changes your brain - endorphins and oxytocins - and you don't even have to be a good singer! Hoping you'll feel better at the end of the workshop

#### How does music move the heart?

Sydney Olympics 2000:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rU3fy1lx9Zo>

Do you have a song that brings you to tears, of joy or laughter? Open My Eyes and Come Ring Out Our Joy

- **Precious Child**  
A reflection on why we're here and who we're here for
- **I Light A Candle** - for teachers
- **May God Be In My Heart**  
For passing our faith on from one generation to the next - tears in Motueka
- **These Hands** - the story behind the song and why I've never tired of singing it.

#### How does music engage us in our faith?

Name that tune- songs of our faith:  
Music gives us memories and helps us to remember.

- God Loves Me: **I Have Called You By Name**
- Mary said yes to God - **We Walk With Mary**
- God Made The World - **God Made Them All**

Music can paint the colours

- **Bless Our King** (picture book)
- **Garden of Gethsemane**

Teaching scripture

- **Gotta Sing Gotta Pray** (Gotta Move)
- **Come and Follow Me** - DVD

## How does music guide us in prayer?

YouTube: Australian Liturgy 2015:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bAYBLE3CwvI>

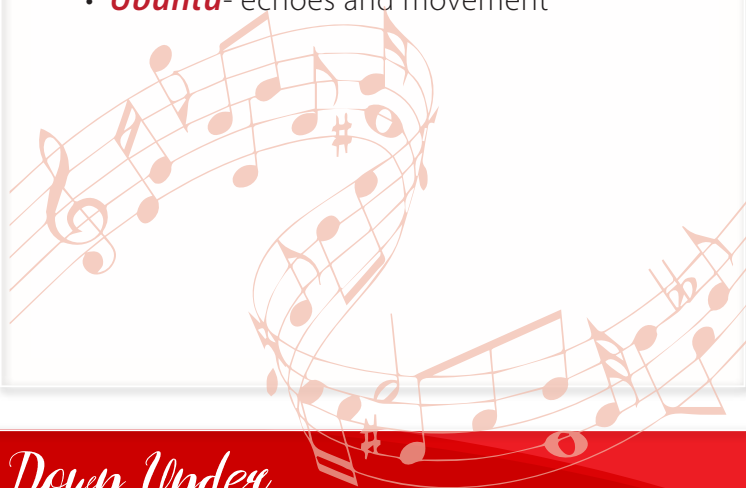
### The role of music in ancient cultures

- Formal prayer: using music to guide and teach formal prayers.
- Sign of the Cross- Grace Before Meals
- **Maranatha** - mantra and call & answer prayer
- Thank You God! Joyful prayer!
- Grandchildren... Bede ... (which means prayer)
- **I Love... And God Loves Me!**  
How do children know the love of our God?
- Together We Pray -  
~ Listen  
~ Sing  
~ Proclaim!

## How does music bring us together?

YouTube: Celtic Liturgy 2010:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FL0sUJ-NOjU>

- **Together As One** - principles of liturgy with young children
- St Augustine - singing twice and thrice
- Hearts, voices and bodies - so important for young children
- **Ubuntu**- echoes and movement



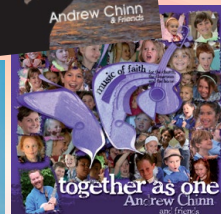
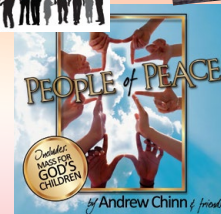
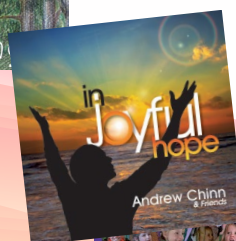
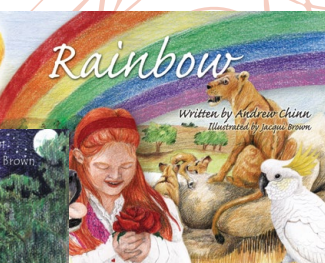
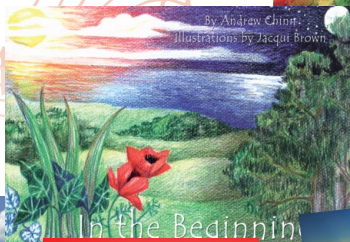
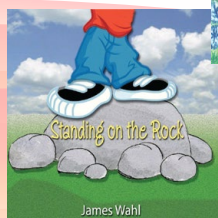
## Farewell and Blessings ... from Down Under

It is always an honour (Aussie spelling!) to be with you. May God bless you all in all that you do!

- **An Australian Blessing**
- **Walking Out The Door**

## Andrew is part of the WLP Family!

Andrew will be in the WLP Booth after today's workshop and over the weekend. Come and say g'day! **BOOTH 500**



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