



Who Sang the First Song?

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REMEMBER

“Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.”—Psalm 98:1 NIV

READ

Read Psalm 100. Do you like to shout for joy or giggle or laugh? Do you like to sing? Well, God made the whole earth and each one of us to sing the song of His beautiful love for us. God’s song says that we are wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14), and that He will NEVER stop loving us (Psalm 100:5). God knows that it is good for our hearts to be thankful and to sing a song of thanks and praise to Him. It’s easy to be thankful to God; He has done marvelous things!

THINK

1. Who do *you* think sang the first song?
2. Psalm 98 says that God made a world of wonders! Can you name five of God’s wondrous creations that you love? Do you love animals? Flowers? The moon? The stars?
3. God says that *you* are wonderfully made too (Psalm 139:14), and that He will never stop loving you (Psalm 100:5)! Can you say a prayer to thank God for the wonders He has made and for the incredible way He loves you?
4. God made the earth and each one of us to sing the song of His love for us. How can we sing with our voices *and* our lives? Can you think of three ways to create beauty and share God’s gifts with the people around us?

A NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR:

The majority of *Who Sang the First Song?* loosely follows the creation story in Genesis by asking questions, which feels very appropriate for children, since they are always full of questions! Parents can start by letting their kids take their own guesses at who sang the first song. Was it the sun? The moon? The stars? The waves? As I was writing the book, it was so fun to hear my kids take their own guesses at this question. My four-year-old’s first answer was Dolly Parton!

I hope this book will spark conversations between adults and children not only about *Who* made the earth, but *how* and *why* the earth was created. All of us want to know why we are here. We’re all looking for purpose and direction for our lives, and I hope this book will be a conversation starter about what we were created for. These conversations could explore how we can sing not only with our voices but also with our lives. I am so grateful that we were created in the image of a *very* creative God, and I love the idea that adults and children can imagine ways to create beauty and love with the gifts we’ve been given.