

Song Motions for Worship Songs for Children

Come to the Table

Track 1

*Use motions for each bolded word. Each time the word **come** is sung, gesture “come” with one hand. Each time the word **table** is sung, start with your hands next to each other, palms down, then separate hands as if rubbing a tabletop. Motions for other words are included below.*

Refrain

Come to the **table**,

come take your **seat**. (*Squat as if sitting on a chair.*)

Come and **eat** (*pretend to spoon food into your mouth*) with **me**. (*Point to yourself.*)

There is more than enough to **share**, (*palms up, extend arms out in front*)

yes, God’s **love** is everywhere. (*Cross arms over chest while spinning around.*)

Come to the **table**,

come and **eat**. (*Pretend to spoon food into your mouth.*)

Verse 1

At God’s **table**,

there is a banquet **feast**. (*Pretend to spoon food into your mouth.*)

At God’s **table**,

a place of **honor** (*reach overhead with both hands*) for the **least**. (*Crouch down.*)

The **hungry** (*stand up and rub belly*) all are **fed**, (*pretend to spoon food into your mouth*)

and it’s more than **fish** (*put hands palms together and move them like a fish*) and bread.

Come to God’s **table**,

come and **eat**. (*Pretend to spoon food into your mouth.*)

Verse 2

At God’s **table**,

we **wash** each other’s feet. (*Crouch down and rub feet.*)

At God’s **table**,

we are **welcome**. (*Extend both arms out to the side.*)

The thirsty **drink** their fill, (*pretend to drink*)

and there’s Living Water still. (*Move hand to make “waves.”*)

Come to God’s **table**,

come and **eat**. (*Pretend to spoon food into your mouth.*)

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God's Love Is for Everybody

Track 2

God's **love** (*cross arms over chest*)

is for **everybody**, (*extend arms out to the side*)

ev'ryone **around** the world, (*spin around*)

me (*point to self*) and **you** (*point to another person*)

and **all** God's children (*extend arms out to the side*)

from **across** the street (*jump forward*)

to **around** the world, (*spin around*)

across the street (*jump forward*)

to **around** the world. (*Spin around.*)

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Spread God's Love Around

Track 3

The lyrics already cue children to do a variety of motions (clap, twist back and forth, jump, dance). Add other suggested motions if desired.

When I **clap** my hands, **clap clap** for Jesus,
I spread God's love around (**clap, clap, clap**).
If I'm **following** Jesus (*march in place*) when I **clap** my hands,
gonna spread God's **love around**. (*Cross arms over chest and spin around.*)

When I **sing** my song, la-di-da for Jesus, (*cup hands around mouth*)
I spread God's love around (*la-di-da*).
If I'm **following** Jesus (*march in place*) when I **sing** my song, (*cup hands around mouth*)
gonna spread God's **love around**. (*Cross arms over chest and spin around.*)

When I **twist back and forth, back and forth** for Jesus,
I spread God's love around (**twisty-twist**).
If I'm **following** Jesus (*march in place*) when I **twist back and forth**,
gonna spread God's **love around**. (*Cross arms over chest and spin around.*)

When I **jump, jump, jump, jump, jump** for Jesus,
I spread God's love around (**jump-jump**).
If I'm **following** Jesus (*march in place*) when I **jump, jump, jump**,
gonna spread God's **love around**. (*Cross arms over chest and spin around.*)

When I **d-d-d-d-dance, d-d-dance** for Jesus,
I spread God's love around (**d-d-d-dance**).
If I'm **following** Jesus (*march in place*) when I **d-d-d-dance**,
gonna spread God's **love around**. (*Cross arms over chest and spin around.*)

When I **serve** my brother, (*extend both hands, palms up*) I'm serving Jesus,
and I spread God's love around (*word*).
If I'm **following** Jesus (*march in place*) when I **serve** my brother, (*extend both hands, palms up*)
gonna spread God's love around. (*Cross arms over chest and spin around.*)

When I **love** my sister, (*use fingers to make a heart shape*) I'm loving Jesus,
and I spread God's love around (*woooo*).
If I'm **following** Jesus (*march in place*) when I **love** my sister, (*use fingers to make a heart shape*)
gonna spread God's **love around**. (*Cross arms over chest and spin around.*)

When I **live my life, my life** for Jesus, (*begin with both hands over heart and then raise hands in praise*)
and I spread God's love around (*oh, yeah*).
If I'm **following** Jesus (*march in place*) when I **live my life**, (*begin with both hands over heart and then raise hands in praise*)
I'm gonna spread God's **love around**, (*cross arms over chest and spin around*)
gonna spread God's **love around**, (*spin around*)
gonna spread God's **love around**. (*Spin around.*)

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Hip, Hip, Hooray Track 4

In the beginning God made the sea (*move hands to make “waves”*)
and the forest filled with trees. (*Hold hand upright so that forearm is the “trunk” and the spread fingers are “branches.”*)
God made the mountains up so high. (*Make a triangle mountain shape by touching fingertips overhead.*)
On the very top God placed the sky. (*Wave both arms overhead.*)

God’s fingerprints are everywhere, (*wiggle fingers*)
just to show how much God cares. (*Give yourself a hug.*)
But in between, God had loads of fun; (*jump and raise hands overhead*)
God made a hippo who weighs a ton. (*Put hands on hips and lean side to side.*)

Hip hip hip hippopotamus, (*lean side to side with hands on hips*)
hip hip hooray, God made all of us. (*Wave arms overhead.*)
Hip hip hip hippopotamus, (*lean side to side with hands on hips*)
hip hip hooray, God made all of us. (*Wave arms overhead.*)

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Love the Lord Your God

Track 5

Love (*cross arms over chest*) the Lord your God (*point up*)
with all your heart (*make heart shape with hands*)
and with all your soul (*place both hands on heart*)
and with all your mind. (*Point to your temple.*)

Love (*cross arms over chest*) the Lord your God (*point up*)
with all your heart (*make heart shape with hands*)
and with all your soul (*place both hands on heart*)
and with all your mind. (*Point to your temple.*)

This is the first and greatest commandment (*hold up one finger*)
and the second is like it: (*hold up two fingers*)
Oh, love (*cross arms over chest*) your neighbor (*point to a friend*)
as you love (*cross arms over chest*) yourself. (*Point to yourself.*)

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Circle Song

Track 6

*(Hold hands and walk in a circle throughout the song.
Stop walking on the last line and do the suggested motions.)*

Come and join the circle,
come and take my hand.

Come and join the circle,
come and be my friend.

Come and join and see
what the world can be.

Come and join the circle,
come and share God's word (*hold your hands like an open book*) with me. (*Point to yourself.*)

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Be My Light, Lord

Track 7

Use American Sign Language for the bold words in the song. Watch the “Be My Light, Lord” ASL Demonstration video at www.ShineCurriculum.com/Extras or on the Shine Curriculum YouTube channel. Alternatively, use a site such as www.signingsavvy.com to learn the signs as needed.

Verse 1

Be my **light**, Lord, be my **guide**.

Show me your **way** and lead me every **day**, Lord.

Be my **light**, Lord. Be my **light**.

Verse 2: Be my **peace**, Lord, be my **guide**...

Verse 3: Be my **strength** (*show muscles*), Lord, be my **guide**...

Verse 4: Be my **joy**, Lord, be my **guide**...

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Jesus, Be the Center

Track 8

(Use American Sign Language for “Jesus” each time. Touch middle finger of your right hand to your left palm. Then switch and touch the middle finger of your left hand to your right palm. Use the additional motions as desired.)

Verse 1

Jesus, be the center. *(Place both hands over heart.)*

Be my source, be my light, Jesus. *(Open and close hands to convey light.)*

Verse 2

Jesus, be the center. *(Place both hands over heart.)*

Be my hope, be my song, Jesus. *(Raise both arms while looking up.)*

Verse 3

Jesus, be my vision. *(Point to eyes.)*

Be my path, be my guide, Jesus. *(Extend hands straight out, palms down, to show a path.)*

Refrain (after 2 & 3)

Be the fire in my heart. *(Start with hands in prayer position, then lift and separate to make a “fire.”)*

Be the wind in these sails. *(Move hands side to side to mimic wind.)*

Be the reason that I live, *(cross arms over chest)*

Jesus, Jesus.

Verse 4

Jesus, be the center. *(Place both hands over heart.)*

Be my source, be my light, Jesus. *(Open and close hands to convey light.)*

Be my source, be my light, Jesus. Jesus. Jesus. *(Open and close hands to convey light.)*

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Bring Your Peace

Track 9

Use a site such as www.signingsavvy.com to learn the sign for “peace.” Use it every time the word “peace” is sung. Use additional signs as given for the bold words.

Bring your peace when I am **lost**. (*Hold both hands in front of your face, blocking your vision.*)

When I’m **lost**, Lord, bring your peace. (*Continue covering face.*)

Bring your peace when I’m **alone**. (*Turn to face away from the group.*)

When I’m **alone**, Lord, bring your peace. (*Continue to face away from the group.*)

Make us instruments to **sing** your peace, (*turn back to face the group and pretend to conduct singing*)
and give us **love** for each other. (*Cross arms over chest and then extend them forward.*)

Into a world that longs to **hear**, (*cup hand around ear*)

send us, Lord, to bring your peace. (*Extend both arms straight forward, palms up.*)

Bring your peace when we’re **afraid**. (*Show a scared expression.*)

When we’re **afraid**, Lord, bring your peace. (*Continuing showing a scared expression.*)

Bring your peace into the **storm**. (*Move arms back and forth to show wind.*)

Into the **storm**, Lord, bring your peace. (*Continue moving arms.*)

Make us instruments to **sing** your peace, (*pretend to conduct singing*)
and give us **love** for each other. (*Cross arms over chest and then extend them forward.*)

Into a world that longs to **hear**, (*cup hand around ear*)

send us, Lord, to bring your peace. (*Extend both arms straight forward, palms up.*)

Send us, Lord, to bring your peace. (*Extend both arms straight forward, palms up.*)

Send us, Lord, to bring your peace. (*Extend both arms straight forward, palms up.*)

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What Does the Lord Require?

Track 10

Part 1 (*Sing twice.*)

What does the Lord require of you? (*Reach both arms overhead, then bring hands to chest.*)

What does the Lord require of you? (*Reach both arms overhead, then bring hands to chest.*)

Part 2 (*Sing twice.*)

Justice, (*cross fist at the wrist, then separate arms to show freedom*)

kindness, (*cross arms over chest*)

walk humbly with your God. (*Walk in place, slowly raising arms overhead.*)

Part 3 (*Sing twice.*)

To seek justice (*cross fist at the wrist, then separate arms to show freedom*)

and love kindness (*cross arms over chest*)

and walk humbly with your God. (*Walk in place, slowly raising arms overhead.*)

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Som'landela (We Will Follow)

Track 11

When seated: Use your hands to pat alternating legs to mimic “walking.” Pat a steady rhythm or pat on every syllable. If desired, divide the group in half. Half the group pats the steady rhythm while the other half pats on every syllable.

When standing: Use an alternating “stomp-clap” rhythm. This could be done in a steady rhythm or on every syllable as in the seated option.

Zulu

Som'landela, som'landel'u Jesu.

Som'landela yonke indawo.

Som'landela, som'landel'u Jesu.

Lapho Eyakhona som'landela.

Zulu pronunciation:

Sohm-lahn-deh-lah, Sohmlahn-dehl oo-Jeh-soo.

Sohm-lahn-deh-lah, yohn-keh een-dah-woh.

Sohm-lahn-deh-lah, Sohmlahn-dehl oo-Jeh-soo.

Lah-poh Eh-yah-koh-nah sohm-lan-deh-lah.

English

We will follow, we will follow Jesus.

We will follow, ev'rywhere he goes.

We will follow, we will follow Jesus.

Ev'rywhere he goes, we will follow.

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Longing for Light

Track 12

Verse 1

Longing for light, (*place both hands on chest*) we wait in darkness. (*Cover face with both hands.*)

Longing for truth, (*place both hands on chest*) we turn to you. (*Turn to the right.*)

Make us your own, your holy people, (*extend arms out to the side*)

Light for the world to see. (*Hold up one finger like a candle, waving it gently back and forth.*)

Refrain

Christ, be our light! (*Hold up one finger like a candle.*)

Shine in our hearts. (*Form heart shape with hands.*)

(*Shine in our hearts.*)

Shine through the darkness. (*Cover your finger with the other hand, then uncover it.*)

(*Shine through the darkness.*)

Christ, be our light! (*Hold up one finger like a candle.*)

Shine in your church gathered today. (*Sweep arm from left to right, palm up.*)

Verse 2

Longing for peace, (*place both hands on chest*) our world is troubled. (*Lower head to chest.*)

Longing for hope, (*place both hands on chest*) many despair. (*Cover face with hands.*)

Your word alone has pow'r to save us. (*Show muscles.*)

Make us your living voice. (*Point to your lips and then to the group.*)

Verse 3

Longing for food, many are hungry. (*Clutch stomach as if hungry.*)

Longing for water, many still thirst. (*Touch throat.*)

Make us your bread, (*clasp your hands*) broken for others, (*unclasp your hands and cup them*)
shared until all are fed. (*Extend cupped hands forward as if giving.*)

Verse 4

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. (*Touch fingertips of two hands overhead to make a "roof."*)

Longing for warmth, many are cold. (*Clutch opposite arms with hands as if cold.*)

Make us your building, sheltering others, (*make "roof" with hands, then lower hands with palms up*)
walls made of living stone. (*Stack fists to represent building.*)

Verse 5

Many the gifts, many the people, (*touch each finger as if counting*)

many the hearts that yearn to belong. (*Make a heart shape with hands.*)

Let us be servants to one another, (*extend both arms forward, palms up*)

making your kingdom come. (*Hold both arms overhead and then bring them down slowly.*)

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Life Together

Track 13

Refrain (*Join hands for the refrain.*)

Life together, now and forever: together forever in Jesus' name. (*Move in a circle to the left.*)

Life together, now and forever: together forever, we all proclaim. (*Move in a circle to the right.*)

Verse 1

Gather in the Spirit, come in from ev'ry place. (*Gesture "come" with one hand, then the other.*)

Live and learn the way of God, (*point to your temples*)

the saving word of grace. (*Place your hands palms together and then open them like a book.*)

Verse 2

Celebrate together and share the living bread. (*Cup your hands and then extend them forward.*)

Go in peace to serve the Lord in ev'ry day ahead. (*March in place.*)

Last refrain

Life together, now and forever: together forever in Jesus' name. (*Move in a circle to the left.*)

Life together, now and forever: together forever, we all proclaim. (*Move in a circle to the right.*)

Together forever, in Jesus' name. (*Stop moving and raise joined hands together.*)

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Spirit of God

Track 14

(Crouch down to start with praying hands.)

Spirit of God, grow in us *(slowly stand up and lift praying hands, separating them on “us”)*

that we may learn to love like Jesus. *(Cross arms over chest.)*

Spirit of God, go with us *(start with praying hands at chest and then extend them forward)*

that we may share the Love that frees us. *(Open hands, palms up and extend them out to your sides.)*

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May God Bless You

Track 15

May **God** (*start with your hand in front of your forehead at 90-degree angle, slide it down to your chest*)

bless you (*turn the hand, palm up, and move away from your body*)

and **keep** you. (*Place the other palm on top of the palm that is up and clasp them together.*)

May **God's** (*start with your hand in front of your forehead at 90-degree angle, slide it down to your chest*)

face **shine** (*raise both hands, one on each side of your head*)

upon **you**. (*Bring hands down in front of you, palms down.*)

May **God** (*start with your hand in front of your forehead at 90-degree angle, slide it down to your chest*)

be **gracious**, (*cross arms over chest*)

and may **God's** (*start with your hand in front of your forehead at 90-degree angle, slide it down to your chest*)

face **turn toward you** (*raise both hands, one on each side of your head and turn head and hands to the right*)

and **give** (*move both hands in front of you, palms up*)

you **peace**. (*Turn both hands palms down.*)

(On the second time through, the last line is repeated nine times.)

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