

SACRED NAME COLLECTION

Song 76 of 96 | Songs of Praise songbook - not in the three named groups

Collection: Songs of Praise (curriculum songbook, Kindergarten-University) | Level / place: Grade 3

Per-instrument parts in source: NO - source prints instrument list and musical direction for the song; no per-instrument parts

Father in Heaven Loves Me

Source: Songs of Praise curriculum songbook (restructured/songs_of_praise_curriculum.md; identical text in the songbook PDF)

Version used: Songbook as built 2026-10-11

FREQUENCY CHART PRESENTATION - A = 432 Hz

Tuning reference for the whole Collection: A = 432 Hz (Frequency Chart & Music-Education Instructions). A=432 Hz is a tuning reference, not the same thing as applying a 432 Hz single tone throughout a song; frequency cue, sung pitch and lyrical peak are separate artistic decisions.

These frequency-to-emotion associations are symbolic production prompts (Frequency Chart evidence note).

THE SONG IN FULL - AS PRINTED IN THE SOURCE

Thread: A loving Father in heaven

Musical direction: D major, warm and steady, about 96 BPM. Unison first, then try a simple round on the chorus.

Instruments: Recorder (melody), ukulele (chords), light percussion; try the chorus as a round.

Teaching note: Third graders are old enough to wonder whether love must be earned. The chorus answers directly: "not because I'm good or strong." This is the first song in the collection to name grace in a child's vocabulary.

Verse 1

Like the sunshine warms the land,
Like a father holds my hand,
Like the rain that feeds the tree -
Father in heaven loves me.

Chorus

He loves me, He loves me,
My Father in heaven loves me.
Not because I'm good or strong -
He has loved me all along.

Verse 2

When I'm happy, when I'm sad,
When I'm good and when I'm bad,
When I whisper, "I'm sorry" -
Father in heaven loves me.

(Chorus)

Verse 3

He is higher than the sky,
Yet He hears me when I cry.
He is coming close to see -
Father in heaven loves me.

(Chorus, then repeat last line softly)