

# Hymnology

FOR KIDS



# tell me the *Story* of Jesus

VOLUME 01

# Tell Me The Story Of Jesus

1. Tell me the sto - ry of Je - sus, Write on my heart ev - 'ry word;  
 2. Fast - ing a - lone in the de - sert, Tell of the days that are past.  
 3. Tell of the cross where they nailed Him, Writh - ing in an - guish and pain;

Tell me the sto - ry most pre - cious, Sweet - est that ev - er was heard;  
 How for our sins He was tempt - ed, Yet was tri - um - phant at last;  
 Tell of the grave where they laid Him, Tell how He liv - eth a - gain.

*D.S.*— Tell me the sto - ry most pre - cious, Sweet - est that ev - er was heard.

Tell how the an - gels in cho - rus, Sang as they wel - comed His birth;  
 Tell of the years of His la - bor, Tell of the sor - row He bore,  
 Love, in that sto - ry so ten - der, Clear - er than ev - er I see;

“Glo - ry to God in the high - est! Peace and good tid - ings on earth.”  
 He was de - spised and af - flict - ed, Home - less, re - ject - ed and poor:  
 Stay, let me weep while you whis - per, “Love paid the ran - som for me.”

*Chorus*

*D.S. al Fine*

Tell me the sto - ry of Je - sus, Write on my heart ev - 'ry word:



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# Introduction to:

TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS

## Hymn Author and Background:

Frances (Fanny) Jane Crosby was born in 1820 to John and Mercy Crosby. Her parents noticed something was wrong with her eyes when she was 6 weeks old. She was treated as an infant and always believed the remedy used was what led to her permanent blindness. Her father died in 1820 and she was raised by her mother and grandmother, both godly Christian women. She spent her youth memorizing Scripture and growing to love her Creator. By age 15, she had memorized all 4 Gospels, Proverbs, many of the Psalms, Song of Solomon, and Genesis-Deuteronomy. She could not see--but hid God's Word in her heart to permanently be able to call it to mind. At 15, she enrolled at the New York Institution for the Blind and there studied musical arts, poetry, grammar, rhetoric, and history. This led her to begin composing the well-known hymns that are sung in our churches today. Fanny Crosby wrote *Tell Me the Story of Jesus* in 1880. She was 60 years old and had vowed from that point forward to live her life in Christian ministry. She served and loved those in need in her community and shared the Gospel faithfully with them. She was often quoted as saying her blindness was a blessing from God. It allowed her to see and experience God without worldly distractions. God used her life in a mighty way. She wrote over 9,000 hymns in her lifetime, many of which we still sing today. God used a woman--with what many would call a tragic disability--to bring great glory and honor to His name and build His kingdom. She did not despise her disability but embraced it as a gift the Lord had given her.

## Preparation:

- Take to iTunes/YouTube/Amazon music and find your favorite version of this hymn. Purchase/download the song and have it ready for your Family Discipleship time.
  - *My personal favorite (contemporary version) - Tell Me the Story of Jesus by Nehemiah Horst*
- Print a copy of lyrics for each family member or enough copies to share.
- Gather a stack of index cards, crayons, markers, pencils, etc. to have available to make memory verse cards.



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# Week 1

TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS

**Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word.  
Tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.  
Tell how the angels in chorus sang as they welcomed His birth  
“Glory to God in the highest! Peace and good tidings to earth.”**

## **Week 1 Routine:**

- Share hymn background story.
- Read through lyrics.
- Play music and have your family listen and sing along.
- Discuss Verse 1.
  - What does it mean to write the story of Jesus on our hearts? Read Psalm 119:11 and discuss.
  - Why is the story of Jesus a story we should treasure? It is the story of our redemption. Romans 5:8
  - What Bible story does the last two lines of verse one reference? Read Luke 2:8-20

## **Week 1 Memory Verse:**

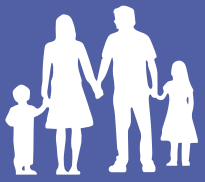
"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

-John 1:14 (ESV)

OR

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

-Luke 2:13-14 (ESV)



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# Week 2

TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS

**Fasting alone in the desert, tell of the days that are past.  
How for our sins He was tempted, yet was triumphant at last.  
Tell of the years of His labor, tell of the sorrow He bore.  
He was despised and afflicted, homeless, rejected and poor.**

## Week 2 Routine:

- Recite memory verse from last week (together or individually).
- Read through lyrics.
- Play music and have your family listen and sing along.
- Discuss Verse 2.
  - Who fasted in the desert? Luke 4:1-13
  - What did Jesus use to stand against the temptations Satan was putting before him? The Word of God.
  - How can we prepare to withstand temptation? Ephesians 6:10-20
  - Think on how Jesus was despised and afflicted and how he lived a lowly life on earth. Why would the God of the universe humble himself to this state? John 3:16

## Week 2 Memory Verse:

"For we do not have a great high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin."

-Hebrews 4:15 (ESV)

OR

"He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not."

-Isaiah 53:3 (ESV)



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# Week 3

TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS

**Tell of the cross where they nailed Him, writhing in anguish and pain.**

**Tell of the grave where they laid Him, tell how He liveth again.**

**Love in that story so tender, clearer than ever I see.**

**Stay, let me weep while you whisper, "Love paid the ransom for me."**

## Week 3 Routine:

- Recite memory verse from last week (together or individually).
- Play music and have your family listen and sing along.
- Discuss Verse 3.
  - Read John 19-20. Feel free to spread this reading throughout the week.
  - Talk with your children about the cruelty of the cross and the suffering Jesus went through. Remind them he had **never** sinned. Share with them this was his **choice**. He laid down his life to save their souls.
  - What is a ransom? The price paid to free someone from slavery/bondage. Matthew 20:28
  - What are we in bondage to? Romans 6:23
- Ask everyone to draw their favorite story of Jesus to share next week.

## Week 3 Memory Verse:

"The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

-Matthew 20:28 (ESV)

OR

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

-John 10:10 (ESV)



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# Week 4

TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS

**Tell how He's gone back to heaven, up to the right hand of God:  
How He is there interceding, while on this earth we must tread.  
Tell of the sweet Holy Spirit, He has poured out from above.  
Tell how He's coming in glory for all the saints of His love.**

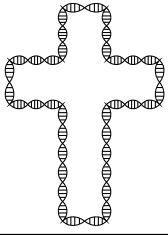
## Week 4 Routine:

- Recite memory verse from last week (together or individually).
- Play music and have your family listen and sing along.
- Discuss Verse 4.
  - Read Acts 1:1-11. What did Jesus promise his followers before he left? How do you think they felt watching him ascend to Heaven?
  - Read Acts 2:1-6. What did the arriving presence of the Holy Spirit allow the disciples to do?
  - What does the Holy Spirit do? Here's just a few things he does:
    - Gives life. John 6:63
    - Gives power to share the Gospel. Acts 1:8
    - Helps us fight sin. Romans 8:13
    - Leads us to live a holy life. Romans 8:14; John 14:26
    - Intercedes for us. Romans 8:26-27
- Let everyone share their favorite Bible story pictures. Record Bible verses or chorus of song as everyone sings. Share to encourage other families in their journey of discipleship.

## Week 4 Memory Verse:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

-Acts 1:8 (ESV)



# Words to Know!

Draw a line from the definition in Column A to the correct vocabulary word in Column B. Have a parent help!

## Column A

1. A large group of singers.
2. To deliver or redeem from the punishment of sin.
3. Sadness, disappointment.
4. To twist about in pain.
5. Speaking on behalf of another.
6. To suffer distress and pain.
7. Having achieved victory.
8. Suffer bodily pain.
9. Someone not accepted.
10. To walk.
11. Work, mission.
12. Hated, disliked greatly.
13. News or information.

## Column B

- A. TROD
- B. INTERCEDING
- C. RANSOM
- D. ANGUISH
- E. WRITHING
- F. REJECTED
- G. DESPISED
- H. SORROW
- I. LABOR
- J. TRIUMPHANT
- K. CHORUS
- L. TIDINGS
- M. AFFLICTED

ANSWERS:

1.K, 2.C, 3.H, 4.E, 5.B, 6.D, 7.J, 8.M, 9.F, 10.A, 11.I, 12.G, 13.L



# DRAW A STORYBOARD

*Tell Me the Story of Jesus* is a hymn that shares the beautiful story of Jesus' life. Draw a picture for each of the verses below.

**1**

Tell how the angels in chorus,  
sang as they welcomed His birth!  
"Glory to God in the highest!  
Peace and good tidings to earth."

**2**

Tell of the cross where they nailed  
Him, writhing in anguish and pain.

**3**

Tell of the grave where they laid Him.  
Tell how He liveth again!

**4**

Tell how He's gone back to heaven!  
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# STORY WRITING CHALLENGE

**What's your favorite story of Jesus?**

Think about the stories you know of Jesus. Draw a picture or write your favorite Bible story below in your own words. Share with your family!