



I Feel My Savior's Love

A Hymn-Sing of Stories & Music

(Suggestions for a Relief Society Anniversary or Other Event)
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- This Hymn-Sing can be used in any non-profit setting or family gathering.
- The hymns are from the 1985 LDS Hymn Book.
- Most of the hymns are intended to be sung by the audience or family group to maximize their participation. If the program needs to be shorter or longer, fewer or most relevant verses of hymns can be sung and stories could be edited for length or others found in the Church's online magazines.
- The story references are mostly from the "Mormon Journal" sections (Jan 1975-Dec 1999) of the *Ensign* magazine or the "Latter-day Saint Voices" sections (Jan 2000-Dec 2020) of the *Ensign* or (now) *Liahona* magazines of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (aka LDS or Mormon) at <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/magazines/ensign-19712020?lang=eng>
- It is recommended that a printed or visual outline of the program be handed out or posted so the audience can anticipate the music.
- In the readings, please remember to reference the title & author of the story / poem / scripture / music.
- Art work can be used to enhance the presentation.

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[As part of intro:] _____.

We wish to share with you in music and story, a message that our Savior's love is ever present in our lives. All of us experience hardships and challenges—some that feel unbearable—but there is never a time, even in our deepest valleys, when His love is not surrounding us. And even as the clouds may obscure the light of the sun, trials may obscure our vision, but nonetheless, the sun continues its course in one eternal round, sustaining and blessing all life. We hope, as you listen to these stories and music, that you will be strengthened and receive greater awareness of the myriad ways that our Savior's love can be manifest in our lives; and aware, too, of the part that each of us can play in being instruments of that love.

MUSIC: "I Feel My Savior's Love" Children's Songbook (CSB)–74

Presenter:* We can feel the Savior's love through prayer and searching the scriptures.

Reader 1: *The Perfect Answer* as told by Maxine Smith Reeder (p. 4 herein)

MUSIC: "As I Search the Holy Scriptures" | 1985 LDS Hymn Book–277

Reader 2: *My Neighbor's Chickens* by Martina M.A. Clark (*Ensign*, July 1995, p. 61)

MUSIC: "Teach Me to Walk in the Light" | 1985 LDS Hymn Book–304 or CSB–177

Presenter:* We can feel the Savior's love through music.

Reader 1: *Humming Our Testimonies* by Milton L. Weilenmann (*Ensign*, Jun 1996, p. 56)

MUSIC: "I Stand All Amazed" | 1985 LDS Hymn Book–193

Reader 2: *My First Night Alone* by Melva Lee Wheelwright (*Ensign*, Jan 1976, p. 48)

MUSIC: "The Lord My Pasture Will Prepare" | 1985 LDS Hymn Book–109

Presenter:* We can feel the Savior's love through service and friendship.

Reader 1: *My Visiting Neighbors* by Nonie Gilbert (*Ensign*, July 1984, p. 63)

MUSIC: "I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus" | CSB–78

Presenter:* We can feel the Savior's love through comfort and promptings.

Reader 2: *The Gate* by Lee Christensen (*Ensign*, Feb 1996, p. 60)

Reader 1: *Listen, Listen* by Deborah Smoot (*Ensign*, Feb 1990, p. 68)

MUSIC: “Let the Holy Spirit Guide” | 1985 LDS Hymn Book–143, vv. 2,3

Presenter:* We can feel the Savior's love through His redemptive power.

Reader 2: *Forgiving My Mother* by Eileen Starr (*Ensign*, Aug 1990, p. 49)

MUSIC: “Lord, I Would Follow Thee” | 1985 LDS Hymn Book–220

Presenter:* We conclude this program with an account of the last days of Emma Smith—wife of the Prophet Joseph—written by Emma’s great-great granddaughter, Gracia N. Jones, titled: “*My Great-Great-Grandmother Emma Hale Smith*”

[Read the portion beginning with: “A Promise Fulfilled” and ending with “This could happen to any of us, including my dear, great-great-grandmother.” [See *Ensign*, Aug 1992]

MUSIC: “Our Savior’s Love” | 1985 LDS Hymn Book–113

* Parts marked with this asterisk could perhaps be enhanced with large picture postures or art work while speaking the words or using word strips or digital signage.

Reader 1: *The Perfect Answer* as told by Maxine Smith Reeder (used with permission)

“As the mother of 10 children, my daughter, Linda, has made a goal to have, as one might say, “a house of order with every needful thing prepared and arranged for.” A few months ago, she came to Cardston to help me move into the Chinook Lodge—bringing two of her daughters who were excited to visit their Canadian cousins. The plan was all set. They had just a few days and were to leave at noon precisely, on the day set for their return journey home to Utah. But as the day dawned and the time for departure loomed ahead, her children and their cousins came to my daughter and pleaded unrelentingly for a little more time together. My daughter was adamant that they follow the schedule that had been set, and that they should make the best of the time they had left and not spend it on fruitless pleas. However, as the appointed hour neared, the pleas grew more desperate. My daughter quietly retired from the discussion as the dejected children tried to prepare for their good-byes. But several minutes later, my daughter returned to announce to the jubilant children that plans had changed—they would be leaving bright and early the next day. Then she shared with them her reasons for consenting to a change of plan.

“She had not gone to finish packing as the children had thought, but had gone to seek the Lord’s counsel. She had prayed to know what was the proper course of action in this difference of opinion and then had randomly opened her scriptures to find her attention riveted to the words topping page 372 of her Bible—words giving perfect answer to her dilemma. It was so perfect and startling that she laughed aloud—to think that words written over two thousand years ago could have so perfectly anticipated her latter-day need. Startling, too, because her answer came in the last half of a verse that had been broken in two by a page-break. That very page break allowed for the perfect answer. Her question had been: “Should I accede to the children’s wishes or proceed with our predetermined course?” Her answer read:

... lodge here, that thine heart may be merry; and to morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest go home.”

(Holy Bible KJV, p:372; Judges 19:9; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints)

Yes, it was the perfect answer to a mother’s simple prayer, but it was more than that. It was a witness that a loving God is mindful even of the seemingly small concerns of His children, and that when His children seek His will, they often find their perfect answers in Holy and Inspired words.