

Sunday Songs and Pledges Adapted for ASL

See it. Say it. Sign it! Add a new dimension to a Vacation Bible School tradition by incorporating young hands in signing the pledges to the Christian flag and to the Bible. Sing Deep and Wide (and make those hands tell the story high and low!) Then use your hands to "draw" the sign language banner for "Christian" across your chest as you and your children sign "Lord, I Want to be a Christian." And remember that God's love is forever, "All Night, All Day," as you make the sign for the angel that watches over his precious charges with wings of love.

- **Pledge to the Christian Flag**
- **Pledge to the Bible**
- **Deep and Wide**
- **Lord, I Want to be a Christian**
- **All Night, All Day**

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Pledge to the Christian Flag.

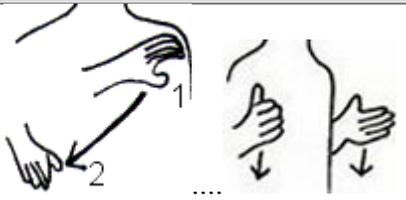
Words

I pledge allegiance
to the Christian Flag
and to the Savior
for whose kingdom it stands.
One brotherhood,
uniting all mankind,
in service and in love.

Signs/Concepts

I pledge/promise allegiance/support
to Christian flag
and to Savior
and kingdom that it represents.
One family
joining all people
in service and love.

		
1	pledge (promise)	allegiance (support)

		
to	Christian (Christ + person)	flag

Excerpt from the Composite Cheat Sheet

Sign or Concept	Description of Action
1, one	Exhibit 1 finger, palm forward, to represent the number one.
against	Firmly thrust the fingertips of the right hand into the palm of the left flat hand that is held palm facing right.
all	Hold left hand open with palm facing chest and fingers pointing to the right. Use right open hand to move from left flat hand over, down, and back in again, making a circle that draws an imaginary "everything" into the left hand.
all day	Hold the left arm parallel in front of the body, open palm, fingers together. Next hold the right arm (palm open, fingers closed) perpendicular to the left arm, touching the right elbow on the fingertips of the left arm. Move the right arm to the left in an arc-like motion, never letting the elbow leave from the left fingertips. Rest the right arm on top of the left arm. Note: The motion is to indicate action that took place as the sun moved through the sky, ending at sunset.
all night	Begin with the right arm (palm open, fingers closed) resting on the left arm which is held parallel in front of the body (palm open, fingers closed) to indicate the sun has set at the horizon. Move the right arm to the left in an arc-like motion that swings under the left arm (below the horizon), never letting the right elbow leave the left fingertips.
allegiance, support	Use the right "a" hand to undergird and support the left "a" hand, letting the two hands rise just slightly when they make contact.