

## *Sunday Songs and Prayers Adapted for ASL*

Sunday Songs and Prayers offers a new element to teaching little ones about God and Jesus. Use your hands to lead your Sunday School class, Children's Church group, Vacation Bible School audience, or your own children in signing favorite songs and prayers that have come to be "standards" in all denominations and walks of life. Children love moving as they sing and associating the words with signs that paint a picture of what they are saying. Join us - you'll love it too!

- Jesus Loves Me
- Jesus Loves the Little Children
- Jesus in the Morning.
- Do Lord
- Grace: Thank you for the World so Sweet
- Grace: God is Great
- Now I lay me down to sleep

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**Grace: God is Good**

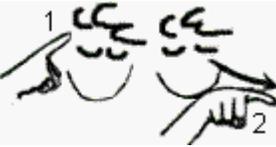
**Words**

God is great, God is good.  
 Let us thank Him for this food.  
 By his hands, we all are fed.  
 Thank you, Lord, for daily bread.

**Signs**

God wonderful, God good.  
 Thank you, Lord, for this food.  
 With God's hands, feed us.  
 Thank you, Lord, for daily bread.

			
God	wonderful,	God	good.

				
Thank you	Lord	for	this	food.

Excerpt from the Composite Cheat Sheet

pray	Hold the left and right hands together, palms touching, fingers closed, just under the chin.
precious	Slightly open an "s" hand, touching the knuckles nearest the fingernails to the chin. Then move the hand downward, tightening the fingers into a closed "s" hand as you move.
red	Gently move the right "r" hand across the lips, top lip, then bottom lip. Note: The sign can also be made by using a right "d" hand, crossing the index finger over the lips in the same motion as indicated.
remember	Touch the thumb of a right "a" hand to the center of the forehead, while holding a left "a" hand in front of the chest, thumb slightly higher than the rest of the hand. Move the right "a" hand from the forehead to rest on the thumb of the left "a" hand, indicating that information "stored" in the brain was retrieved and brought forth for active use.
safe	Cross "s" hands in front of the chest as if bound at the wrist. Then rotate both hands to the sides of the body, fists still closed but palms facing forward, emulating breaking the bonds and being set free.
shine	Hold "and" hands at chest level, fingers touching. Open hands while moving them upward, to suggest a burst of light.