# Two Songs Worship Activity for Mother’s Day

# *Each person receives a ‘song book’ with the Deuteronomy passage and pictures and the Hymn ‘Just as I am’ with the extra verse.*

# *Organise people to read the ‘Moses’ and ‘Eternal One’ parts.*

# *Organise some folk music to play while people respond.*

# *Organise someone to perform ‘Just as I am’ or have a recording ready.*

# *Organise to play clip of Charlotte Eliot’s story.*

# *Have markers and pencils ready.*

# Moses’ Song

# As a mother I love to sing to my kids, with my kids, I love them singing for me. Today in worship we will look at two songs. One written by Moses as a song from God to his people and one written by a lady called Charlotte Elliot as a song from God’s people to God.

# Deuteronomy 32 is a song that Moses wrote in the last days of his life. God impressed this song on Moses’ heart as something important for his people to learn as they were about to go into a new land – the land they had been promised. A place where they would forget all about God and the journey to freedom that he had led them on.

# In our culture we don’t really sing warning songs or tell warning tales anymore, well at least not to our children; but this has been an important part of learning throughout history. Deuteronomy 32 is a song from a parent to their children.

# A song of warning; a song about disobedience, a song about forgetting our roots, a song about consequence for bad decisions and a song about God’s faithfulness. The same day that Israel - Gods people learned this song, God directed Moses to climb Mt. Nebo, where Moses would be laid to rest.

# Let us read parts of it now and as we do, take notice of what kind of parent God is to his people. What is God feeling towards his children? What pictures stay with us as his children today?

# Deuteronomy 32 New Living Translation (NLT)

**Moses**

 “Listen, O heavens, and I will speak!
    Hear, O earth, the words that I say!
**2**Let my teaching fall on you like rain;
    let my speech settle like dew.
Let my words fall like rain on tender grass,
    like gentle showers on young plants.
**3**I will proclaim the name of the Lord;
    how glorious is our God!
**4**He is the Rock; his deeds are perfect.
    Everything he does is just and fair.
He is a faithful God who does no wrong;
    how just and upright he is!

**9**“For the people of Israel belong to the Lord;
..
**10**He found them in a desert land,
    in an empty, howling wasteland.
He surrounded them and watched over them;
    he guarded them as he would guard his own eyes.[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy%2032&version=NRSV;NLT;MSG;VOICE#fen-NLT-5745c)]
**11**Like an eagle that rouses her chicks
    and hovers over her young,
so he spread his wings to take them up
    and carried them safely on his pinions.

**12**The Lord alone guided them;
    they followed no foreign gods.
**13**He let them ride over the highlands
    and feast on the crops of the fields.
He nourished them with honey from the rock
    and olive oil from the stony ground.
**14**He fed them yogurt from the herd
    and milk from the flock,
    together with the fat of lambs.
..You drank the finest wine,
    made from the juice of grapes.

**15**“But Israel[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy%2032&version=NRSV;NLT;MSG;VOICE#fen-NLT-5750d)] soon became fat and unruly;
    the people grew heavy, plump, and stuffed!
Then they abandoned the God who had made them;
    they made light of the Rock of their salvation.
**16**They stirred up his jealousy by worshiping foreign gods;
    they provoked his fury with detestable deeds.
**17**They offered sacrifices to demons, which are not God,
    to gods they had not known before,
to new gods only recently arrived,
    to gods their ancestors had never feared.

**18**You were unmindful of the Rock that bore you;[[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+32&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-5777g)]
    you forgot the God who gave you birth.

**19**“The Lord saw this and drew back,
    provoked to anger by his own sons and daughters.

**The Eternal One**

‘I will abandon them;
    then see what becomes of them.
For they are a twisted generation,
    children without integrity.
**21**They have roused my jealousy by worshiping things that are not God;
    they have provoked my anger with their useless idols.

**22**For my anger blazes forth like fire
    and burns to the depths of the grave.[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy%2032&version=NRSV;NLT;MSG;VOICE#fen-NLT-5757e)]
It devours the earth and all its crops
    and ignites the foundations of the mountains.
**23**I will heap disasters upon them
    and shoot them down with my arrows.
**…**

**25**Outside, the sword will bring death,
    and inside, terror will strike
both young men and young women,
    both infants and the aged.

**26**I would have annihilated them,
    wiping out even the memory of them.
**27**But I feared the taunt of Israel’s enemy,
    who might misunderstand and say,
“Our own power has triumphed!
    The Lord had nothing to do with this!”’

**Moses**

**28**“But Israel is a senseless nation;
    the people are foolish, without understanding.
**29**Oh, that they were wise and could understand this!
    Oh, that they might know their fate!
**30**How could one person chase a thousand of them,
    and two people put ten thousand to flight,
unless their Rock had sold them,
    unless the Lord had given them up?
**31**But the rock of our enemies is not like our Rock,
    as even they recognize.[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy%2032&version=NRSV;NLT;MSG;VOICE#fen-NLT-5766f)]

**Eternal one**
**35**I will take revenge; I will pay them back.
    In due time their feet will slip.
Their day of disaster will arrive,
    and their destiny will overtake them.’

**Moses**

**36**“Indeed, the Lord will give justice to his people,
    and he will change his mind about[[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy%2032&version=NRSV;NLT;MSG;VOICE#fen-NLT-5771g)] his servants,
when he sees their strength is gone
    and no one is left, slave or free.
**37**Then he will ask, ‘Where are their gods,
    the rocks they fled to for refuge?
**38**Where now are those gods,
    who ate the fat of their sacrifices
    and drank the wine of their offerings?
Let those gods arise and help you!
    Let them provide you with shelter!

**Eternal One**
**39**See now that I, even I, am he;
    there is no god besides me.
I kill and I make alive;
    I wound and I heal;
    and no one can deliver from my hand.

**Moses**

**43**Praise, O heavens,[[l](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+32&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-5802l)] his people,
    worship him, all you gods![[m](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+32&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-5802m)]
For he will avenge the blood of his children,[[n](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+32&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-5802n)]
    and take vengeance on his adversaries;
he will repay those who hate him,[[o](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+32&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-5802o)]
    and cleanse the land for his people.[[p](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+32&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-5802p)]

**44**So Moses came with Joshua[[l](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy%2032&version=NRSV;NLT;MSG;VOICE#fen-NLT-5779l)] son of Nun and recited all the words of this song to the people.

**45**When Moses had finished reciting all these words to the people of Israel, **46**he added: “Take to heart all the words of warning I have given you today. Pass them on as a command to your children so they will obey every word of these instructions. **47**These instructions are not empty words—they are your life! By obeying them you will enjoy a long life in the land you will occupy when you cross the Jordan River.”

**Response**

I wonder what moments from this song have fallen on our ears, and settled on our hearts? Let’s take a little time to highlight the words or pictures in this song that have stuck out to us as God’s children today. You may like to write or draw onto the page.

***Play folk music (Give time for people to write)***

Has anyone got something they would like to share?

**Charlotte’s Song**

The next song was written by Charlotte Eliott. ‘Just as I am’ is a song about God’s people coming to God, even when they are not feeling good about themselves. This song was inspired by someone’s visit to Charlotte when she was sick. She found healing in God and this song invites us to come to Jesus so that God can love us and heal us through the work of his Holy Spirit.

Let us watch Charlotte’s story and then we will listen to her song.

***Play clip***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nRanVqmSNxw>

***Perform or listen to song ‘Just as I am.’***

**Just as I am**

Just as I am, without one plea
But that your blood was shed for me
And that you ask me to come to Thee (You)
O Lamb of God (Jesus) , I come, I come

Just as I am, and waiting not,
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To You, whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, though tossed about,
With many a conflict, many a doubt
Fightings and fears within, without
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind,
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yes, all I need, in You I’ll find
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, You will receive,
Will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because Your promise I believe

O Lamb of God, I come, I come

*Write or draw your own line to this song*

Just as I am…

O Lamb of God I come, I come.