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FAMOUS PEOPLE NOTEBOOK HYMN WRITERS

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Famous People Notebook: Hymn Writers

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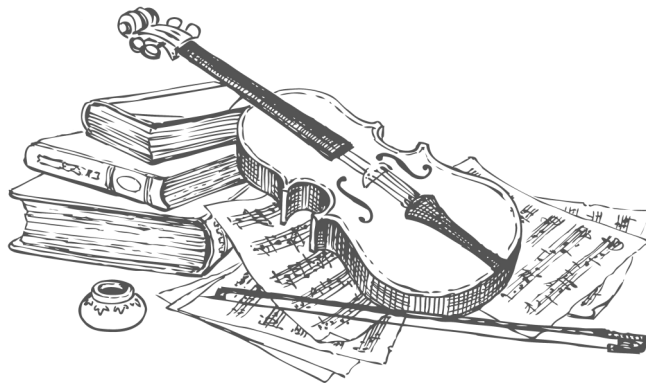
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How to Use

There are 10 units in this resource that explore the life and work of 10 famous hymn writers who left significant marks on our hearts and on history. Each unit is completely self-contained, but completing them in order is suggested because it helps the student understand the general chronology.

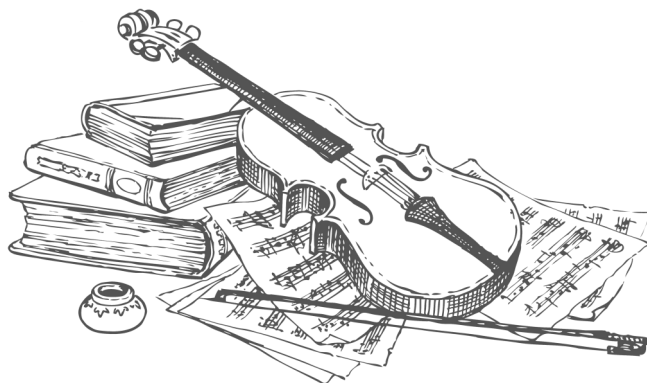
Each lesson has short, informative text followed by comprehension questions based on what was read.

The student can read the lesson text (or a parent/teacher can read it aloud) and use the notebooking page that is included for written narration, using the questions as writing prompts. This often works better for students who struggle with reading comprehension questions. Alternatively, you can ask the questions orally if that suits your student's learning style best.

Suggested vocabulary words are bolded. You can have your student look up the definitions and use them to create a notebook. Students can also find suggested definitions for the words in the glossary at the end of the unit.

In addition to reading comprehension questions, each lesson is followed by prompts for additional research and a notebooking page to record what is found. A final review quiz and notebooking page for a report on the student's favorite hymn writer are also included at the end of the unit.

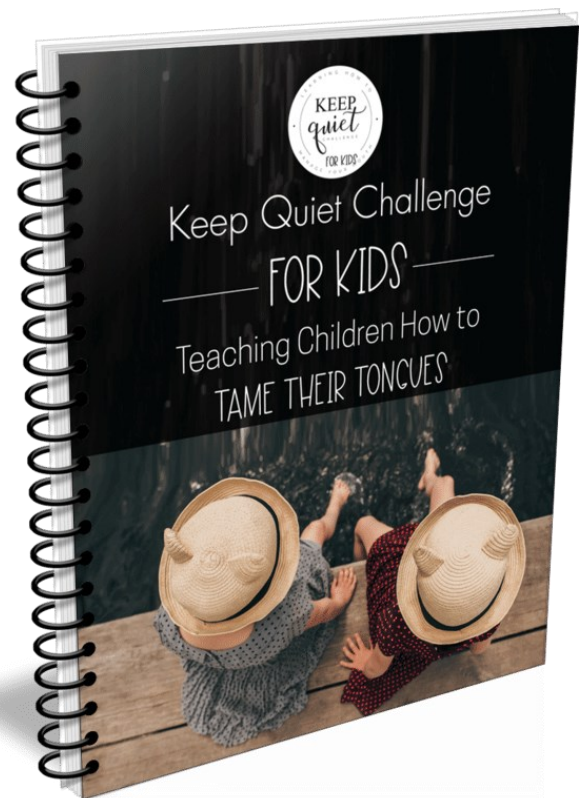
You will find answer keys for all reading comprehension questions and the review quiz at the end of the resource. Answer keys for the additional research are not included as much of these answers will vary based on the sources used for research.



Recommended Resources

[Keep Quiet Challenge Bible Study – Learning How to Manage Your Mouth](#): Do words just fly out of your mouth when you open it? Maybe you are tired, stressed out, worried, or just irritated and you don't mean to take it out on your family – but you do. When we lash out, even if unintentionally, it harms those we love. It's time to change, friend. Let me share with you practical steps to work through several different areas that may have taken root in your heart and live out through your lips.

[Keep Quiet Challenge for Kids – Teaching Children How to Tame Their Tongues](#): Do your children struggle with talking back, grumbling & complaining, whining, begging, lying, or other heart issues that live out through their lips? Written just for kids, this Bible study will help children get a grip on their behavior and learn how to manage their mouths.



Isaac Watts

(1674-1748)

Introduction:

God uses men and women of all different backgrounds and in all different places and times in history to do His work and touch people's hearts. Some of these writers were wealthy, and some were poor. Some spent years in prestigious colleges; others went to work as children. For all their differences, they had one thing in common. They let God work in their hearts and lives and let Him use the talents He'd given them to bless other people. May we each always do the same.

Lesson One: Isaac Watts

Isaac Watts was born on July 17, 1674, in Southampton, England. His father was a **Nonconformist**, which meant he wouldn't be part of or endorse the official Church of England. Isaac had studied Latin, French, Greek, and Hebrew by the time he was thirteen. His options for college were limited, however, because at the time, Oxford and Cambridge would only accept members of the Church of England. At sixteen, Isaac attended a school for Nonconformists. After he graduated, he worked as a private tutor for six years.

When he was about twenty, he complained to his father about the poor quality of the hymns that were available for the congregations to sing. His father challenged him to write something better. A week later, Isaac shared his first hymn with his church. They loved it, and Isaac had discovered a new way to serve.

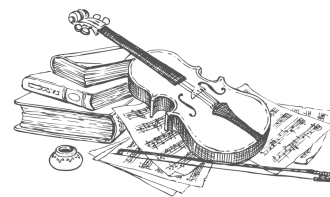
In 1702, he became the pastor of a church in London, but a few years later, he became seriously ill. It was then that he moved into the home of Sir Thomas Abney. He tutored the Abneys' children and preached when he was able to.

Isaac wrote around 600-750 hymns in his lifetime. In 1707, he published *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, one of the first published English hymnals. He also rewrote some of the Psalms of David using New Testament language that showed how what the Old Testament authors wrote pointed to Jesus. He published some of these in 1719 in the book *Psalms of David Imitated in the Language of the New Testament*. He wrote many hymns that he became widely known for including "Joy to the World," "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," and "I Sing the Almighty Power of God."

In addition to his hundreds of hymns, he wrote almost thirty books on theology as well as essays on psychology, astronomy, and philosophy; several volumes of sermons; a children's hymnal; and a logic textbook that was used at major universities. He continued to battle illness and poor health and passed away on November 25, 1748.



Lesson One: Isaac Watts



Comprehension Questions

1. What did Isaac do for six years after graduating college? _____
2. Who challenged him to write a better hymn? _____
3. Whose home did he move into after becoming ill? _____
4. What was his book of rewritten psalms called? _____

Written Narration

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Additional Research

Use an encyclopedia, another book, or the Internet with a parent's permission, and answer the following questions:



What can you find out about this writer's family?

What are the names of some of this writer's most famous works?

What are some of the works he wrote that are not mentioned here?

Interesting Facts:

Draw something that will remind you of this writer or his work.