

Song Leading Challenge 2024 3-6 grades only

Purpose: To encourage the development of song leading skills.

Process:

- Choose a song to lead for each participant.
- Submit award earned on the registration portal by the Wednesday of the convention.

Rules:

1. Participants will choose one song from the songs listed below.
2. Only two stanzas of the chosen song are to be led. If a song has only one stanza, sing the song twice.
3. This Challenge Event is open to 3-6 graders only.

Awards:

Ratings and awards of gold, silver, bronze or honorable mention will be given according to the judging criteria listed.

Judging Criteria:

- **Pitch** - The correct pitch is important and affects your rating.
- **Tempo** - The tempo should reflect the mood of the song.
- **Musical Transition** - If one verse is a different tempo, the transition should be smooth.
- **Volume** - The song leader's voice should have good volume and diction as he announces and starts the song. Also, the leader should follow the dynamic markings of the music, which indicate if the music should be soft or loud.
- **Beat** - The leader should indicate the beat of the song. It does not have to be in a 4/4 or 3/4 type pattern, but the beats in the song should be indicated in some manner by the hand.
- **Verse Transition** - The leader must move well from one verse to the next while letting the audience know his intention. (Two stanzas and only two stanzas of the chosen song are to be led.)
- **Leadership** - Leadership is the ability of the leader to show confidence in what he is doing and to get the audience to follow his direction. He is expected to set the tone, mood, and atmosphere for the audience. Assertiveness is expected.
- **Overall Effectiveness** - This is the judge's assessment of the overall effectiveness of the song leader.

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The following songs are from Songs from Songs of Faith and Praise:

8 Let Every Heart Rejoice
18 Faithful Love
57 Great is Thy Faithfulness
71 As the Deer
76 How Great Thou Art
96 I Stand in Awe
390 Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah
410 He Leadeth Me
415 Each Step I Take

446 Hear, O Israel
452 Standing on the Promises
457 How Firm a Foundation
490 It Is Well with My Soul
664 Take My Life and Let it Be
749 The Battle Belongs to the Lord
867 To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way
886 On Jordan's Stormy Banks