

Lord, for the Gift of Children

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1. Lord, for the gift of chil - dren we come to give You praise;
 2. We prom - ise to be faith - ful, and teach them all Your ways.
 3. Now as we grow to - geth - er, help us to hon - or You,

we bring them here be - fore You as they be - gin their days.
 Help us to live be - fore them lives they can on - ly praise.
 as we af - firm each oth - er through all we say and do.

Each one is loved and pre - cious, yet they are not our own;
 Though they will not re - mem - ber what we have done this day,
 Then when our chil - dren leave us, we'll trust Your Word and pray

we give them back in faith, Lord, and trust Your grace a - lone.
 each day we'll shape their fu - ture by all we do and say.
 that what You teach they'll fol - low, and nev - er turn a - way.

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