

Always Be A Child

As Recorded by Ray Boltz

Written by Ray Boltz and Steve Millikan, released in 1991



VERSE 1

I was there when you drew the breath of life
And I could hear your voice.
The first time that you cried
And though you couldn't see me
I was very near;
And there's something now
That I want you to hear.

VERSE 2

And I was there the first time that you prayed
And I heard all the promises you made;
And when you fell before me
Crying Father I have sinned
I picked you up
And held you close again.

CHORUS

You will **always be a child** in my eyes
And when you need some love,
My arms are open wide;
And even when you're growing old,
I hope you realize
You will always be a child in my eyes.

Ray Boltz commented about the song, "The lyrics are written from the perspective of God the Father speaking to a believer. The song offers profound comfort, assuring the listener that no matter how much they grow, stumble, or age, they will always remain a child in God's eyes and His loving arms will always be open."

TWO-OF-US

Start with "K" hand, palm up where we put God, then, rotate the hand toward you so that your palm is down and the pointer finger of the "K" hand is pointing at you close to your body.



TOGETHER

With the palm sides of both "A" hands together, move the hands in a flat circle in front of the body.

Hint: Two things moving together.



WANT

Bring both "claw" hands back toward the waist, palms facing up.

Hint: Bringing something to yourself that you want.



TELL

Bring the extended right index finger from under the chin forward in a large arc, palm facing in an index finger pointing up. **Hint: Directing words from out of the mouth.**



ILY or I LOVE YOU

Hold the right hand up with palm facing forward. The thumb, index, and little fingers are extended. The letters I, L, and Y are combined



A CHILD OF GOD HAS A PERFECT FATHER

By Brittany Allen "Treasuring Christ"
<https://brittanyleeallen.substack.com/>

Don't give in to the temptation to compare God to an earthly father. For some, that would make him distant or even abusive. For others, they mourn the death of their dad, feeling a crater of loss in their life. Some dads are kind yet unavailable, while others hold their children to crippling expectations.

These realities cause us to ask questions about God.
Can I fall out of favor with him when I mess up? Does he care when I face suffering? Will he suddenly leave me as an orphan? Is he like one of those kings with tons of children yet with care for only a select few?

No. God is holy and unlike any earthly examples we could think up, including the best ones. **He is the perfect Father.** He knows us, his children, more than we know ourselves, discerning our needs, thoughts, desires, struggles, and histories. Nothing about us is a mystery to our Creator. (*Ps. 139.*)

And yet, he loves us overwhelmingly more than our minds could ever grasp. God's love for us surpasses all knowledge. (*Eph. 3:19.*)

Nothing you or I could do will ever deter God's steadfast love. He is unchanging. (*James 1:17; Heb. 13:8.*)

He will never leave us or forsake us. (*Heb. 13:5b.*)

In his kindness, he adopted us, and that would be more than enough grace for a lifetime. But he doesn't stop at adopting us. He also makes us heirs and, in doing so, blesses us with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

American Sign Language (ASL) provides a fuller understanding of the song as the DEAF would **"see"** the signs. American Sign Language has a different sentence structure but often it gets to the real meaning of a song that **"the hearing"** may miss, being distracted by rhyme or music. **See this song through new eyes.**

"HANDS IN PRAISE" is an American Sign Language (ASL) Christian choir sponsored by Bethel Lutheran Church, Windsor, Colorado.

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You are invited to join and no experience needed as sign language is learned one song at a time. Please feel free to take this praise sheet home with you to read later or share with others.

