

Appreciating how secure we are with Jesus who will never let us down.

Introduction

Song: teaching • [YouTube](#) • [iTunes](#)

G G G D D Em A7 D Em Bm C G E Am D G
A mi-ghty fortress is our God—a bul - wark ne-ver fai - ling,
G G G D Em A7 D Em Bm C G E Am D G
Our hel-per he, a-mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre-vai - ling.
Bm Em A7 D G G C B7 Em
For still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe.
B7 Em B C G C G E Am B
His craft and power are great, and armed with cru - el hate,
Em Bm C G C Am D7 G
On earth is not his e - qual.

G G G D Em A7 D Em Bm C G E Am D G
Did we in our own strength con-fide, our stri - ving would be lo - sing,
G G G D Em A7 D Em Bm C G E Am D G
Were not the right Man on our side, the man of God's own choo - sing.
Bm Em A7 D G G C B7 Em
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus—it is he!
B7 Em B C G C G E Am B
Lord Sab-a-oth his name, from age to age the same,
Em Bm C G C Am D7 G
And he must win the ba - ttle.

G G G D Em A7 D Em Bm C G E Am D G
And though this world, with de - vils filled, should threa-ten to un - do---- us,
G G G D Em A7 D Em Bm C G E Am D G
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri-umph through----- us.
Bm Em A7 D G G C B7 Em
The Prince of Dark-ness grim—we tremble not for him.
B7 Em B C G C G E Am B
His rage we can en-dure for, lo, his doom is sure:
Em Bm C G C Am D7 G
One lit - tle word shall fe - ll him.

G G G D Em A7 D Em Bm C G E Am D G
That word a-bove all earth-ly powers—no thanks to them!—a - bi - deth.
G G G D Em A7 D Em Bm C G E Am D G
The Spi-rit and the gifts are ours through him who with us si - deth.
Bm Em A7 D G G C B7 Em
Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so.
B7 Em B C G C G E Am B
The bo-dy they may kill; God's truth a -bi-deth still.
Em Bm C G C Am D7 G
His king-dom is for - e - ver.

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” Martin Luther, 1529,
translated from German to English by Frederick H Hedge, Public Domain

From the Bible

The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my savior;

my God is my rock, in whom I find protection.

He is my shield, the power that saves me,

and my place of safety.

He is my refuge, my savior,

the one who saves me from violence.

I called on the LORD, who is worthy of praise,

and he saved me from my enemies.

2 Samuel 22: 1-3 NLT

Prayer

God, you are our refuge and our strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we don't have to be afraid even if earthquakes came and the mountains crumbled into the sea. The countries around us are in chaos, whole nations crumble! But you are the Lord of Heaven's Armies, and you are here among us. You are our fortress.

based on Psalm 46 1-2, 6-7

Song: testimony • [YouTube](#) • [iTunes](#)

E A E A
He is my con-fi-dence;

E A E A
He is my sword and shield.

E B
He's the lifter of my head

B F#m E A
When I'm on the battle-field.

E A E A
Above this world he reigns;

E A E A
Above the foe we fear.

E B
There's no weapon that can stand

B F#m E A
When the awesome God is near.

A D A D
A sure foun-da-tion,

A F#m E E A F#m E E
A harbor from the storm—What a re-fuge!

A D A D
A sure foun-da-tion,

E F#m E E A F#m E E
A mighty con-quer-ing arm—What a re-fuge!

C#m7 E F# F#m7
My feet are on the Rock, I am secure—

 F#m E A
What a re-fuge!

E A E A
 Oh, when my strength is gone,
 E A E A
 I'm pressed on every side,
 E B
 Hope is living in my heart,
 B F#m E A
 'Cause he always hears my cry.

 A D A D
 A sure foun-da-tion,
 A F#m E E A F#m E E
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 A sure foun-da-tion,
 E F#m E E A F#m E E
 A mighty con-quer-ing arm—What a re-fuge!
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 F#m E A
 What a re-fuge!

"What a Refuge," Ed Kerr and Paul Baloche, Hosanna Music, *Praise Worship Songbook 8* #705

Worship

Prayer

My soul finds rest in you alone; my salvation comes from you. You alone are my rock and my salvation. You are my fortress, I will never be shaken. My soul finds rest in you alone; my hope comes from you. You alone are my rock and my salvation. You are my fortress, I will never be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on you. You are my mighty rock, my refuge.

based on Psalm 62:1-2, 5-7

Song: worship/feelings • [YouTube](#) • [iTunes](#)

D D D D
 My only hope is you, Jesus,
 G A7 A
 My only hope is you.
 D D D D
 From early in the morning to late at night,
 G A D
 My only hope is you.

 D D D D
 My only peace is you, Jesus,
 G A7 A
 My only peace is you.
 D D D D
 From early in the morning to late at night,
 G A D
 My only peace is you.

E E E E
My only hope is you, Jesus,
A B7 B
My only hope is you.
 E E E E
From early in the morning to late at night,
A B E
My only hope is you,

Option: A children's presentation

Time: During the introduction, perhaps as the first thing.

Children read (one page per child) the short book "The House on the Rock" by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen, (Multnomah Publishers, 1986) ([Amazon Link](#)), with the illustrations projected on the screen. Possibly read the final page in unison:

"Jesus says, 'I am like the wise man's rock. If you trust me, I will never let you down.'"

If desired, can be combined with this scripture reading:

From the Bible

[Jesus said,] "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash."

Matthew 7: 24-27 NLT