



GOD OF EVERY GENERATION

LESSON PLANS

“GOD OF EVERY GENERATION”

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Scripture Truth

The God of every generation has made a way for us to know Him through Jesus Christ, His Son.

*“For God loved the world in this way: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life”
(John 3:16, CSB).*



WORSHIP MOMENT Lyric and Bible Verse Match

- Print the God of Every Generation Lyric and Scripture Match Cards (pp. 9-10) and duplicate the pages, one set for each group of three to four children.
- Cut out each set of cards and place the pieces in reclosable plastic bags.
- Divide into groups of three or four.
- Explain that the lyrics of “God of Every Generation” are based on Bible verses. None of the verses will match the lyrics word for word.
- Groups empty the contents of their bag and work together to match the lyrics to the correct Scripture.
- After all groups are finished, call out a Scripture or lyric and allow the children to tell you their match, and then discuss each one.

Answers:

- “Born among the peasant strangers”—Luke 2:7

Explain that Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem to register and pay their taxes. While in Bethlehem, Jesus was born. He was born among strangers.

- “God incarnate came to earth”—John 1:14

Explain that the word incarnate means in human form. So God came to earth in human form, and His name was Jesus.

- “Through poverty He gave us riches in the myst’ry of His birth”—2 Corinthians 8:9
Jesus gave up the riches of heaven to give us riches—the riches of salvation and heaven.
- “Long before we were created, God the Father, in His love”—Ephesians 1:4
God chose us and made a way for us to know Him before we were born.
- “Offered up, for our redemption, Jesus Christ, His only Son”—Ephesians 1:7
Because of Jesus’ death on the cross, we can be forgiven of our sins and be saved.
- ◦ “God of ev’ry generation, pouring out Your gift of life through Your loving sacrifice”—Genesis 9:12
God loved every generation and made a covenant (agreement) that He would provide a way of salvation.
- “How relentless Your pursuing as You draw us to Your light”—John 8:12
God’s love is relentless. He never gives up on wanting people to come to know Him. Jesus is the Light of the world. Anyone who follows Him will have the light of life.

NOTE: Consider using this activity during several classes so you can spend more time on the difficult words and phrases.



MUSIC Steady Beat Activity

- Gather tennis balls or other kinds of balls that bounce well.
- Distribute balls, one per child.
- Say, *As we listen to “God of Every Generation,” we are going to bounce our balls on beat one of each four-beat measure.*
- Practice by leading the children to count out loud in a continual four-beat pattern while bouncing their ball on beat one.
- Play the recording. Continue to count out loud as the children bounce their ball on beat one.

- Discuss what they noticed about the song. Did most of the phrases begin on beat one? (Answer: no) The following phrases begin on beat 1:
 - “God of ev’ry generation” (meas. 13)
 - “How relentless Your persuing” (meas. 16)
 - “God of ev’ry generation” (meas. 21)



MUSIC **Teach the Verse - Same and Different Game**

- Print the Same and Different Game Shapes (pp. 11-14).
- Distribute the shapes to the children.
- Say, *Find a person who has a shape exactly like yours, and make sure the colors match, too.*
- Once this task is complete, continue, *Now find a person that has a different shape than yours.*
- Watch to see if anyone matches just colors, different shapes, or shapes but different colors. Explain they are still correct because you only said shape.
- Explain that the Verses of “God of Every Generation” have two phrases that are exactly the same.
- Say, *Let’s sing Verse 1 and see if you can determine which two phrases are the same. I will sing each phrase, and then you will echo sing the same phrase.* (Answer: “God incarnate came to earth”—meas. 7; “in the myst’ry of His birth”—meas. 11).

"Born among the peasant strangers,"

"Then she gave birth to her firstborn Son, and she wrapped Him tightly in cloth and laid Him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them" (Luke 2:7, CSB).

"Through poverty He gave us riches in the myst'ry of His birth."

"You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: Though He was rich, for your sake He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9, CSB).

"God incarnate came to earth."

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed His glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14, CSB).

"Long before we were created, God the Father, in His love,"

"He chose us in Him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in love before Him" (Ephesians 1:4, CSB).

“Offered up, for our redemption,
Jesus Christ, His only Son.”

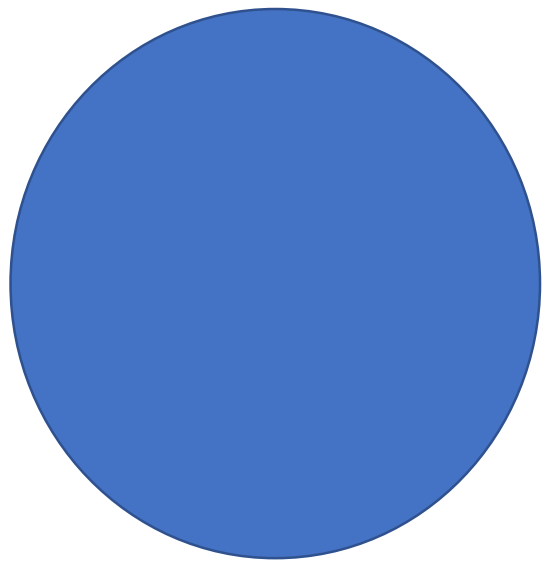
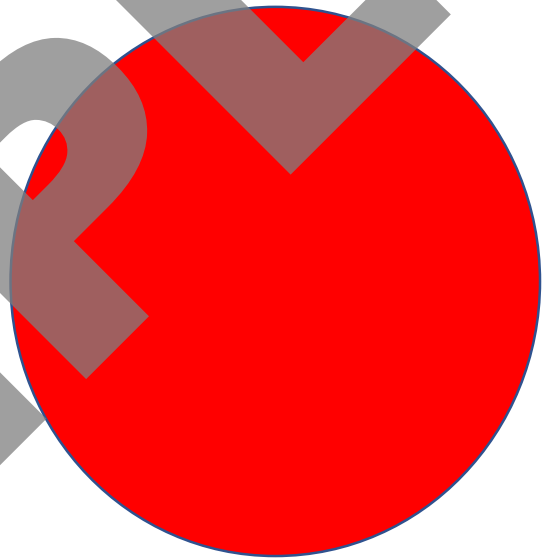
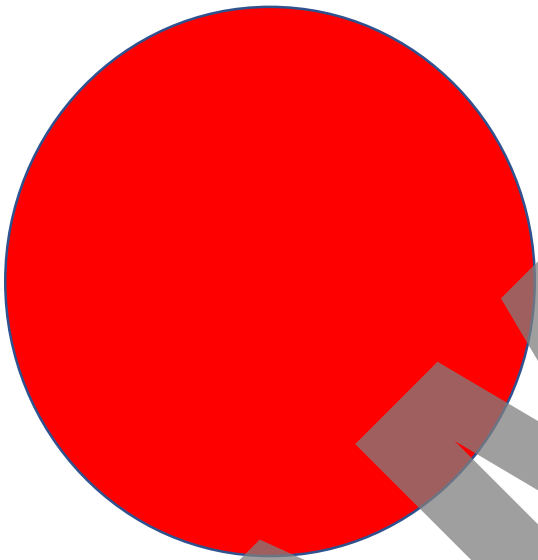
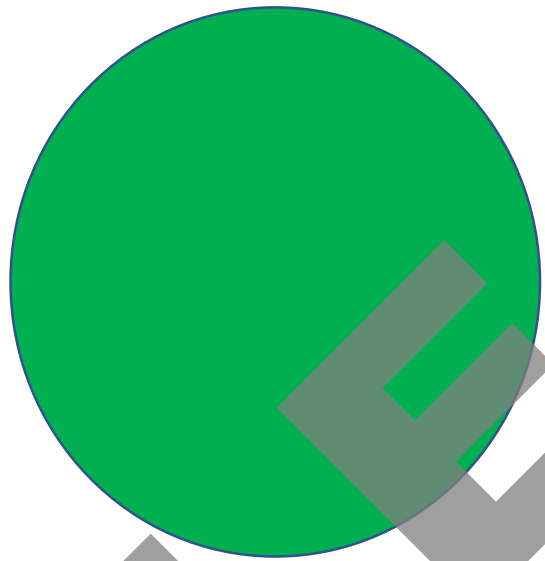
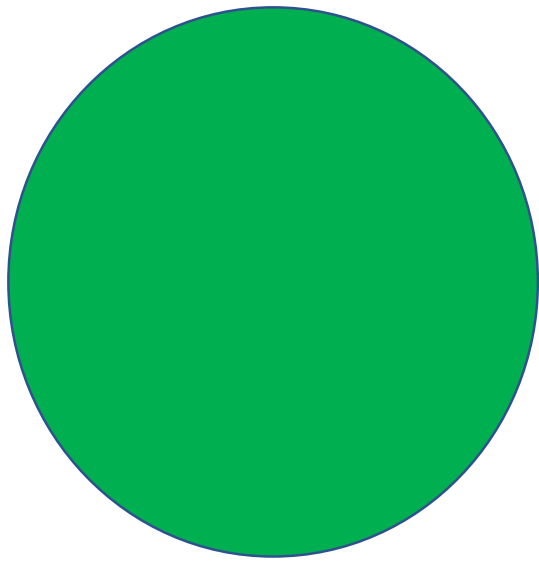
“In Him [Jesus] we have redemption
through His blood, the forgiveness of
our trespasses, according to the riches
of His grace” (Ephesians 1:7, CSB).

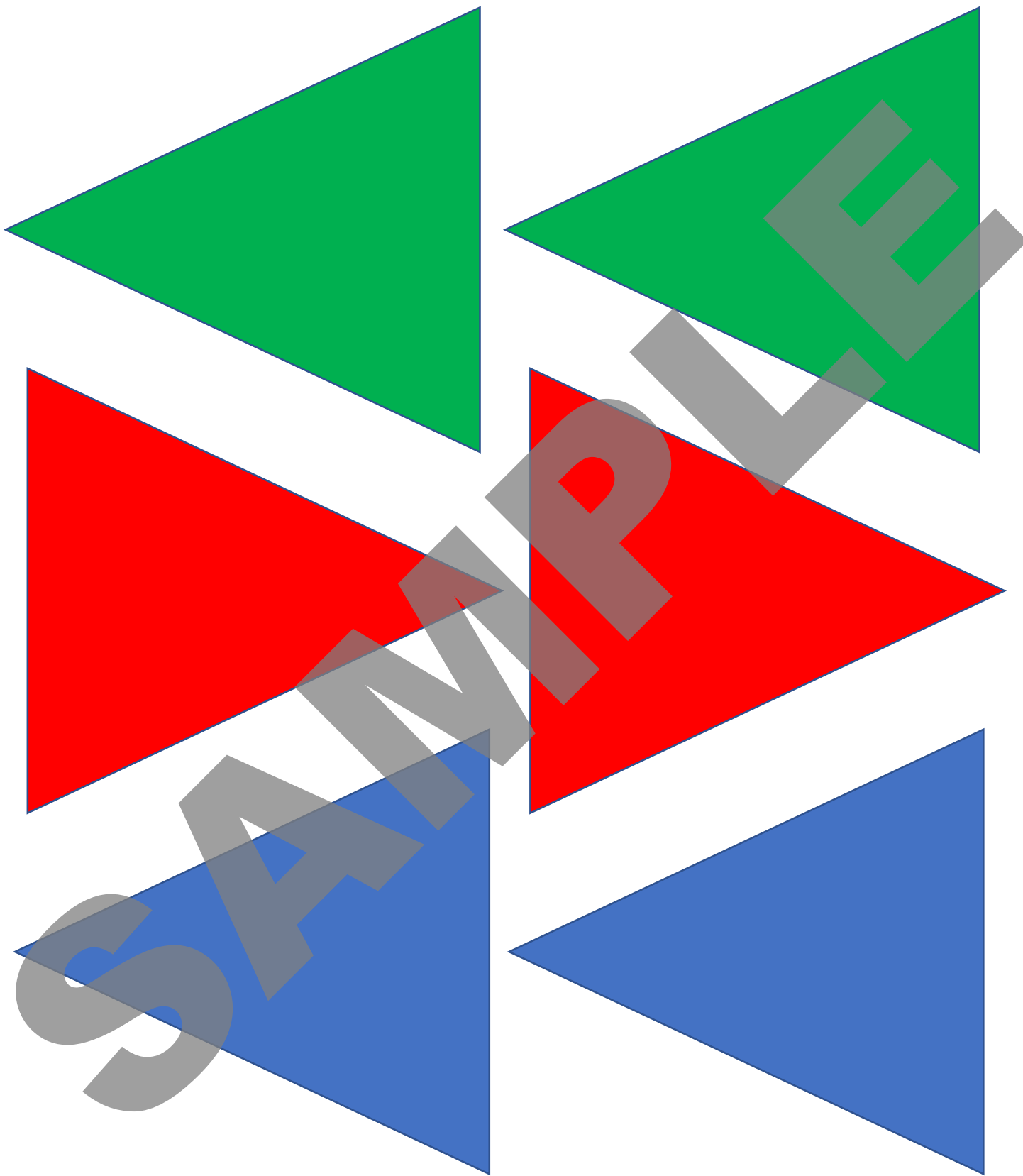
“How relentless Your pursuing as
You draw us to Your light, draw
us to Your light.”

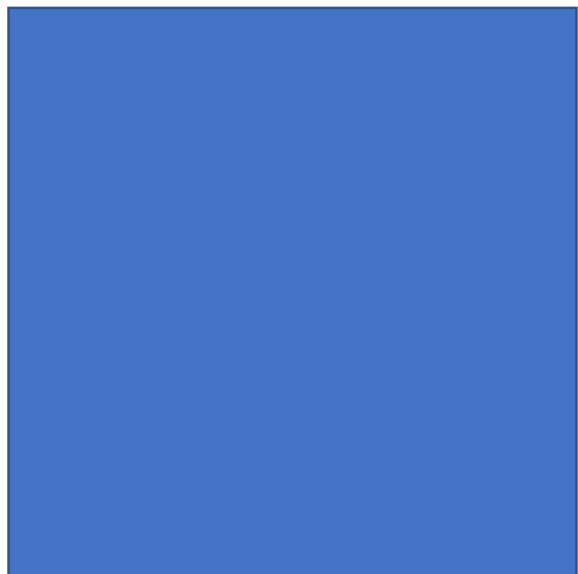
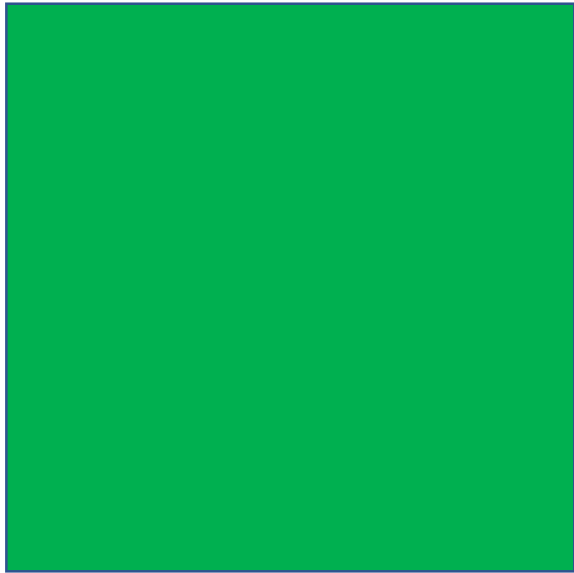
“Jesus spoke to them again: ‘I am the light
of the world. Anyone who follows Me will
never walk in the darkness but will have
the light of life’” (John 8:12, CSB).

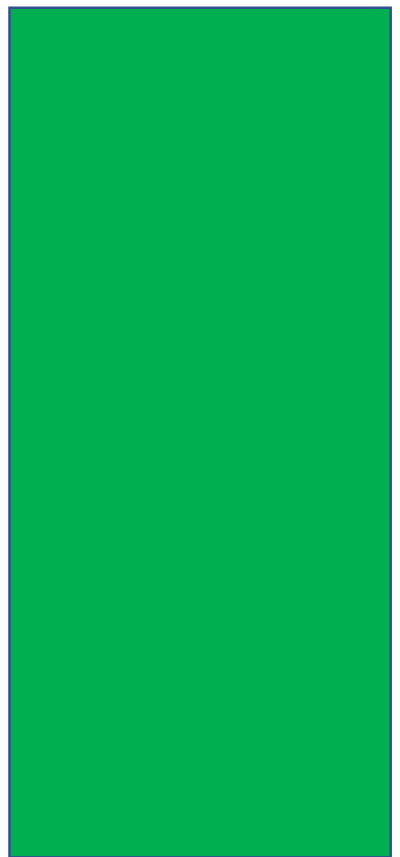
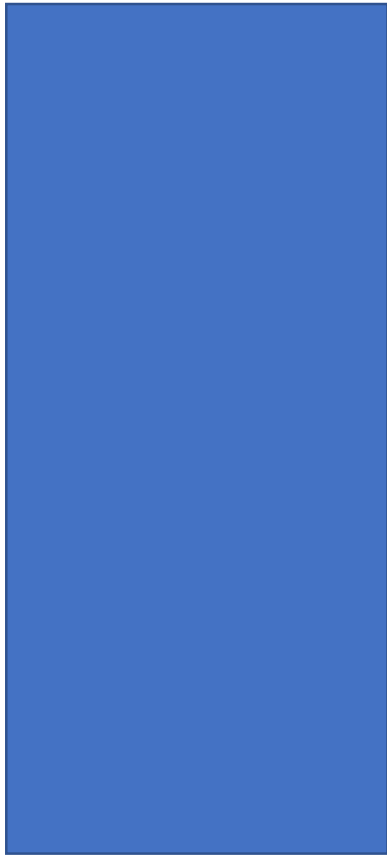
“God of ev’ry generation, pouring
out Your gift of life through Your
loving sacrifice.”

“And God said, ‘This is the sign of the
covenant I am making between Me
and you and every living creature
with you, a covenant for all future
generations’” (Genesis 9:12, CSB).









Lead Sheet

God of Every Generation

GREG NELSON/PAUL MARINO
Arranged by Barny Robertson

♩ = 82 *Medium rock*

INTRO

E Esus E E² E Esus E Bsus

mf Acous. Gtr. Full Band

VERSE 1, 2

F#m⁷ A E

5 1. Born a - mong the peas - ant stran - gers, God in - car - nate came to earth.
2. Long be - fore we were cre - a - ted, God the Fa - ther, in His love,

B F#m⁷ A

8 Through pov - er - ty He gave us rich - es
of - fered up, for our re - demp - tion,

E B

11 in the mys - t'ry of His birth.
Je - sus Christ, His on - ly Son.

CHORUS

f E B D# C#m⁷

13 God of ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion, pour - ing out Your gift of life through Your lov - ing sac -

A E B D#

16 - ri - fice. How re - lent - less Your per - su - ing as You draw us to

C#m⁷ F#sus F# F#m⁷ A

19 Your light, draw us to Your light, God of ev - 'ry gen - er - a -



God of Every Generation

(Verse 1)

Born among the peasant strangers
God incarnate came to earth
Through poverty He gave us riches
In the myst'ry of His birth

(Chorus)

God of ev'ry generation
Pouring out Your gift of life
Through Your loving sacrifice
How relentless Your persuing
As You draw us to Your light
Draw us to Your light
God of ev'ry generation

(Verse 2)

Long before we were created
God the Father in His love
Offered up for our redemption
Jesus Christ His only Son

(Chorus 2Xs)

God of ev'ry generation
Pouring out Your gift of life
Through Your loving sacrifice
How relentless Your persuing
As You draw us to Your light
Draw us to Your light
God of ev'ry generation

(Tag)

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Piano/Lead Sheet

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INTRO

E Esus E E²

mf Acous. Gtr.

E Esus E E²

mf

E Esus E B^{sus}

Full Band

E Esus E B^{7sus}

f

3

God of Every Generation - Piano/Lead Sheet - 2 of 5

KEY: E

VERSE 1, 2

5

mp

1. Born a - mong the peas - ant stran - gers,
 2. Long be - fore we were cre - a - ted,

God in - car - nate came to earth.
 God the Fa - ther, in His love,

F#m7 A E

F#m7 A² E

8

Through pov - er - ty He gave us rich - es
 of - fered up, for our re - demp - tion,

B F#m7 A

B F#m7 A²

11

in the mys - t'ry of His birth.
 Je - sus Christ, His on - ly Son.

E B⁷ B⁶ B

God of Every Generation - Piano/Lead Sheet - 3 of 5

KEY: E

CHORUS

13

f E B D# C#m7
God of ev-'ry gen-er-a - tion, pour-ing out Your gift of life through Your lov-ing sac-

13

16

A E B D#
- ri - fice. How re - lent-less Your per-su - ing as You draw us to

16

19

C#m7 F#sus F# F#m7 A
Your light, draw us to Your light, God of ev-'ry gen - er-a-

19

1 E Esus E Bsus (to meas. 5) 2 E Esus

- tion. - tion.

E Esus E B⁷sus E Esus

22

22

CHORUS

E B D# C#m⁷

God of ev-'ry gen-er-a - tion, pour-ing out Your gift of life through Your lov-ing sac-

E B D# C#m⁷

25

25

f

A E B D#

- ri - fice. How re - lent-less Your per-su - ing as You draw us to

A E B D#

28

28