


The Great I AM

The name of God has always held special meaning. The Israelites were commanded not to take God's name in vain. They were so respectful that they were afraid to even speak God's name. God has always existed. He is the Creator of all things. The first time we hear him called by a name is in the book of Exodus. Before that, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and others called Him "LORD".

The Hebrews used a form of God's name. They spelled it "YHWH". It is pronounced "YAH-WAY". From that, we get the name "JEHOVAH". But when Moses told the Israelites that "I AM" had sent him to free them from Pharaoh, they all knew exactly who Moses was talking about. They had learned about Him from their forefathers; Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (Israel), etc.

He is called by many names, but whenever He is referred to, it should always be with respect. When you write God, Lord, or any other form of His name, you should always capitalize it. Even when you write a word that refers to God, like "He", "Him", "You", or when God is speaking, "My", "Mine", etc., always start the word with a capital letter.

Using your hymn books, write down the song number and title of some songs which use God's name. Can you think of the song that ends with the words above: "The Great I Am"?



A musical staff consisting of five horizontal lines. On the first line, there are three red musical notes: a quarter note on the first space, an eighth note on the second line, and another quarter note on the second space.