

How Dear to God Are Little Children

Appropriate for Parents and Leaders

Gently ♩ = 66-72

1. F B \flat F B \flat

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The first system of the piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand (treble clef) starts with a quarter note F4, followed by eighth notes G4, A4, and B4, then a quarter rest, and finally a quarter note B4. The left hand (bass clef) starts with a quarter note F3, followed by eighth notes G3, A3, and B3, then a quarter rest, and finally a quarter note B3. Chord symbols F, B \flat , F, and B \flat are placed above the right-hand staff. A finger number '1' is written below the first note of the right hand, and a '5' is written below the first note of the left hand.

F B \flat F B \flat

1. How dear to God are lit - tle chil - dren; _____
2. To earth - ly par - ents God sends chil - dren _____

1. 2. 3.

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The second system includes vocal lines and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It features two verses of lyrics. The piano accompaniment is on two staves (treble and bass clefs). The right hand of the piano accompaniment has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It includes a repeat sign at the beginning and a fermata over the final chord. The left hand of the piano accompaniment has a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. Chord symbols F, B \flat , F, and B \flat are placed above the vocal staff. Finger numbers 1, 2, and 3 are written below the first three notes of the vocal line. A '5' is written below the first note of the piano left hand.

F B \flat C7 F F7

With him their spir - it life be - gan. So price - less
To guide and teach, pro - tect and love. Oh, let us

B \flat B \flat m F Dm

their se - cu - ri - ty, Their in - no - cence and pu - ri - ty; They
keep the sa - cred trust That he has placed with each of us And

B \flat C7 F B \flat

are a part of his e - ter - nal plan.
help to guide them back to God a - bove.

F B \flat C7 F

How dear to God are lit - tle chil - dren.