

# How To Project Melody Lines in Worship

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There are many churches who desire to project melody lines for songs in their worship services. This is helpful in several ways:

- Those who can sight read will have a greater sense of confidence, will sing out with boldness and help to lift the participation of the entire congregation.
- Even those who do not know how to sight read will be able to see that when the note is higher on the music staff that they are to sing a higher pitch. They will also learn over time that notes have different values. While they probably will never know the difference between a whole note and an eighth note, they can see that if a note is solid black with a stem they hold it for a shorter period of time. This provides a visual aid to learning.

How to do it:

1. Purchase a simple score writing package. You can even download a free basic package called Notepad by visiting [www.codamusic.com](http://www.codamusic.com). This is available for both the Mac and Windows. There are many other software companies which can also provide this software.
2. Enter the melody line and the lyrics. (Do not enter harmony as this would be too confusing and would enter the realm of music arrangement which can violate your CCLI license).
3. Ensure that your CCLI license is up to date for your congregation and that the song to be projected is covered by CCLI. For more information on CCLI visit [www.ccli.com](http://www.ccli.com).
4. You can choose to capture the music for use on the screen through one of the following methods.
  - Print off the music and scan it into your computer. This will give you the highest resolution and best appearance.
  - Use a screen capture program (such as Snagit available at [www.techsmith.com](http://www.techsmith.com)). Or simply use the Printscreen function in windows.
5. Once you have captured the graphics, simply crop the original music to the one or two lines you wish to display on each slide. Save this in the graphics format you wish to use.
6. When you are composing the slide in PowerPoint, choose Insert-Picture-From File and then choose the edited graphic from your hard drive. Place this on the slide and then drag to fit the slide.
7. You may wish to have the one or two lines of music at the top of the slide with a small picture at the bottom to enhance the visual appeal of the slide. For high quality photos visit [www.designpics.com](http://www.designpics.com).



Note:

- Once your congregation has learned the song and is highly engaged, you may find that displaying the melody line is not needed. A song like *Shout To The Lord* usually no longer needs to be displayed as it is so well known.
- New Creation Ministries will be releasing melody lines on a CD for congregations to use. While this has not yet been released, this will be an option for you in the future.