

You Can't Control The Things God Does In The Heart Of A Child

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Let me tell you about Jason . . .

Jason, an 8-year-old boy living as a foster child in my home, spent a week at Royal Family Kids' Camp. There was one thing that really stayed in Jason's mind after the week was over, — his ability to sing a song he learned titled "*I Am A Promise*".¹ Maybe you don't know the words to that song. Let me read them to you.

*I am a promise, I am a possibility,
I am a promise with a capital "P"
I am a great big bundle of potentiality.*

*And I am learnin' to hear God's voice
And I am tryin' to make the right choices,
I'm a promise to be
Anything God wants me to be.*

*I can go anywhere that He wants me to go,
I can be anything that He wants me to be,
I can climb the high mountains, I can cross the wide sea,
I'm a great big promise, you see!*

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Well, needless to say, little Jason's attitude about life was a little more positive after learning that song!

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The next day after returning from camp, he went to visit his father who was in prison. As he described all the things he had done at camp, he suddenly burst into song. Everyone, from other inmates and visiting friends to the guards stood in awe, and many of them with tears in their eyes, as Jason sang every word.

The next week, Jason met with his mother and the social worker and they asked him about his experience at camp. Well, guess what Jason did. Again, as he described all the things he had done, he suddenly burst into song. This moved his mother and the social worker to tears.

In the fall, when school started, the teacher asked the class if anyone wanted to participate in the school talent show. Jason's hand went up first and he said "I have a song I want to sing!"

Remember, there are many things you can control, but you can't control the things God does in the heart of a child!