

Daniel (Ringmaster)

Come one, come all! Let your eyes and ears be dazzled by the spectacular acts you will see here tonight with the *Amazing Grace Group*. Each of our talented performers has abilities beyond what you could ever imagine!

Most importantly, you will experience treasures of the faith and be a part of selecting ...

Let's get started! It's my distinct pleasure to introduce you to a duo that is like no other—each with the strength of ten children. Our own Amazing Grace Muscle Twins!

How about that! Let's hear it for our first two hymns in the finals.

What could possibly be the problem with the most ferocious lion this side of...

What? The Lion's doing what? (*Brooklyn whispers more*) She's obsessed with... what? Well, take care of it, please! She goes on in 15!

Let's hear it for the hymns led by the Bouncin' Bozos!

We also have the lowest talker in the state.

Is that so?

Let's hear it for our sideshow acts! (*applause*)

Now, without any further ado, take it away, Tightrope Cowboy!

I'm sorry, what is the lion doing out here?

Your real talent? You're a lion. What more real talent is there?

Ohhh... she's miming. Uh... let's give her a hand, folks.

That's our Gertrude. (*singsong under breath*) Talk to her please!

Pay no attention to that very ferocious lion!

For our last sideshow act, I will need a volunteer. (*ELLA raises hand*)

All right, looks like we have one. Let's give her a hand, folks.

You are going to try to guess Jesse's talent (*she indicates JESSE, next to her*) by asking her four questions. Remember, use your four questions wisely. First question...

Last one!

Now for the moment of truth. What is her extraordinary talent?

I am so sorry. The answer is: She speaks only in hymn titles! What an amazing ability!

Someday someone is going to guess it.

Let's hear it for our acrobats and the hymn, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Wait, our Muscle Twins are helping him up! I love the friendship here at the Amazing Grace Group.

Hymn number 107! Ah! It's too much, Jesse! I love it! Now is the part you've been waiting for. You, the audience, get to vote on which one is the greatest!

Well, there are a lot of hymns. We can only pick the best ones.

Oh, she's coming down...

I'm sorry, but we are only looking for the greatest hymn!

Well, folks, I think she's right. It is our privilege to honor these hymns that testify about the
GREATEST ONE! This Greatest One who gave up His throne in Heaven to come down to earth
and demonstrate His great love for us!

Alex (Rose)

We will astound you with wonders ...

Ladies and gentlemen, that sound means you're in for a treat. You are about to experience Bowen the Clown and his Bouncin' Bozos.

Bouncin' Bozos, tell us about our next act!

Here at the *Amazing Grace Group* we have kids with the most spectacular gifts! We are so proud of our sideshow acts.

Tell us, is there a story behind your hymns?

Any advice for kids today?

Next, be dazzled the Amazing Grace Acrobats!

Uh oh, looks like Jesse tripped trying to usher the lions out.

Excuse me! This is not the participation section.

Now that's just crazy talk!

It's like they wrote down what God taught them and put it to music!

Eliza (Brooklyn)

... and sound-shattering roars that will make your hair stand on end!

Ringmaster, we may have an issue with Gertrude...

I have no idea. (to GERTRUDE) Gertrude, are you all right?

Oh, no.

Sorry, folks, this has never happened before.

Gertrude! What is going on?

How do you expect people to be in awe of a fierce lion if you are pantomiming like a mute housecat!?

And now, the moment you've all been waiting for—the wild, the powerful, the ferocious... Amazing Grace Lions!

That was the Amazing Grace Lions and "It Is Well"!

They point our eyes to the one who is Lord of everything.

Linnea (Gertrude)

I am so sorry, (*giggles*) really, I am. But I was thinking, what if I did a really loud *roar*, but then, I did an example of my real talent!

I'll give you a little sneak peek. Here it goes.

Miming makes me feel *alive*! And I'm really NOT a fierce lion!

I won't let you down; I'll still be ferocious. Just, also... with some face paint and some (*acting out sweeping with a broom*) light sweeping!

Cameron (Tightrope Cowboy)

You'll see amazing acts of miraculous agility ...

We proudly present to you: the world's oldest tap dancer—clockin' in at 100 years old! Hope I'm still line-dancing when I'm half his age! Sweet PT Barnum and Bailey! What a beard!

They call us the Tightrope Cowboys cuz we always say, "Everything's better in our boots." Plus, we love being high in the air.

Just like we keep our eyes on Jesus as we walk through each day.

You know, God is with us even in our worst moments. He's close to us even when it feels like there's no hope.

She has a point. These hymns help us to connect with what our fellow Christian brothers and sisters have learned about God through the centuries.

Brady (Tightrope Cowboy 2)

Next, we have a sideshow that will absolutely blow your mind. The speediest texter in the world. Are you ready?

And two, line dancing robots...

We know what you're thinking: How crazy do you have to be to get up on that high wire... in cowboy boots, no less!

We'd be happy to, Rose. "Be Thou My Vision" is based off of poems written over one THOUSAND years ago!

Psalms 34:17-18 says, "The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

Fin (Tightrope Cowboy 3)

Lyndi, can you please text me a full list of your Top 10 Favorite...

And also can you send me...

Well, it's not what's below us that we're looking at. The reality is that if we put one boot in front of the other and keep our eyes on the goal, we'll reach the other side.

And the second hymn, "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," was written over a century ago about trusting in Jesus even in the bad times.

So if you're having a bad day, put on some cowboy boots and trust God like you're walking across a high wire.

Jack (Zane)

Together: ... and rockin' feats of strength.

I am Zane.

Together: Let's get shredded!

Our hymn is taken from a very awesome Scripture passage.

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house ...

Together: ON THE ROCK!

Oh, yah!

... yet it did not fall because it had its foundation ...

Together: ON THE ROCK!

Together: ... *ON THE SAND.*

That is so sad, yah?!

The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with ...

Together: ... *A GREAT CRASH.*

"On Christ the Solid Rock" ...

It's a *strong* start... get it?

Together: Let's get shredded!

Along with a child who has never eaten a vegetable in their life! Can you believe it, Zoe? Can you believe it, Zoe?

And it seems they needed Him...

Sonia (Zoe)

Together: ... and rockin' feats of strength.

And I am Zoe.

Together: Let's get shredded!

Let's crush it, bro! Jesus said,

Together: ON THE ROCK!

The rain came down, the streams rose ... and the winds blew and beat against that house;

Together: ON THE ROCK!

But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house ...

Together: ... *A GREAT CRASH.*

Together: ... *ON THE SAND.*

He was not shredded.

... and "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus"!

Together: Let's get shredded!

I cannot believe it, Zane. (*holds microphone to his face*) Seriously bro, how are you even alive?

... just as much as we need Him today!

Bode (Bowen)

We will tickle your funny bone ...

Why was the clown always on his feet? He was a stand-up comedian.

Thanks, folks, we got another one for ya. We don't clown around. Just kiddin', we do.

In 1873, Fanny Crosby and her friend Phoebe wrote the hymn "Blessed Assurance," about having complete confidence in God's promises.

"Jesus Paid It All" and "Blessed Assurance"!

That reminds me. What did the baker say to the dough?

Oh, you've heard that one?

Millie (Clown 1)

... and bend your mind to colossal possibilities.

Why did the birthday clown go to jail? For blowing up balloons!

The hymn “Jesus Paid It All” was written in 1865.

Riley (Clown 2):

What do clowns order for breakfast? Eggs... funny side up!

It talks about how Jesus’ blood paid the penalty for our sin.

Sam (Clown 3)

What’s a dentist’s favorite hymn? “Crown Him with Many Crowns”!

Elora (Ella) :

What’s your favorite thing to do?

Do you... spend your time with any animals?

Okayyyy.... Who’s your best friend?

What do you want to do when you grow up?

She’s... very vague?

I mean, it’s probably hard to talk about regular things though, right? Do you like sports, Jesse?

Stop! (*music stops*) You forgot one!

My grandma taught me her favorite hymn, and you didn’t even do it.

I love this hymn. It reminds me God is always listening to me. I can pray about anything, and He hears me.

But, what if there IS no greatest hymn?

What if instead, learning hymns helps us to know God more? Our Friend, but also our King.

Yes! Each of these hymns are living testimonies of what God has done in people’s lives for hundreds of years.

Karson (Jesse)

“I Love to Tell the Story”!

“All Creatures of our God and King.”

“No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus.”

“Wherever He Leads I’ll Go.”

“Yesterday, Today, Forever.”

“What a Day that Will Be.”

“Love Lifted Me.”

Hazel (Acrobat)

No matter what, God is always, in a word: faithful.

That’s another hymn title. Amazing!

In a word: AMAZING.

In a word: Earth shattering!

In a word—AMAZING!