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Small Group Bible Study  
And Guitar Course With  
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**4 CHORDS + 6 WEEKS = GUITAR SUCCESS**

WTK Worship Guitar Bible Study (LEADER PACKET)

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## Workbooks Copies

Each participant should have their own copy of the workbook to take this course. It is a violation of copyright to make copies of the workbook on the church copy machine.

## Weekly Practice Session Access

Every workbook purchase includes access to the online practice session videos. Each participant will register and create their own WTK account and login to access the weekly practice sessions using the instructions in their student workbook.

Participants may also order a practice session DVD by using the order form in the workbook or at <http://shop.worshiptheking.com>

# Introduction

Thank you for taking the time and spending your energy leading this awesome class! Your role is critical and super important. Although you should know some basic chords and have some guitar experience, you don't have to be a guitar expert to lead this class. I will do all of the core teaching and you will be there to lead, support, and encourage. I'm going to be with you every step of the way with videos, tips, tricks, insights and encouragement. It is important that you are upbeat and encouraging... I guess you could call yourself the class cheerleader and the "never give up" guru. The first few weeks of learning the guitar can be tough. You may experience some pain in their fingers and hear some really strange sounds coming from that beautiful box of wood called the guitar. Don't worry and don't give up because if you follow along and practice a little every day, you will begin to hear some marvelous music coming from that box of wood. Your first goal as the class leader is to keep every single person coming back and practicing every day for the entire 6 weeks of this course. Everything else will fall into place beautifully and you and the participants will achieve great things.

We are working toward week 6 when everyone in the class will be able to play a full worship song. In week 6, I encourage you to give the group the opportunity to record a group video playing the song. You can upload this video to the myWTK Facebook group or send it to me via messenger or email.

If you can, join the [myWTK Facebook Group](#). Through the Facebook group, I can give you really fast feedback and you can get to know others studying the course around the world. I am able to quickly answer your questions and even post video responses to your questions.

## For leader support:

I am here to help you each step of the way. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know.



Login to your online leader course and go to the dashboard

Online Form: [www.worshiptheking.com/support](http://www.worshiptheking.com/support)

Email: [biblestudy@worshiptheking.com](mailto:biblestudy@worshiptheking.com)

Call or text: 615-716-0312

## Keep going!

If your group wants to keep learning together in this small group format I have good news... we offer additional 6-week sessions! Level 2 is all about having fun and gaining a few skills while adding some flair to your playing. I'll teach you a few more strumming patterns, the popular and excellent "palm mute" technique, and introduce you to picking patterns. Each week you will apply a new technique to the new songs you are learning. Check the website for availability or contact me.

Level 3 is a combination of songs and stories from worship leaders, artists, and band members to help you understand more about God, worship, and becoming a great musician.

## Play and Sing Songbooks

Once you know the 4 chords in Level 1, you can play 32 songs in the Play and Sing 4 Chord Worship Songbook! This first course is the real jumping off point for most people. Be sure you highlight the point along the way that once they know these 4 chords, they can play so many more!

I am publishing new songbooks all the time so go to <https://worshiptheking.com/playandsing/> to see what is new!

# Your Leader Kit

The set of DVDS you received with your leader packet includes everything you need to lead the class successfully. You can also access all of the videos in the online leader course plus an online Leader Tips Video is available for each week to help you prepare and encourage you. During class, you can use the DVDs or stream the sessions from within the online dashboard. Streaming can be risky if you don't have a fast internet connection. With this in mind, please **TEST EVERYTHING prior to class**. We stream from VIMEO platform and the VIMEO videos are embedded in the course at WTK. The cannot be downloaded.

## **INCLUDED IN YOUR LEADER KIT:**

### **3 DVDS:**

- DVD - 6 Guitar Lesson Sessions
- DVD – 6 Bible Study Sessions
- DVD – 6 Student Practice Sessions with Bonus Videos

### **1 Student Workbook**

- (includes one online registration code into the online student version)

### **1 DIGITAL Leader Packet**

- (includes one online leader registration code)

# Online Leader Access



You can access all of the leader materials online including streaming videos and leader tips in the online course titled: *Worship Guitar Bible Study – Leader Version*. All videos are available as streaming only which will require a high-speed internet connection.

## Included in the Online Leader Access

- 6 Leader Prep Videos
- 6 Practice Session Videos
- 6 Guitar Lesson Video Sessions
- 6 Bible Study Video Sessions

Your Leader Registration/Coupon Code:

**LDR-KEG-CW8-019**

**The above code will enroll you in the STUDENT and LEADER Courses.**

Follow the instructions below to create and register your online leader account.

### **New to WTK?**

To setup your new WTK online account and get automatic access go to <https://worshiptheking.com/enroll/>

Enter your information and your custom registration/coupon code. You will be logged in and enrolled in the Leader Version of the Worship Guitar Bible Study Course.

Once you are enrolled, click on the “Member Home” button in the top navigation bar and you can access all of the video content for the course titled “Worship Guitar Bible Study-Leader Version”

### **Already a WTK member?**

Login to your WTK student account and navigate to the course titled “Worship Guitar Bible Study – Leader Access” Click on ENTER REGISTRATION CODE and enter your registration/coupon code.

You will automatically be enrolled into the course once you complete your registration. Access the course at [www.worshiptheking.com/leaderaccess](http://www.worshiptheking.com/leaderaccess) or by going to Member Home. Your member home page will show you all of the courses you are registered for.

# Tools and Accessories

It is important that every student attending the class has the right tools to succeed. I offer complete class accessory packs on my website <http://shop.worshiptheking.com>

Each student should have the following:

## **A WTK Beginner Guitar Course Bible Study Workbook**

Each participant enrolled in the course should have their own copy of the workbook and a login to the online daily practice videos.

## **Acoustic or Electric Guitar**

You can complete this course with an acoustic or an electric guitar. You can also use a nylon string classical style guitar. I suggest a medium size acoustic with low action that is easy to play. Read the guitar buyers guide in the next section for more details.

## **A Guitar Pick**

A standard medium or thin guitar pick is all you need. Many beginners find it easier to use a thin pick to start out. I don't like the paper thin picks but a standard thin pick is fine. I recommend a pick that is between .50-.60mm The red or orange Dunlop Tortex picks are my favorite. I actually use the green dunlop (.88mm) but it is a little too thick for most beginners.

## **Guitar Tuner**

Every student should have their own guitar tuner for the class. We will learn to tune the guitar right away so you don't have to tune every guitar every week for the participants. I recommend the Snark clip on tuner. There are several really good smart phone apps available for free that will also work well.

## **Capo**

Each participant will need a capo to play along in different keys during the course. I suggest the Kyser spring type capo. It is a worthy investment. A simple snap on capo will be sufficient if you are trying to save money on accessories. This is an ok place to go for the less expensive option.

## **Music Stand**

If the church can't provide enough music stands for everyone in the class, I suggest the simple folding wire music stands for each participant. It is important that they are not trying to balance the book on their leg or reading it from the floor in front of them. If they have the wire folding stands they can also take them home and use them for their practice time.

# The Leader/Facilitator Role

You are an important part of this class! First of all, you are the chief encourager! In the beginning, playing guitar can be a little hard and sometimes frustrating. You need to keep an upbeat attitude and encourage everyone to have fun and don't let a single person give up! Many participants will learn the chords and strum along for the 6 weeks and then not pick up the guitar much ever again. That's OK. Some will find a new love for music, discover a hidden talent and pursue music and worship with a fire and passion. In either case, this course will have been a success for both. Everyone will learn more about God and worship and these truths will be stored in their heart along their journey. Some will form new relationships or learn to step outside of their comfort zone by playing a musical instrument in front of other people. I'm saying this because, as the leader, I need you to understand that you do not need to take credit for their success or blame for their failures. It is your job to smile, encourage, and help along the way.

## Goals for Class

Number 1 - HAVE FUN!

Number 2 - Learn to play a song on guitar

Number 3 – Create new relationships

Number 4 - Gain a deeper relationship with God through worship



# How to Setup the Learning Space

You will need a DVD player or online access to stream the class lessons. You will also need a screen or projection system with good audio quality.

Make sure you have a big enough screen for everyone to see clearly while sitting in their position in the class.

I suggest one leader/facilitator for every 6-10 participants. If you have more than 10 participants, it can get difficult to manage with just one class leader.

The semi-circle setup works best for the sessions because it gives you, the leader, an open floor space to walk and you can see everyone's hands and get to them easily to help during the session.

## How many facilitators do you need?

1-6 participants – 1 facilitator

6-10 participants – 1 or 2 facilitators

Over 10 participants - 2 facilitators

If you are hosting a class with more than 20 participants, I suggest breaking the class into zones and having 1 leader for every 6 participants

# Class Format

I have provided a class schedule as a guideline so you can have a successful class session every time. There are 3 important time markers.... 10 Minutes 30 Minutes and 60 Minutes. These are your guidelines and will ensure your class doesn't accidentally last 2 hours. You can successfully do the class in one hour but I like to think of it as 1 hour 15 minutes to allow some breathing room and time for fun!

**10 minute mark - Start the Bible Study Video**

**30 Minute Mark - Start the Guitar Lesson Video**

**60 Minute Mark - Wrap up practice and start packing!**

It is important that you arrive early and set up the classroom or have the church staff do this part during the day. When the participants arrive, the room should be set up and the video should be ready to roll. If you neglect to do these things, you will frustrate yourself with technical issues and cause traffic jams and problems when people arrive and don't know where to put their things.

If your room is small, have the participants leave their guitar cases in the hallway or another classroom. You will be surprised how crowded and awkward it can get with all the cases laying all over the floor.

I would encourage your group to arrive 5-10 minutes early so they can get their guitars out and be ready to start the class on time.

Start the class on time and use the first 10 minutes to get everyone's guitar tuned and ready. Each student should be tuning with an electronic tuner. Help those who need help. Tuning the guitar well takes time and practice and will not be a huge focus in this course but encourage the participants to try and tell them they will get better over time.

# Class Time Schedule Guideline

1 hour and 15 minutes Total

7:00 - Welcome/Fellowship/Tune

**7:10 - Pray and Start Devotion 8-10 min**

7:20 - Discussion

**7:30 - Guitar Lesson (15-20 min)**

7:50 - Practice

**8:00 - Wrap up practice time and start packing up**

8:15 - Out of there!

# LEADER TIPS

## WEEK 1

It is important this week to get everyone comfortable with holding the guitar and memorizing the OPEN UP, LINE UP, GRAB, TILT technique. Each one of the quick tips in the student workbook is extremely important and you will repeat and reinforce these for the whole 6 weeks.

Most people won't make a beautiful sounding G chord in the first hour of the class, but they will have it by the time they get back to class next week. Let them know it's OK to take some time and practice and the chord will come alive this week if they put in their 5 minutes of practice.

Make sure everyone has access to their online practice sessions or has the practice DVD before they leave! I don't want anyone to miss out on practice time because they can't figure out how to create and login to their WTK account, so I have provided you with a simple link and password that you can give to anyone who is having trouble accessing their online practice videos for week 1. The specific instructions are found in their student workbook and I have also included an easy video tutorial on this page to help them get their full access. Be sure they contact me if they need assistance creating their online account or help them after class.

## WEEK 2

I feel that this is by far the hardest week of the whole 6 week study. Mainly because we are learning the D chord and it's an awkward chord change. The good news is that the next two weeks the chord changes are going to feel like a walk in the park after everyone gets the hang of the D chord.

During the practice between G and D, practice leading with your second finger. I show this on the practice video session. Leave all other fingers in place and practice moving just your second finger.

You will also have to make an extreme TILT in your left hand to get the D chord to sound right.

## WEEK 3

The finger burn is probably coming on pretty intense by now so keep encouraging them to practice a little every day and the finger burn will begin to diminish soon! Make sure everyone is pushing close to the fret so you don't have to push as hard to get the chords to come out. This will also help with finger burn!

Encourage them to keep the first finger off and make sure we are all still playing the new modern C chord shape.

Make sure everyone has picked and is practicing one of the methods for muting out the LOW E string while playing the C chord.

Encourage them to play softer and use a light touch on the pick so the guitar sounds good and not clunky.

Make sure they don't have any floppy pick and let them know they can let the pick flex up and down between their fingers. They have to hold on tight but allow the pick to flex with the strings.

When practicing the FLIP, you change chords on the upbeat of 4 so you are on the next chord right on the downbeat of 1

Make sure they are counting the flip right and are using selective strumming during the FLIP by just strumming the flip on the high strings.

Remember **If you can't say it, you can't play it.** Make sure the class is counting and chanting out loud when learning the flip.... ta ta ta te tica

When I demonstrate the flip on Open up the Heavens notice how my strumming hand is moving in an eighth note type of pulse. This is because I always feel the eighth note pulse in my right hand and on some patterns, I even feel the sixteenth note pulse. This is a good thing to practice and be aware of.

We are going to be speeding up the song little by little in the practice session.... so just start slow and this week it will get faster and faster!

## WEEK 4

This week is about getting a little bit better at playing and changing chords! It's about gaining confidence and getting more comfortable with the chords and strumming as we prepare to put together our final song next week!

The root note of the E minor is the OPEN LOW E STRING. Make sure you pay special attention to that low E note and make sure you hit it good and let it ring out over the chord.

Reinforce holding the pick firmly but allowing it to flex with the strings and make sure there isn't too much pick sticking out.... "floppy pick"

In the practice session on the eight-note pattern for FOUND IN YOU, during my faster demonstration on some of the measures I added a syncopated accent pattern. This was just by habit and we are not *covering syncopation in this 6-week course*. *If you want to add accents in this pattern, you can accent on 2 and 4.*

Syncopated accents: **1** + 2 **+** 3 + **4** +

Regular accents: 1 + **2** + 3 + **4** +

## WEEK 5

Week 5 is about reinforcement of everything we have been learning so far. Have fun this week and encourage everyone to keep practicing. Next week we will be playing a full worship song together!

Try to get people to strum and hum slowly and while keeping a steady rhythm. It is extremely important that the class is able to play and switch the chords without breaking the rhythm between chord changes. Practice as a class playing really slow and making it through the progressions without breaking the rhythm.

If some people are having a hard time singing the words, try to have them just play the chords and hum the melody first. This is a great way to start learning to sing and play. It does not come naturally to most people.

Practice the two main progressions for How Great is Our God and begin to hum the melody when the class is ready.

Be sure to let people know that next week you will be playing a full song and invite them to be a part of the week 6 video where you all play together!

**Having trouble?** This is a very important week. If someone is still having trouble it's important to try to help them over the hump this week so they can have success and be playing the full song by next week! You can email me about the trouble you are facing and even send me a video of the problem. I will help you! Send your email to [biblestudy@worshiptheking.com](mailto:biblestudy@worshiptheking.com)

# WEEK 6

## **Week 6 Leader**

This week is about playing a full song! It's important for everyone to feel like they have made it and had success. It's also a huge help when you share your success with me and with others around the world. So please make a video this week and share it with the world!

## Making a video with your group:

- Use good lighting. Use the most current version phone camera you have in the class. Set the phone on a tripod or have someone hold it steady and capture the whole class playing the song.
- You can lead the class through the song or you can use the play along to the final video to keep the class all together for the whole song.
- Use dynamics by playing softer on the verses using the simple quarter note strumming pattern with a flip. On the chorus and the bridge, you will double up on the strumming by playing the eighth note pattern with a flip and things will be a bit louder. The last chorus you play one time soft!
- When you are finished, upload your video to the myWTK Facebook page or to YouTube and share a link to the group.



# How to share your video:

Once you have completed your video, I'd love to see it and share it with others and I would love to hear the testimonials and success stories from your group! Follow the simple instructions below to share your video and your stories.

## Share Option 1: Upload to the WTK Dropbox

It's easy! Just go to [www.worshiptheking.com/sharevideo](http://www.worshiptheking.com/sharevideo) and use the password **FAITH** to upload your video file!

If you have an account with DropBox, Google Drive or a similar service, you can upload your video there and email the link to [biblestudy@worshiptheking.com](mailto:biblestudy@worshiptheking.com)

It's almost impossible to email me the full quality video because it is going to be over the file size limit for most email services. That is why using a service like DropBox is the best way to share large files.

## Share Option 2: Share Socially

To share socially, simply upload your video from your phone to YouTube or any social media platform (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc)

Tag @worshipthekingmusic on Instagram and @wtkmusic on Twitter

Use these hashtags in the description #WGBS #worshipguitarbiblestudy #worshipguitar #worshiptheking and any others you think are awesome!

Include this link [www.worshiptheking.com](http://www.worshiptheking.com)

Once you have shared your video, be sure to send me a link!