Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895) exemplified the best qualities of Christian servanthood. Cecil was gifted, compassionate, visionary, humble, and hardworking. She was passionate about ministry to the disabled and disadvantaged, especially children. She used her gifts as a hymn writer and poet to help teach Bible truths and stories to children. “All Things Bright and Beautiful” is a perfect example of one such hymn. We are thankful for Alexander’s legacy of hymns and for her example of Christ-like ministry to others.

KIDPages
Use these pages:
• With children who arrive early
• In a small learning group
• As a take-home page. If a page is sent home, suggest that parents and children work on the KIDPage together.

Love in Action
Use this page to present information about Cecil Frances Alexander. Have children create a list of qualities from her life that they admire, and guide them to share their list with other children.

Picture Match
Provide copies of Picture Match for children to connect each hymn phrase with its matching image. Use this KIDPage as an opportunity for children to work on hymn memorization.

“All Things Bright and Beautiful” Harmony Map
Perform this chart with Boomwhackers®, bells, or handchimes.

“Maker of Heaven and Earth” Dramatic Reading
Enlist and rehearse three readers to present this dramatic reading, or reprint it as a responsive reading for the congregation. Option: To demonstrate how verses describing God’s creative power are located throughout the Bible, have a child display visuals that show the Bible reference of each verse as it is being read.
All Things Bright and Beautiful

Unison

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,

Fine

all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, He
made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.

2. The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the
sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.

3. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the
ripe fruits in the garden: He made them every one.

4. He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how
great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.
Cecil Frances Alexander was born in Ireland. When she was a child, her father noticed her poetic gift and encouraged her to develop her writing abilities. Cecil became a skillful poet who wrote nearly 400 hymns and poems. Her most enduring hymns were written to help children learn Bible truths and stories. She wrote “All Things Bright and Beautiful” to teach children about God’s creative power. She composed a variety of hymns for many occasions, but her talent shines brightest in her hymns for children.

Cecil was a humble, compassionate person. She loved children and put her love into action! She established a school for disabled children and helped support it with profits from her writings. She was tireless in her efforts to help the poor and sick. Cecil Francis Alexander invested her life in teaching, loving, and caring for others.
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“All Things Bright and Beautiful”
Harmony Map

Pitches needed:  

A color version for Boomwhackers® is available on the Enhanced CD.
Praise be to God, the Maker of heaven and earth.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1)

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.” (Hebrews 11:3)

“Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise?” (Psalm 106:2)

“Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.” (John 1:3)

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.” (Psalm 19:1)

“The whole earth is full of his glory.” (Isaiah 6:3)

“For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth.” (Colossians 1:16)

“How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.” (Psalm 104:24)

“In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.” (Psalm 95:4-5)

“In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.” (Job 12:10)

“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” (Psalm 139:14)

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