

SEARCH, PONDER AND PRAY

SATB Vocal Score with Opt. Children's Choir

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a common key signature. It features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The score is divided into three systems. The first system begins with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and a box containing the number 5. The vocal line starts with the lyrics "I love to read the ho - ly scrip - tures, and, ev - 'ry time I". The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support. The second system includes an "Obligato" section starting at measure 13, marked mezzo-piano (*mp*). The vocal line has lyrics "Search, Pon - der, pray to God. This, I must". The piano accompaniment includes a *rit.* (ritardando) section and a *mf a tempo* section. The third system continues the vocal line with lyrics "do. He'll guide. Deep in - side, I'll know they are" and "do. The Spir - it will guide, and deep in - side, I'll know the scrip - tures are". The piano accompaniment includes a *dimin.* (diminuendo) section.

mp 5

I love to read the ho - ly scrip - tures, and, ev - 'ry time I

I feel the spir - it start to grow with - in my heart, A tes - ti - mo - ny

do, Ooh, Ooh.

13 Obligato *mp*

rit. that they're true. Search, Pon - der, pray to God. This, I must

mf a tempo

Search, pon - der and pray, Are the things that I must

dimin.

do. He'll guide. Deep in - side, I'll know they are

do. The Spir - it will guide, and deep in - side, I'll know the scrip - tures are

dimin.

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Note: When used with children, have them sing the melody with
the sopranos on the obligato.

mp 21

true. So pray'r - ful - ly I'll read the scrip - tures each day of my life,
So pray'r - ful - ly I'll read the scrip - tures each day my whole life

mp true, *mp* *p* Ooh,

I will do. through. I'll come to un - der - stand I'll come to un - der - stand I'll heed the Lord's com - mand.
I'll heed the Lord's com - mand and

Ooh,

cresc. 29 *f*

live I'll live as He would have me do. I will pon - der and I'll
live as He would have me do. Search, pon - der and

cresc. *f* *cresc.* *f*

mf

pray to God. These are things I must do. The spir - it guides me and

mf

pray, _____ are the things that I must do. _____ The Spir - it will guide and

mf

rit. 37 *mp*

deep in— side. I'll know that they are— true. The spir - it will guide,

rit. *mp*

deep in— side, I'll know the scrip - tures are true. _____ The spir - it will guide. And

rit. *mp*

p *rit.*

And deep in— side, I'll know _____ the scrip - tures are true. _____

p *rit.*

deep in— side. _____ I'll know _____ the scrip - tures are true. _____

p *rit.*

I'll know _____