

1 - Guitar Worship - 1

In lesson 1, we will learn the 3 basic chords used in the **key of A**:

The chords of **A, D and E**, and we will learn to play a song in the key of A.

- First step: make sure you **know the song** you are learning to play. If you don't know the song, go back to this worship page where you can select the song and listen to it. The songs are all in alphabetical order.
- **Tuning** the guitar: There are tuning tools available you can purchase in a music store or you can search online for help how to tune your guitar.
- When your guitar is in tune you are ready to start making chords and strumming them while you are singing your song.
Pick up the guitar with the neck pointing to the left. Your left hand makes the chords and your right hand makes the sound by strumming the strings.
- There are **6 strings** on a guitar. From high to low: E, B, G, D, A, E.
They all sound different, but the last E sounds the same as the first E, just lower. Try it out.
- By placing your fingers on a string right before the fret (the metal strips over the neck), you are forming chords.
Each chords has its own sound and its own finger combination and we start with learning the chord of A.
- **Left hand:** You will place the top of your fingers on the guitar according to the first picture, the picture for the chord A, on the next page.
The vertical lines represent the 6 strings with the highest sounding E (first string) on the right side in the picture and that is the string closest to the ground when you are holding the guitar.
B is the second highest sounding string, G the third, D fourth, A fifth and the low E is the sixth string.
The horizontal lines represent the frets and when you look at the key of A you will see that your fingers need to be placed on the fingerboard right before the second fret on the second, third and fourth string.
Now put your fingers on the strings and see how it sounds.
- **Tip:** If it does not sound clear it is possible that you did not push the string down far enough (the closer you come to the fret the easier it is) or another finger is lightly touching the string, that happens a lot with the highest string, the E.
- Try and place your fingers on the strings for the other three chords and strum, so you get the feel and the sound of it.
- **Strumming:** You can strum the guitar using a guitar pick (available in music stores), which gives you a clear strong sound or you can strum with your fingers or finger pick. When using your fingers, let the nails on your right hand grow to get a clear sound.
- **Singing your song:** Place your fingers with the first chord (A) in the song and just strum the guitar with a guitar pick or finger pick along with your singing. Follow the words of the song, see below and change the chords at the right time.
- When you see a next chord (D or E) above the word, you change to that chord right over the word where it is showing.

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Now you are going to play your first song in the key of A. Enjoy your worship!

THE KEY OF A

A

Frets →

UP

E A D G B E
6 5 4 3 2 1
Strings ↑

HEAD OF GUITAR

D

GUITAR BODY

E

DOWN

1 - forefinger
2 - middle finger
3 - ring finger

ALL TO JESUS I SURRENDER

A **E** **D** **E** **A**
 All to You Jesus I surrender, all to You I freely give
 E **D** **E** **A**
 I will ever love and trust You, in Your Presence daily live
 E **A**
 I surrender all, I surrender all **- I surrender everything**
 D **A** **E** **A**
 All to Jesus, precious Savior, I surrender all
A **E** **D** **E** **A**
 All to You Jesus I surrender, desperate at Your Feet I bow
 E **D** **E** **A**
 Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me Jesus, take me now
 I surrender.....
A **E** **D** **E** **A**
 All to You Jesus I surrender, make me Savior wholly Yours
 E **D** **E** **A**
 Let me feel Your Holy Spirit, **truly know that I am Yours**
 I surrender
A **E** **D** **E** **A**
 All to You Jesus I surrender, Lord I give myself to You
 E **D** **E** **A**
Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, let Your Presence Fall on me
 I surrender