OBJECTIVE

To acquaint students with some songs of praise and a song expressing concern for the Earth. These and similar songs are sung in churches and in meetings of base communities, neighborhood groups that get together to study the Bible and discern God’s word for them today.

INPUT

Sing along in Portuguese to the accompanying cassette tape. (The English is provided for comprehension only; the English words do not necessarily fit the music.)

Sing to the Lord a new song.
Sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord.

Jesus is Lord, amen, alleluia!
Sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord!

Praise the Lord, amen, alleluia!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

Glória a Deus (“Glory to God”)

Glória a Deus, glória a Deus,
To him be the glory!
Aleluia, amen!

Glória a Deus, glória a Deus,
To him be the glory!
Aleluia, amen!

Xote ecológico (An ecological dance song)

Verse 1
Não posso respirar, não posso nem nadar
The earth is dying, it gives no more when planted
No one can breathe, no one can even swim
If planted, nothing sprouts, and if it grows, it yields nothing

a terra está morrendo, não dá mais pra plantar
Even good pinga* is difficult to find.

e se plantar, não nasce e se nascer não dá,

até pinga da boã é difícil de encontrar

Verse 2
Cade a flor daqui—poluição comeu!
Where are the flowers that once grew here—pollution killed them

O peixe que é do mar?—
And the fish of the sea?

poluição comeu!
Pollution killed them.

O verde onde é que está—
And the green things — where are they?
poluição comeu!
Pollution killed them.

Nem o Chico Mendes* sobreviveu!
Not even Chico Mendes* survived.

Glória a Deus, glória a Deus,
Glória ao Pai.

Glória a Deus, glória a Deus,
Glory to God, glory to God,
glória ao Filho.
glory to the Son.

Glória a Deus, glória a Deus,
Glory to God, glory to God,
glória ao Pai.
glory to the Father.

(Repeat once)
To him be the glory!
(Repeat once)
To him be the glory!
(Repeat once)
To him be the glory!

A ele seja a glória!
To him be the glory!
A ele seja a glória!
Aleluia, amém!

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A ele seja a glória!
Aleluia, amém!

*Chico Mendes was a rubber tapper and labor organizer who gained worldwide respect for his efforts to preserve the Amazon rain forest against encroaching deforestation. To learn more about rubber tapping in the Amazon, locate a copy of Antonio’s Rain Forest, described in Selection 13.