

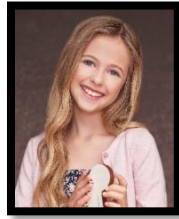


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## SAM PIO



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At such a young age, Sam Pio is multitalented and living out her dreams as a singer, actress and model. Her most recent album, "Be Joyful" (now available on Spotify & iTunes) features faith-based Christian Christmas songs such as Silent Night and Do You Hear What I Hear, and an original song Be Joyful It's Christmas. In the works is her solo album, "BE THE LIGHT" which will feature originally written Christian songs and will be released in 2022. The goal of her music is to spread God's love, share kindness, have fun and be the light everyone is meant to be. Sam brings an angelic, spirit-filled message of hope, love and light after the tumultuous time the world experienced.

In December 2020, Sam performed alongside Goo Goo Dolls' John Rzeznik for Amazon Prime's first augmented reality movie musical called "It's Christmas All Over with the Goo Goo Dolls." A true philanthropist at heart, Sam has used her talent and performed to help raise money for the Los Angeles Food Bank and the families in need.

Her deep faith in God inspires her music and work, along her projects that centers around her faith and the meaningful impact it will/may have on others that align with her values. When Sam was a 1-year-old, she booked her first job as a baby model for one of the biggest children's apparel company, OshKosh B'gosh and later with Vertibaudet Fashion Kids which inspired her to become a rising star and pursue additional passions. By age two she was singing, making up her own songs, and if there was a stage in sight, she wasn't shy and made her way to perform on it. Sam has appeared in commercials, theater production, television series, independent films, and has graced main stage events across the country. The independent film she stars in, "Little May," is out at award-winning film festivals. In this production, Sam is the youngest of 15 singers in this musical, based on the ten Commandments of the bible, alongside Whitney Phipps, Yolanda Innocent Palmer, Neville Peter and nine others.

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# Rising Music Star Sam Pio on The Five Things You Need To Shine In The Music Industry

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*Sam Pio is a Christian singer-songwriter who has performed alongside the Goo Goo Dolls' lead singer John Rzeznik on Amazon Prime's first augmented reality movie musical "It's Christmas All Over with the Goo Goo Dolls" and is releasing her debut Christmas album "Be Joyful, It's Christmas" November 26th (available on Spotify and Sound Cloud).*

**Thank you so much for joining us in this interview series! Can you tell us the story of how you grew up?**

I grew up in a small town in California with beautiful parks, beaches, and mountains. My days consist of playing with my pets and friends, going to a lot of classes like Tae Kwon Do, gymnastics, dance, theater etc. Homeschooling, auditing, vocal lessons and performing was a typical day for me. I also love baking, swimming, and skating.

**Can you share a story with us about what brought you to this specific career path?**

Mom says, I came out singing and turning my days' adventures into songs; so, performing and songwriting come very naturally to me. I feel at home on a stage with a live audience and I love sharing God's love with whomever I meet. From an early age I fell in love with Jesus by studying the Bible, by praying and all things that are spiritual. So in reality my faith has always been a huge part of everything I do. In spite of my mother's efforts to have me be open to secular music and films, my heart just soared when I aligned my music and acting career with my values and morals, which centered around Christ. I feel my calling is to make Jesus famous on every stage. I actually told my mother at age of four that, "I needed a huge stage to tell the world about Jesus and God's love." So having a faith-based career as an artist is what I was born to do! I love sharing God's love, hope, peace, and joy through my music and my acting career.

**Can you tell us the most interesting story that happened to you since you began your career?**

Yes. But let me tell you a God-story first... of when God saved my house from the Thomas fires.

We were in Florida at the time, and I woke up just knowing, without anyone telling me, that there was a fire in California and our house was in danger so I knelt down and began to pray. Then God showed me a vision of angels coming down from Heaven and surrounding our house. I knew then that our house would be saved. I told my mother, and although the houses behind us burned and flames came within 200 feet over our house, ours was saved! That truly is my most memorable story.

Here's a career one now... "I direct book a lot of my projects and have so many wonderful stories to share. Like when mom picked up the phone and it was the Goo Goo Dolls Management Office wanting to know if I would be interested in doing a duet with lead singer, John Rzeznik. Getting to be in the movie and sing with John was a dream come true. John and the band are so kind and sweet. Although I was only 9 they treated me like a superstar. When I was on-set they kept coming back making sure all my needs were met, and they even had me sign my name on the guitars with the other band members. The guitars were later used as a giveaway for a charity event with St. Jude Hospital. But that's not all. They even had one specially delivered to my house. So I have a beautiful red guitar at my house with all our signatures on it."

**Can you share a story about the funniest mistake you made when you were first starting? Can you tell us what lesson you learned from that?**

I went to sing my favorite song, "Jesus Loves Me," which I have sung a hundred times.

I had just flown in from a trip and was really tired after a very busy schedule, so for the first time, I didn't run through my song before going on stage. Then when I got up to sing, I could not remember where on the track to come in. It was the strangest thing. I, of course, was so embarrassed.

I managed to come back and finally sing it, but from that I learned I should always run through my song no matter what...Even if I do know the song very well and have been singing it forever.

**What are some of the most interesting or exciting projects you are working on now?**

I have several exciting projects all happening at once and they all stem around both my original single, "Be Joyful It's Christmas" released November 19th, and my Christmas Album "Be Joyful" to be released on November 26th. I will be appearing on a Christian Television Network, 3ABN, where I sing 13 songs from my "Be Joyful" album. The show will run throughout the month of December. Then I have my own radio show, "Be Joyful with Sam Pio" that will air every Saturday and Sunday at 4:30 on Salem's radio station, KDAR 98.3 FM. The show will air both my original song and songs from my album, as I tell Bible stories of the birth of Christ to children. I am now in Nashville to finish the music video for all my releases. The recording of my original was so amazing because I got to record it at Nashville's iconic The Castle Recording Studio where so many legendary artists have recorded. The Annie Moses Conservatory choir and orchestra are also featured on my single, "Be Joyful it's Christmas!" And Bill Wolavery wrote the music score, and his son Alex, from the Annie Moses Band, produced it! While in Nashville I am also working on a project with Rory Feek, affiliated with the Gaither Music Group. WOW! God has me on the most exciting adventures!



**We are very interested in diversity in the entertainment industry. Can you share three reasons with our readers about why you think it's important to have diversity represented in film and television? How can that potentially affect our culture?**

1. God created everyone equal, and diversity aligns with God's plan because He loves everyone.
2. The color of one's skin doesn't create your personality, talent, or character, it's the choice we make and how we treat each other that does and that impacts the world.
3. Allowing everyone equal opportunities to become all that God created them to be will have an amazing impact, not only on our culture but on the world at large.

**What are your "5 things I wish someone told me when I first started" and why. Please share a story or example for each.**

1. That I would have to practice all day, every day, for the rest of my life. Between vocal, acting and musical instruments it seems I am always “practicing.”
2. That there would be so many choices to make. Like when I am making an album, I have to decide what songs, how I want them to sound, the melody, the instruments, the keys, the dynamics, and the overall feeling I want to convey. Then, when it comes to acting, there are so many choices with each character.
3. I would have to stand up for myself a lot. Like, the time I got the lead role in a “dark movie” and I had to turn it down because it just didn’t align with my values, morals and message. Having a strong faith means standing in your own integrity, and always being yourself and sometimes that means saying no.
4. I really wouldn’t have that much time to play. Although my mother makes sure I get my playtime each day, I still have long days filled with auditions, classes, recording, rehearsing, traveling, performing, and sometimes I don’t get to play as much as I would like.
5. And, it’s really hard work. Meeting deadlines, time commitments, rehearsals, auditions, plus school, is hard work. You have to really love what you do and enjoy doing it because it’s a huge time commitment.

**Which tips would you recommend to your colleagues in your industry to help them to thrive and not “burn out”?**



Remember to be yourself, take deep breaths, and pray. I use prayer to help me get through every day. When I am tired, exhausted or confused, I just pray and ask God to help me and He always does.

**You are a person of enormous influence. If you could inspire a movement that would bring the most amount of good to the most amount of people, what would that be? You never know what your idea can trigger.**

I would create a movement around the joy of becoming a missionary or having a missionary mindset. To me being a missionary means taking the time to help those in need without expecting anything in return. It's about spreading God's love, hope and joy to those who need it the most. If people had a missionary mindset that would make a huge difference in the world. That's why I started my Live For Jesus Ministry and I joined the ASi, a missionary-minded organization that brings leaders from around the world to help fund and carry out projects that have a worldwide impact in communities and countries, combined. I also got to perform at the ASi World Conference this year! To me, there is no greater joy than partnering with God in advancing His kingdom and helping others do the same.

**None of us are able to achieve success without some help along the way. Is there a particular person who you are grateful towards who helped get you to where you are? Can you share a story about that?**

First, I would have to say Jesus because He inspires everything that I do. Then I would have to say, my vocal coach, Asunta; my producer, Mavis; my engineer, Jimmy; and, of course, my mother, who makes sure EVERYTHING gets done.

**Can you please give us your favorite “Life Lesson Quote”? Can you share how that was relevant to you in your life?**

Don't judge a book by its cover. A man on the street is homeless, he is a mess and disgusts you, however, you stop and offer him some food and you realize how nice he is. Then you see another person who is well dressed and has it all together. You stop to simply say hi and he is rude and ignores you. People come in all shapes, sizes, and colors but it's not their appearance that matters, it's what's on the inside, “their character,” that makes them who they are.

**Is there a person in the world, or in the US whom you would love to have a private breakfast or lunch with, and why? He or she might just see this, especially if we tag them.**

Besides Jesus, I would like to talk with Lauren Daigle because she is a Christian artist who has made it in the industry, and I would like to learn from her.

**How can our readers follow you online?**

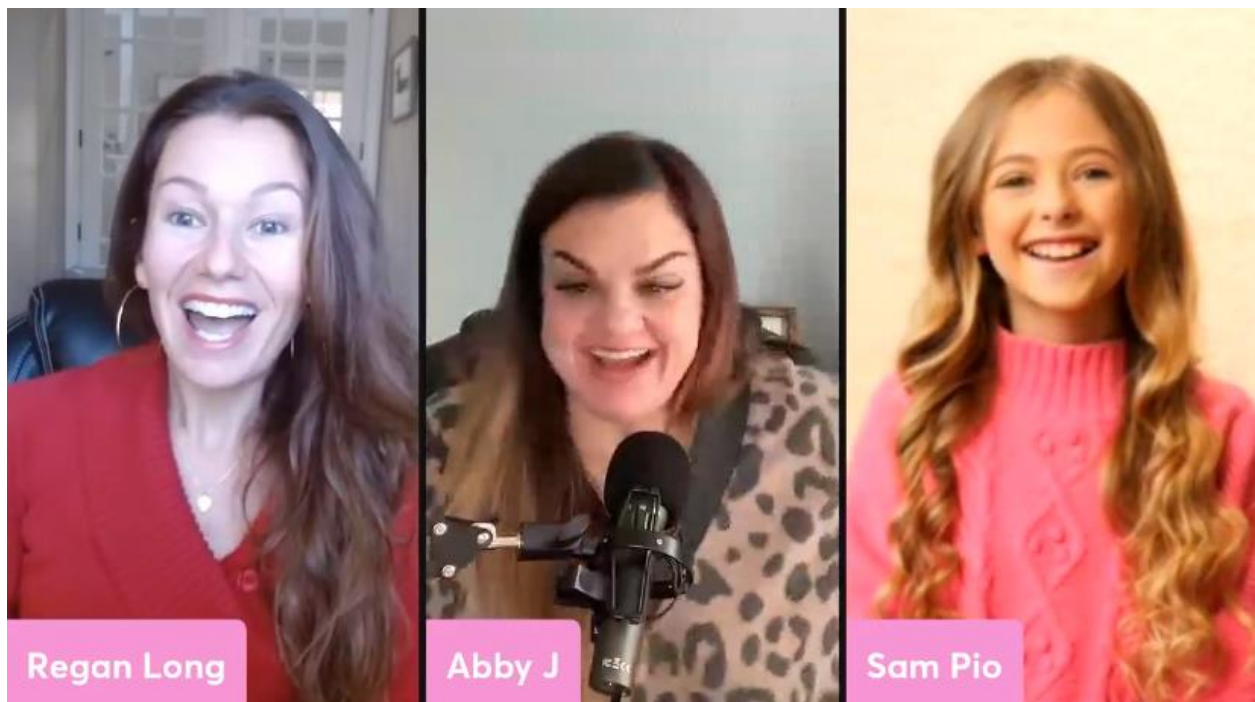
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**SHE'S LIVING A BLESSED LIFE**  
*Interview with Sam Pio*

BY ALEXIS WOHLER

**A**t such a young age, Sam Pio is living out her dreams as a Christian singer, actress and model. She recently released a cover album, BE BLESSED, which features faith-based Christian Gospel songs such as Amazing Grace and O'Lord (now available on Spotify & iTunes).

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By age two she was singing, making up her own songs, and if there was a stage in sight, she wasn't shy and made her way to perform. Sam has appeared in commercials, theater production, television series, independent films, and has graced main stage events across the country.

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winning film festivals, and her 26-television episode "Love at Work" series is scheduled to premiere on the Hope Channel (date TBD).

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Faith Filled Family Magazine is thrilled to present this interview with Sam Pio as she gives readers an inside look at her life as a child singer and actress.

**When did you know that singing was part of what you wanted to do as a career?**  
 I started out modeling. Then I started doing films and commercials. At four years old I went straight to my mom and said to her, "Momma when I grow up, I want to sing and have a

huge stage. A lot of people don't know about God in the world and I'm going to tell people all about Him." My mom got me interested in all genres of music such as hip hop, pop, Christian music etc.

**How did you become interested in modeling at such a young age?**  
 I always wanted to model. I started modeling when I was one. I wanted to dress up and do fashion. I love to dress up every day and I have always thought it was the coolest thing ever.

I thought modeling was the perfect and coolest thing I love walking the runway. I would do poses and my parents would take pictures of me. So I thought modeling would be the perfect thing for me to do as part of my career.

**What got you interested in acting?**

I love theatre. Sometimes an audition pops up and I can do it before or after school. Since I homeschool, it's really easy to work everything out between my schoolwork and my jobs. It makes it a lot easier to go to auditions and rehearsals and the recording studio than it would be if I was in public school.

**How has God helped you make time for all of your jobs, as a kid? How do you make time for other important things such as play dates, reading your Bible?**

I have a few hours off where I can just relax and do stuff with my family. I make sure I give myself a few hours off every day so I can rest, recharge and be ready for the next day. So, whenever



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a new audition or opportunity comes up, I'm ready to go. I like to keep my relationship with God at the top of my priority list. I love reading the Bible and learning about God.

**What has it been like making a cover album of worship songs? What songs are you including on the album?**

Be Blessed is an amazing album. It's inspired by the corona virus. People had to stay home. But they had time to read the Bible and they get to have a close relationship with God if they chose to.

Be Blessed out now on all platforms. I had a big premier party with all my friends with cotton candy and cake and it was so much fun.

**What has it been like for you**

**recording all new original Christian songs for your first solo album Be The Light?**

**When will it be released?**

We believe that it'll be released by the end of the year. My songwriting teacher and I write songs together. Me and my engineer work on songs together. Then we go and record it. I love recording tracks. It's so fun.

**What was it like for you to star in the film "Little May"?**

It was really fun. It's about a guy who loses his daughter in a divorce. Then he discovers his young next-door neighbor, Little May, who is a gifted painter and she just changes his life. She helps him figure out his true purpose in life.

It has a really good ending and he gets his daughter back. It took a while to film, at least a few

months. Time flies when you're having fun.

**What's your favorite things about God?**

I gotta say, love everything about God. How He is there for us. How He loves us and how He created us. How He cares for us. Every single thing about Him is my favorite. I love reading the Bible. I love the book of Revelation.

My favorite Bible verse is John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son. That whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

When Jesus comes again there will be no more work for us. All believers will all be raised up to the heavens and we will all live happily ever after with Jesus.

As long as you follow Him and don't let anyone shut you down from following Him. Be the light. Be love, be blessed, have laughter, be happy and be yourself. Be kind to others. Love God with all your heart. But remember, I and God are not forcing you to believe. You have a choice.

*Faith Filled Family Magazine would like to thank Sam Pio for giving us an inside look at her life, her new album and other projects she is working on.*

*We would also like to thank Sam Pio's publicist Shelley Alvarado and JT Naylor for facilitating the interview. We hope that this interview encourages people to follow their dreams no matter what age they may be.*



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## Music Stars Making A Social Impact: Why & How Sam Pio of 'BE BLESSED' Is Helping To Change Our World



As a part of our series about music stars who are making an important social impact, I had the distinct pleasure of interviewing Sam Pio.

With 50k + followers across her social platforms and a growing fan base, nine-year-old singing super sensation Sam Pio is using her music and voice (Literally) to make the world a better place by singing about faith and hope. Having performed alongside the Goo Goo Dolls, John Rzeznik on Amazon Prime's first augmented reality movie musical called "It's Christmas All Over with the Goo Goo Dolls," her first over album, BE BLESSED (Available on Spotify & Sound Cloud), is making big waves in the Christian music world, creating music that brings peace, love and hope to her every growing fan base. Not only is this young Christian based powerhouse making huge waves in the music world, but she also will appear in the independent film, "Little May," which is out at award-winning film festivals, all while using her talents to perform LIVE to raise money for the Los Angeles Food Bank and the families in need.

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Thank you so much for joining us in this interview series! Our readers would love to get to know you a bit better. Can you tell us a bit of the 'backstory' of how you grew up?

I grew up traveling between Florida, Texas, Chicago, and LA working in the industry as a baby model doing commercials and print ads for big companies. My parents finally decided to retire in California so I really grew up outside of LA. I just love all the great things in Southern California: the beaches, mountains and how the weather is so nice all year round. My mother noticed I also loved to perform as early as 2 years old. If I saw a stage or people singing, I would reach out and just pull away from my parents and run to the stage. I just had to be on the stage or anywhere there was an audience; the mall, farmers market, zoo, just anywhere! My parents couldn't believe I would just run right up there and start singing!! So finally, my Mom took me for voice lessons, but no one would take a child! Then when I was five, we found a coach who taught children and I started to study seriously. I even performed a classical art song in a video at the age of 6! I took classes in Los Angeles each week and dance lessons all while I performed in children's musical theatre performances. I have been training really hard ever since.



Can you share a story with us about what brought you to this specific career path?

I was auditioning for all sorts of wonderful projects but I found myself going into my voice lessons and I was always talking about Jesus. I would be so filled with the messages of Jesus that it would just spill out of me. I had already read the Bible about 50 times! I have always had a strong faith and strong conviction as far back as I can remember. At about 4 years old, I just started reading the Bible out of nowhere and I fell so in love with Jesus that I read it over and over! I would say, I have always felt God's presence. Interesting my first professional Concert was a Christmas concert, and I was the youngest performer who sang "Happy Birthday Jesus" and "Mary Did You Know". It was then that my vocal coach noticed how I delivered the song with so much emotion and conviction. Then I did a big solo concert at the Ventura County Fair, it was just me and I changed costumes twelve times (right on stage behind a screen), and "shared God's Love" the whole time with the audience for an hour-long show! I never got tired, and I just loved every minute! So, by then my parents knew I was really serious about performing and I was just born for it! I was also feeling a strong desire to be Baptist because she himself was Baptist, so I started asking my parents to take me to church. I went to big churches and Cathedrals, all sorts of churches, but I fell in love with a sweet little church in my little town that felt like home. I started to sing at the services and study the Bible with my preacher and God just opened the doors for me right there. I was introduced to Christian producers, and I started recording wonderful popular worship songs and



filming beautiful Christian videos for my first album BE BLESSED ever since and I just wrapped the whole album and all the videos!

Can you share the funniest or most interesting story that occurred to you in the course of your career? What was the lesson or take away that you took out of that story?

Usually, auditions come up so quickly without much notice. Once it happened where I got all dressed up for an audition, packed the car with everything I needed, got into the car and was driven halfway there only to realize that the audition was the next day! So, now I double-check the date! But at least I was early and prepared!!



Can you please give us your favorite “Life Lesson Quote”? Can you explain how that was relevant in your life?

I would say the greatest life lesson quote for me would be “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God and Everything Will Be Added Unto You.” After all my years of auditions and working weekends on the Sabbath, I realized what was important to me was keeping the Sabbath holy, going to church regularly and trusting God with my whole life. When I started doing this, opportunities in the Christian world just came to me!! God just opened all the doors!

None of us are able to achieve success without some help along the way. Is there a particular person who you are grateful towards who helped get you to where you are?

Can you share a story about that?

I couldn't answer that. There are so many people who I am grateful for who have really helped my dreams come true. But if I have to choose one person, it's Jesus.

Let's now shift to the main focus of our interview, how are you using your success to bring goodness to the world?

Can you share with us the meaningful or exciting social impact causes you are working on right now?

I have always used the gifts God has given me to support charity events, help the homeless and anyone in need

actually. I often ask my mother to pull over and help someone in need. A couple of weeks ago we stopped to help a woman and discovered she really needed help so we put her up in a hotel for two weeks until she could get into a program. My true love is sharing God's word and my mother says I am a little evangelist because I share God's love wherever I go. Last week I did Vacation Bible School where I was part of the leadership team and I got to use my acting training and my speaking gifts to inspire children to be bold in their faith. I feel that the youth need to stand up for their beliefs and I love inspiring them to do so. Next, I will be speaking at a youth organization for a back-to-school charity event. We will be handing out free back-to-school backpacks to children getting ready to go back to school in the Fall and they have asked me to speak and sing. I am always looking for ways to inspire others and to serve God with the gifts and talents He has given me. Sometimes it's partnering with large youth organizations and other times it's just a daily practice of serving my local community.





Many of us have ideas, dreams, and passions, but never manifest it. But you did. Was there an “Aha Moment” that made you decide that you were actually going to step up and take action for this cause? What was that final trigger?

I always knew I wanted to have a huge stage so that I could tell the world about Jesus (mom says, I actually told her that at age 4). Mom still had me try pop, Broadway, country, rock, and audition for so many projects because I was so young, she wanted me to try it all. But the “aha” moment came to both of us when I was 8 and started directly booking non-Christian projects who wanted me just the way I was as a Christian artist! They even allowed me to tell my story and love for Jesus. That’s when both mom and I knew God was up to something more than we could see. From that point on, I knew I was born not just to perform but to sing for God as a Christian artist and faith-based actress! Fantastic. Here is the main question of our interview. What are your “5 things I wish someone told me when I first started” and why. Please share a story or an example for each.



First — Acting was not acting in the sense of pretending. REAL emotions are required and you really need to be feeling the actual emotion not just “acting or pretending”. You actually need to become the character and not act like the character! There is a huge difference! It requires a great deal of training and being able to get in and out of emotions quickly. I wish someone had told me to find an acting coach that I could work well with and not focus so much on all the classes because it can take much longer to really get it, if you don’t have someone that gets you! After years of taking classes, I mainly do private sessions now and go to classes for specific training.

2nd — How important it was to know who you are and what you want to do. Know your brand, your genre and your Fan Base, sometimes takes time to develop but there’s another instruction in 2nd Corinthians; “Examine yourself whether ye be in the faith.” So, know who you are, and you’ll save a lot of time, effort and money. Work on those things you are passionate about. Don’t just throw everything at a board and see what sticks. You really need to check-in and see what really brings you joy! For me, I shine when doing comedy, voice-overs, or roles that have a positive spiritual



message. Staying true to my values and morals are crucial because if I don't I lose my integrity and then I am not really offering my best self!

3rd — How important it was to put your team together. Who do you need on your team, whether it's a print agent, commercial agent, tv or film agent? What is it that you really want to do? Find the right Vocal Coach, Acting Coach, Dance instructor, Recording Engineer, Photographer, Videographer, Music instructor, Music Producer, Attorney, Agent, Manager and more... Surrounding yourself with a positive and supportive team can make all the difference in the world. Don't just go with big names but ensure they are right for you. Make sure they are the people who understand you, believe in you, will go to bat for you and work for and with you. I like to have my team in place before I actually need them, then I can take my time and make sure it's the right team for me.

4th — How fast and how ready you have to be to turn things around on a dime, auditions come up fast you can have family trips or events planned, friends over for a beach day — and suddenly, an audition comes in and they need your self-tape in 3 hours or the next morning. You have to learn a script or research a product or a TV show and you have to be really committed to your craft so train, train, train! Always be ready and up for everything. In order to be ready at all times my car is a classroom, recording studio, bedroom, dining room, well anything it needs to be to get the job done. I record in the car if a VO comes in last minute, I always have extra clothes in the car, food, water, and I even homeschool in the car. With COVID our house turned into an audition room, home studio, recording studio and mom had to be a photographer, videographer, editor, computer expert, and so much more! Let's just say, mom and I have to wear many hats. Your team also has to be able to meet industry demands and be there for you when you need last-minute coaching.

5th — How helpful it would be to find more experienced friends and parents in the business and learn from them. For instance, we kept hearing casting directors say they want "Real Kids". But what does that really mean? Do we show up for the audition just as we were? Did they really mean wear anything that you have on and act as silly as you normally act at home? For someone like me, I might be wearing the same thing for days even if it's dirty, my hair is most likely not going to be brushed and I am usually really goofy silly! I like to be comfortable and when I find a favorite piece of clothing, I wear it out, "literally" most likely it's going to be dirty and have holes in it and I love telling jokes nonstop! So, I wish they would have said, be yourself, have fun and wear something you feel great in even if it's dirty. Or better yet, here's what a friend told me! "Know what color looks best on you, find something in that color, buy multiple pieces, and wear it for EVERY audition!" I like my friend's advice!

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## New Music Monday: Rising Gospel Singer Sam Pio Discusses Her Upcoming Album 'Be Blessed' & Performing with the Goo Goo Dolls #NextGenSeries

Rising gospel singer Sam Pio has had a passion for singing and performing since she was a toddler. By age two she was singing, making up her own songs, and if there was a stage in sight, she wasn't shy and made her way to perform. By the time she was seven, she performed in her first headline concert, where she covered 12 songs and 12 costume changes, without ever leaving the stage. Last December, she performed for the Amazon Prime special "It's Christmas All Over with the Goo Goo Dolls." Now at just nine years old, Sam is set to release a cover album *Be Blessed* of Christian-Gospel songs, such as *Amazing Grace* as *O' Lord*. She is also working on her first solo album with her original Christian songs. We loved chatting with Sam about her love of singing and performing her upcoming Christian albums, and performing with the Goo Goo Dolls.



Hi Sam. Have you always had a passion for singing and performing?

Yes. Ever since I was born.

What were your first memories of singing and performing?

It all started when I was a little kid like two years old. Any time I saw a stage at the mall or the zoo, I'd go up on that stage and I would start singing. I actually convinced the people on the stage because we their instrument and play the guitar and sing in the microphone and dance, sing, and twirl.

That sounds so fun. What was it like making a cover CD to all of your favorite songs?

It's so much fun and I just can't wait for my album come out. Everybody can hear me sing all these amazing songs that can help people turn to God.

I bet. I've heard you've already performed around the country. What was it like singing and wearing all those different costumes?

It was really fun. I loved my concert so much. I loved my dresses. Every time I put on a new one, I'd say, "This is pretty, pretty pretty!"

Yeah, you looked gorgeous in some of the costumes I saw. So how do you pick your favorites on your cover CD of Christian songs?

I don't really have a favorite because they're all so amazing and they're all such an important message of God.

That is true, and I see you're working on your own Christian album with your original songs now.

It's called "Be the Light." One of my original songs is called "I Need Your Love." I've been working on it for a year. It's the first original I ever wrote.

And when will that be out?

We don't know yet.

What do you think the message of your music is?

My inspiration always comes from God. I love writing songs about heaven and Jesus and being the Light and not letting anyone shut you out. I love doing my own tracks. Most Fridays, me and my engineer go into the recording studio and create tracks and record my songs for my Apple.





Wow, good for you. And I saw that last December you performed along with the Goo Goo Dolls for Amazon Prime's first reality movie musical called, "It's Christmas All Over with the Goo Goo Dolls."

What was that like?

I was on Amazon Prime session with the Goo Goo Dolls, and it was just an amazing time. Singing is my passion and singing with the Goo Goo Dolls, one and only. Wow. That was a dream come true.



That would be. I love the Goo Goo Dolls too. That had to be an amazing experience being on stage with Johnny Resnick.

It was. I felt so happy and I love Christmas songs to and singing the song "Better Days." I love the song "Better Days". It kind of relates to the coronavirus because no matter how it is someday we will find "Better Days."

Absolutely. You're absolutely right. And I also saw that you're starring in Love at Work, the TV musical series, that's going to be on the Hope Channel. Tell me what that's about and your character.

I'm the youngest of 15 singers and it's a big musical for Hope Channel and 3BN. It's about the Ten Commandants.

Well, that has to be a fun experience for you.

Yes. It's been really fun, but it's closed down right now because of the pandemic.

Yeah, I would imagine so. How has the pandemic affected your career?

Not really that much. Because God has really protected me and my family from the coronavirus, and all I have to do right now is just do stuff on Skype.

Yes, the internet has made everything easier.

Yes, it has. If God hadn't created man, man wouldn't have been able to create the Internet.

This very true. And how do you use your singing and performing to help others in need?



Well, at first God gives me a song to cover or if it's a new song that I write in my mind. He just puts it in my mind without me even noticing, and my vocal coaches help me sing it. I might record it and do a music video.

I see, and where have you studied singing and dancing?

God is the one who gave me the gift, and he's the one who teaches me how to sing. I do have vocal coaches that help as well.



Okay, and what are some of your favorite hobbies?

I love baking, and I love swimming, and I love hanging out with my friends. Of course, like my top favorite is singing. Singing my thing, but my second favorite is being with my Mommy because she's my biggest fan. She supports me in everything that I do. She holds my hand over me the hardest times, and she always encourages me the hardest. She's the best mommy in the entire universe.

You are very lucky. And who is your favorite musician or singer currently?

Of course, the one and only-Carrie Underwood in her new Christian genre. I loved it when she sang "How Great Thou Art," on stage.. I just felt some sort of joy hearing her. Yes, I heard her new Christian album was wonderful. And who would you most like to perform with when live concerts resume?

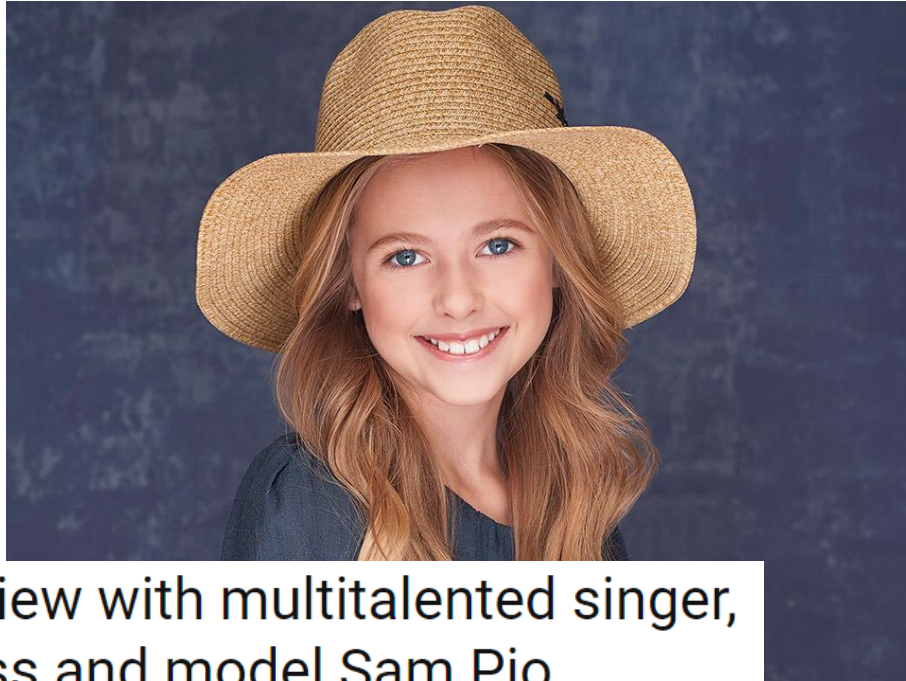
Of course, I'd love to sing with Carrie Underwood and I'd love to sing with Toby Mac and Lauren Daigle. They're also some of my top recording artists.

I love Toby Mac's song "Everything." It's so upbeat. "I see you in everything." I just love that song. Lauren Daigle's song, "You Say," just touches my soul. "You say I am strong when I think I am weak." I just love it.

<https://weareentertainmentnews.com/2021/04/05/new-music-monday-rising-gospel-singer-sam-pio-discusses-her-upcoming-album-be-blessed-performing-with-the-goo-goo-dolls-nextgenseries/>

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# NALUDA



## Interview with multitalented singer, actress and model Sam Pio

Check out our interview with multitalented singer, actress and model Sam Pio who is set to release a cover album of faith-based Christian Gospel songs such as Amazing Grace and O'Lord, as well as a solo album with originally written Christian songs later this year. The goal of her music is to bring an angelic, spirit-filled message of hope, love and light after the tumultuous time the world experienced. Sam has appeared in commercials, theater production, television series, independent films, and has graced main stage events across the country. The independent film she stars in, "Little May," is out at award winning film festivals, and her 26-television episode "Love at Work" series is scheduled to premiere on the Hope Channel (date TBD). In this production, Sam is the youngest of 15 singers in this musical, based on the ten Commandments of the bible, alongside Whitney Phipps, Yolanda Innocent Palmer, Neville Peter and nine others.

In December 2020, Sam performed alongside Goo Goo Dolls' John Rzeznik for Amazon Prime's first augmented reality movie musical called "It's Christmas All Over with the Goo Goo Dolls." A true philanthropist at heart, Sam has used her talent and performed to help raise money for the Los Angeles Food Bank and the families in need.

Please tell us a little about you?

I am 9 years old; I live in LA and I am a Christian recording artist. I have 2 albums coming out and I have a huge faith in God.

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Describe yourself in 3 words?

Fun, loving, kind. Worship leader, messenger of God

We're sure you have been asked this million times but how did you get in the industry?



It all started when I was 2 years old anytime when I would see a stage I would go to the stage and convince the people on the stage to give me their instrument and I would start singing and dancing away. As I got older, I started doing musical theater, commercials, short films, singing at charity events, and live shows. I did my first one-hour concert when I was 7 years old. And at 8 years old, I performed for a holiday special Amazon Prime with the Goo Goo Dolls. I also started singing at churches and became a worship leader, all the way to now.

Describe your sound in 3 words?

Inspirational, worship, contemporary

Who influenced you and why did you choose to make music?

God because He is the creator of everything. And He is the very reason we are all alive today. He inspired me to choose to make music.

Do you play any instrument?

Yes. I play the piano, recorder and guitar.

Do you ever get nervous?

Yes. But only a little bit because my mom always says, it's good to be a little nervous because that means you know what's going on. God always gives me the confidence I need for whatever He has me do.

Tell us about your new cover album of faith-based Christian Gospel?

My Album is called, "Be Blessed" and it's all songs by famous Christian recording artists like "O'Lord" by Lauren Daigle, "Everything" by TobyMac, "Amazing Grace" by John Newton. It's a mixture of contemporary Christian songs and Hymns.

What's the story behind the project?



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The Be Blessed album was inspired by my Blessing song. During the pandemic everybody was very sad, but God brought a blessing in the middle of the virus. You know how people have to wear a mask and stay home but God made that a way to bring people closer to Him. Now that the grownups are staying home with their kids, they can spend more time with their family and show their kids how much they love them. And it gives families more time to pray together and read the Bible together and more time to give snuggles to their pets.

Tell us about the experience performing alongside Goo Goo Dolls' John Rzeznik for Amazon Prime's first augmented reality movie musical called "It's Christmas All Over with the Goo Goo Dolls?" Well, the moment I heard I was going to sing with the Goo Goo Dolls, I almost fainted. I was sooo excited. John is a really funny guy. He cracks the funniest jokes. After the show he gave me a guitar with all the cast signatures, even mine. Next time I see him I am going to give him a big hug.

Which project is still on your bucket list?

Tour around the world to tell more people about God through my music.

What is fun and rewarding about what you do? And what's not?

Well, I love everything about what I do but mostly my relationship with God, worship leading, being a messenger of God, just everything. That's even one of my songs on my album. The most fun part is being a worship leader and doing everything for God. What's not fun? Absolutely positively nothing! I love everything I do is for God.

What's next for Sam Pio in 2021?

My first album Be Blessed is going to come out and I am going to have a CD premier party with a cotton candy cake. I want to do more worship leading, I want to finish my original Be The Light album and I can't wait for what's coming up for me.

What is your favorite song? And why?

Jesus Loves Me because it's all about how much God loves us and He loves us so much no matter what we do.

Any loves other than music/acting/modeling?

Baking, swimming, hanging out with friends, praying, reading the Bible, and I know this may sound a little baby like but I love snuggles from my mom because she is my biggest fan. She supports me in everything I do, and she is absolutely amazing.

If you could meet someone living or dead, who would it be and why?



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Jesus, because He is the son of God and He walked on water, raised the dead and did Miracles and He forgives everyone even robbers.

Best advice ever given?

Every single piece of advice God has given me and He still gives me advice today.



How's a typical day in your life?

I wake up, have snuggles, eat breakfast, take care of my bunnies, homeschool and I might have a vocal lesson, guitar lesson, learn some worship songs or write my own song or acting class.

Depending on the day, I maybe in the recording studio either laying down a track or recording a song for albums. And you never know when a concert or audition might come up. In the evening it's off to the park or doing something fun.

Name one your strengths?

Hmmm, if I had to choose one it might be my faith or biblical knowledge. I fell in love reading the Bible at 4 years old.

Idea of a perfect Sunday?

Going to church, leading worship, getting cotton candy, reading my bible, movie night, hug my bunnies and snoozzzz.

What is your favorite song to belt out in the car/for karaoke?

I don't know why but sometimes I just belt out the song, I Can Only Imagine.

Rapid Fire Questions:

What is your own definition of happiness?

Being in heaven

Do you support any charities?

Yes. I love animals so helping Animal shelters is something dear to my heart, like Lorey's Project. I also like helping people in need like the LA Food Bank or the Kiwanis Club.

How do you see yourself in 5 years?

I see myself touring around the world, getting better as a worship leader, having a better relationship with God. I have a great relationship now, but I want my relationship to get even bigger and better. I want to do everything with Him.

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How would you describe your fashion style?

Free Flowing, down to earth and what I usually wear is a dress with tights and sneakers.

What do you think of Social Media?

I think it's a wonderful way for people to get to know people and they can get to know me.

Where can we follow you?

Instagram – @[sampoofficial](#), Twitter – @[Sampoofficial](#), [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), and my website [sampoofficial.com](#)

Movie: War Room – I love it when the old woman says, “Old devil you just got your butt kicked”

Travel Destination: Heaven of course

Tv Show: Super Book. It's a bible show about two kids and a robot who go back in time with they need to learn lessons.

Book: Of course, the Bible, for God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believe the in Him should not perish, but have ever lasting life. That's my favorite verse.

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## *Sam Pio Gives us an Inside Look at Her Cover Album "Be Blessed"*



"I have been singing as far back as I can remember," 9-year-old Sam Pio told us when we asked about her music. Alongside singing, Sam is an actress and model and has been from a young age. As a baby, she was introduced to modeling in shoots for brands like OshKosh B'gosh and Vertibaudet Fashion Kids and quickly moved on to acting and singing in commercials, theater, and film. Now, she's pushing even further, with two Christian albums coming out this year.

"I love singing Christian songs to tell people about God," Sam said, sharing that everything she does is in some way connected to her faith. "Basically, I have a strong connection to my faith, and I love sharing God's love in any and every opportunity."

Her latest project is a cover album of contemporary Christian songs and classic hymns titled *Be Blessed* that came out at the end of April. Choosing songs to cover for the album came down to how Sam thought people would connect to songs that she loves. Her favorite of the twelve songs featured, "Amazing Grace" and "Give Thanks," is "Jesus Loves Me." She likes that the lyrics are about Jesus' journey.

Following *Be Blessed* later this year, Sam's debut solo album *Be The Light* is going to be a full collection of original songs. Sam shared that with each song she wrote, she worked with songwriting and voice coaches to get them ready to record. "It's a long process!" From inspiration to recording, Sam is working hard to make everything perfect.

*Be Blessed* is available to listen to now on Spotify, Apple Music, Amazon, and other major music streaming platforms.

<https://www.showstopper.vip/sam-pio-gives-us-an-inside-look-at-her-cover-album-be-blessed/>

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Sam Pio



Has music always been a way you felt you could express yourself?

Yes, ever since I was young, I just loved singing, writing songs, and performing. And by 4 years old I fell in love with reading and studying God's word so my music became a way for me to express the love, peace, and joy I felt from God. He speaks to me and my music allows me to express that.

Who are some musicians you look up to?

Well, I love Carrie Underwood, Lauren Daigle, and TobyMac. They are some of my favorite Christian artists.

Tell us a bit about the album of covers you will be releasing this year. How did you go about choosing which songs would be covered?

I love so many Christian songs, so I thought why not put my favorite ones on an album because they make me feel so toasty and wonderful when I hear them. I believe that God has a blessing in everything if we just put our faith in him. So during the pandemic, when so many people were feeling scared, I wanted to bring peace into their world by sharing the songs that make me feel all warm and toasty inside. The album has a variety of uplifting and inspirational hymns and contemporary worship songs.

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You had the opportunity to perform alongside Goo Goo Dolls' John Rzeznik. What did you learn from that experience?

I learned that I love performing with a live band and could have stayed on that stage all day. Being up on stage with the Goo Goo Dolls was an amazing time. WOW! Performing with the one and only Goo Goo Dolls was a dream come true. We laughed, told jokes, and had so much fun!

What advice do you have for aspiring singers?

What I have to say is be yourself and don't let anybody shut you down. Keep shining your light no matter what because God created you perfectly just the way you are, and he loves you more than anything.

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## Rising Star Spotlight: Introducing The Talented Singer, Actress, And Model, Sam Pio



At such a young age, Sam Pio is multitalented and living out her dreams as a singer, actress, and model. She is set to release a cover album of faith-based Christian Gospel songs such as Amazing Grace and O'Lord, as well as a solo album with originally written Christian songs later this year. The goal of her music is to bring an angelic, spirit-filled message of hope, love, and light after the tumultuous time the world experienced.

Sam booked her first baby modeling job at the age of 1 with OshKosh B'gosh and later with Vertibaudet Fashion Kids which inspired her to become a rising star and pursue additional passions. By age two she was singing, making up her own songs, and if there was a stage in sight, she wasn't shy and made her way to perform. Sam has appeared in commercials, theater production, television



series, independent films, and has graced main stage events across the country. The independent film she stars in, "Little May," is out at award-winning film festivals.

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Sam studies with some of the leading coaches and trainers in the industry and although she works hard at developing her craft she still finds time for her favorite activities – play dates, baking, swimming, board games, and reading the Bible.

StarCentral Magazine recently caught up with Sam and here's what went down:

Can you tell us about BE BLESSED and your upcoming album featuring originally written Christian songs?

BE BLESSED is a Christian cover album of contemporary, classic hymns, and worship songs like Lauren Daigle's "Oh Lord," Toby Mac's "Everything," Sinach's "Way Maker," and John Newton's "Amazing Grace".

My next album is all original music where I get to tell everyone how much God loves them. I am excited to share the visions he has given me. I just can't wait! We have already started recording and we hope to have the album out by the end of the year. We are working hard to do so but you can't rush the process. I am in the studio most Friday's either laying down tracks with my engineer or recording with my vocal producer.

What sort of person is going to love this album?

Anyone who loves uplifting music.

What inspires you to be creative?

God always inspires my work. He gives me a vision; I write it down and turn it into a song. My team is also a huge help with turning my vision into an album.

Is there anything special that you do to get into a creative mindset?

I pray and God answers by giving me a vision.

What message, if any, do you try to put into your work?

My message is about faith and love. How much God loves everyone.



What has been the most memorable experience of your career so far?

My baptism, because Jesus is such a huge part of why I do what I do. He gave me my gifts and without Him, I would not even have a career.

Do you ever find yourself unable to express your creativity to the fullest? What kinds of things inhibit you?

When I need to write a song right away but God hasn't given me the vision yet.  
Who is your greatest influence?

Everything I do is influenced by my faith and relationship with God.

Do you feel that you chose your "passion," or did it choose you?

Both because God asked and I said yes.



If you hadn't chosen to be a singer, actress, and model, what would your career path be?  
My singing, acting, and modeling are second to my relation to God and my ministry. I plan on touring around the world as a missionary giving back to God all that he has given. I just established my own company called Live For Jesus Ministry.

What are your future plans? Inside your career or out of it.

I dream of touring around the world and being a missionary, singing praises to God, and helping others get to know the wonderful life they can have through a relationship with God.

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