

Parents' Activity Sheet

Song/Activity

I Can Make Music

(Tune: *If You're Happy and You Know It*)

I can make music with my hands (clap clap)
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When I'm happy and I know it, (trace smile)
And I really want to show it,
I can make music with my hands. (clap clap)

I can make music with my feet (stamp stamp)
fingers (snap snap)
tongue (click click)
knees (slap slap)

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Family Read Aloud Time

Check out some of these books about music from the public library:

Ty's One-Man Band by Mildred Pitts Walter E
The Banza by Diane Wolkstein E
Berlioz the Bear by Jan Brett E
The Maestro Plays by Bill Martin, Jr. E
Bearobics by Vic Parker E
The Bremen Town Musicians by Jacob & Wilhelm Grimm (retold by Janet Stevens) E
Garth Pig Steals the Show by Mary Rayner E
I Make Music by Eloise Greenfield E
The Frog Who Wanted to Be a Singer by Linda Goss E
Homemade Band: Songs to Sing, Instruments to Make by Hap Palmer J782.42

All branches of the public library have a number of children's music cassettes. Check out a few and accompany them with your homemade instruments.

Making Music at Home

You and your child can make musical instruments from items you have around the house. Try some of these:

Drum

- ◆ Turn a bucket upside down. Rap out a beat with a wooden spoon or your hands.
- ◆ Save your oatmeal boxes. Let your child cover them with colored paper and decorate them with cutout shapes or crayons.
- ◆ Large coffee tins with plastic lids and large plastic containers make great drums.

Shakers/Maracas

- ◆ Pour beans, rice, or popcorn into a plastic soft drink bottle, small plastic containers with lids, or plastic pantyhose eggs. Tighten or tape lids so they will not open.
- ◆ Rinse individual juice cans and allow to dry. Pour rice, beans or popcorn through the holes and then tape them closed.
- ◆ Any unbreakable container with a secure lid can be a shaker.

Rhythm Sticks

- ◆ Cut an old broomstick into 8" or 9" sticks.
- ◆ Use two paper towel tubes to rap out a rhythm.

Wood Blocks

- ◆ Raid the woodbox for scraps small enough to fit little hands. Sand them smooth. Click two together, or rap them with a stick or spoon. Attach drawer pulls to the backs for handles.

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