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Companion Materials:

- Teacher Recordings, available on cassette or CD
 - Focused Listening* (GCS, T1)
 - Tap, Dance, and Move* (GCS, T2)
- Two sets of materials for very young children and their families consisting of a cassette of songs, poetry, prayers and dances together with a parents' guide.
 - God, My Family, and Me* (GCS, A)
 - God's Wonderful World* (GCS, B)
- Two sets of materials for young children and their families consisting of 1) a cassette of songs, poetry, prayers, listening games and a Bible story; 2) eight full-color illustrated cards; and 3) a parents' guide. Each set is packaged in a colorful Guatemalan pouch.
 - Friends in God's World* (GCS, C)
 - Friends of Jesus* (GCS, D)

Credits:

"Psalm 8" by John Erickson.

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Dear Parents,

This collection of musical activities is a personal invitation to you, your child and family to share your faith in joyous celebration through music.

It is our view that your home establishes the most important learning environment in your child's lifetime. You, your child's first teacher, have a unique role in nurturing and supporting his/her exploration of the traditions and stories of your faith.

The suggestions in this booklet are intended to share specific ideas for becoming actively involved in a music experience with your child. Whether singing praises to God with instruments, rocking with a prayerful lullaby, or dancing to a spiritual song, these can be special times of sharing your faith through the gift of music. Such moments of closeness have a decisive role in strengthening the whole family.

As you become familiar with the songs and musical activities they will become part of your family's daily routine - a bedtime prayer, a mealtime blessing or a morning song of praise.

God's wonderful world of sound enfolds us always, so watch for opportunities to make musical sounds with your child as you play, walk, ride in the car, pray or tell stories. Create your own intimate musical experiences by responding to your child's interests and questions naturally.

May you find this recording and parent's guide a help in making your home a place where music is a part of everyday life. Making music together will play a significant role in your child's development of body, mind and spirit.

Fondly,
The Authors

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Give Me Oil in My Lamp

Traditional American Song



Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burn-ing. Give me oil in my lamp I



pray. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burn-ing. Keep me burn-ing 'till the break of

Refrain



day. Sing ho-san-na, sing ho-san-na, sing ho-san-na to the



King of Kings.

King.

Recorded by: Soprano, Mandolin, Banjo, Piano

This joyful song is ideal for accompanying with simple instruments. Use rhythm instruments such as sticks, jingles, rattles, and drums or make joyful noises on pots, pans, and kitchen utensils. Try making your own shaker by putting dried beans or rice into a plastic egg, film canister or other small container. Glue top and bottom together and then decorate it.

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Traditional Folk Melody

The Lord is my shep-herd, I'll walk with God al - way. God

knows me and loves me, I'll walk with God al - way. Al - way, al -

way, I'll walk with God al - way. Al - way, al - way, I'll

walk with God al - way.

Recorded by: Children, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone

Talk with your child about shepherds and ways that they care for their sheep, much in the same way that God cares for us and you care for your child. When you sing this song, rock your child in your lap or stand, holding hands, and rock together from side to side.

Stars Shining

Texas Folksong

The musical score for 'Stars Shining' is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a 'Leader' part (one measure) and a 'Group' part (two measures). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'Stars shin - ing! Stars shin - ing! Num - ber, num - ber one, num - ber two, num - ber three, num - ber four, num - ber five, Stars shin - ing by and by, by and by, Yes, Lord, by and by.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Leader Group

Stars shin - ing! Stars shin - ing! Num - ber, num - ber one, num - ber two, num - ber three, num - ber four, num - ber five, Stars shin - ing by and by, by and by, Yes, Lord, by and by.

Recorded by: Children, Flute, French Horn, Harp, Piano, Glockenspiel

Add the following actions to this song as you sing it:

- Twinkle with your fingers (wiggle them) for the stars.
- Touch each finger on one hand as you sing the numbers in the song.
- Sing a second verse, counting up to ten. For this verse count the fingers on both hands.

To play a counting game with your child, cut ten stars out of construction paper. Lay out five stars and sing the song, inviting your child to join you pointing to each star as you sing the numbers. Sing the number section slowly and deliberately, giving your child the necessary time to point to each star. Repeat the song, using all ten stars.

To play a singing game with your family and friends, designate each person to be a “star” with a special number. Have everyone seated as the song begins. Each person stands and “twinkles” (wiggles fingers) as his/her number is sung. Talk together about different ways to “twinkle” with your body, and repeat the song, using the suggestions.

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