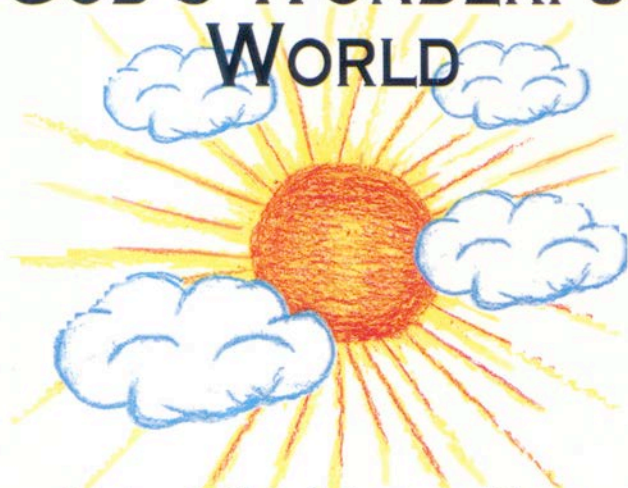


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### **Companion Materials:**

- 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:**

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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 wonder-ful 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 parents' 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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## Psalm 8

John Erikson

The Lord is great! Ev-'ry bo-dy sing, La, la, la, al-le - lu - ia! The Lord made us!

Ev-'ry bo-dy sing, La, la, la, al-le - lu - ia! God made the beasts, the birds in the tree, The

fish in the wa-ter and God made me! The Lord is great! Ev-'ry bo-dy sing, La, la, la, al-le-

*softer*  
lu - ia! The Lord is great! Ev-'ry bo-dy sing, La, la, la, al-le - lu - ia!

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**Recorded by:** Children, Vibraphone, Finger Cymbals, Glockenspiel, Rhythm Sticks

Talk with your child about the beasts, the birds, and the fish in God's Creation. Imitate some of their movements. Invite your child to choose specific beasts, birds, fish or other elements of God's creation, and then sing the song, substituting your child's suggestions. Enjoy singing this song of praise.

# The Ole Ark's a-Moverin'

African American Spiritual



**Chorus:** Oh the ole ark's a - mov - er - in', a mov - er - in', a - mov - er - in', the



ole ark's a - mov - er - in' and I thank God. Oh the



God. **Vs. 1:** How man - y days did the wa - ter fall?



For - ty days and nights in all, all. Oh the

- Vs. 2:** Leader: Ole ark she reel, ole ark she rock,  
Group: Ole ark she landed on the mountain top.
- Vs. 3:** Leader: See them children dressed in white,  
Group: Must be the children of the Israelite.
- Vs. 4:** Leader: See them children dressed in red,  
Group: Must be the children that Moses led.

**Recorded by:** Children, Bass Harmonica, Piano

Bounce your child to the beat of this lively song. Sit on the floor with your child on your outstretched legs, or sit in a chair with your child in your lap. Your child will enjoy the close contact with you and feel the beat in his/her whole body.

This song also offers a wonderful opportunity to explore the story of Noah's ark. You may want to act out the story with your child – building the ark, loading the animals onto the ark, sitting in the ark through the rainstorm, caring for the animals, and seeing the sign of God's promise.

## **Gaelic Dance**

**Recorded by:** Recorder, Guitar, Drum

Joyously dance with your child to the lovely recording of this well-known Gaelic Dance. Explore different ways to dance – holding hands, or dancing separately. Your child may want you to hold him/her in your arms while you dance. If you are physically able to do this, please do. Before you know it, your child will grow up and no longer want to be held in this way!



# Lullaby, My Pretty One

Welsh Lullaby



Lul - la - by, my pret - ty one, Gone the day and  
set the sun. Lul - la - by, my pret - ty one, And  
sleep un - til the morn - ing, And sleep un - til the  
morn - ing.

**Vs. 2:** Little one, now take your rest,  
Like a birdie in its nest.  
Little one, now take your rest,  
And sleep until the morning. (*twice*)

**Recorded by:** Soprano, Harp, Piano

Rocking together while singing can be a lovely experience for you and your child. Rock your child in your arms and sing this beautiful lullaby before naptime, bedtime or at another quiet time during the child's day.

Your child may also enjoy pretending to be a bird – happily flying, hopping, finding worms, and singing until it becomes tired and then flies back to it's nest (your lap) for a rest and a lullaby.

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