

Music Curriculum Year 2

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Introduction

God created humans in His own image, yet each person has their own unique qualities. Arts education should encourage and assist students to use their God-given talents to the best of their ability.

In our Christian school, the teaching of music encourages students to express praise and worship to God. Singing and the playing of instruments are both excellent expressions of worship.

Students will be presented with a range of musical styles: Christian, traditional, classical, contemporary and folk, with the emphasis on enjoyment and appreciation. Music is a gift from God that should be nurtured in all students. It is a gift to all, and not only for those with exceptional talent. Music is therefore a very important element in the Christian curriculum.

Music will be integrated with our God-centred curriculum, where themes of God's character and nature are studied. Teachers can select songs to support the theme, and also present songs that teach related Scripture verses.

Content

The following aspects of music will be incorporated into lessons throughout the year

- 1. Creating, composing, experimenting with sound.
- 2. Learning and using the following skills: beat, rhythm, melody, dynamics, tempo through activities with songs based on the Pentatonic scale. The pentatonic scale uses the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th notes of the scale. (e.g. CDEGA)
- 3. Listening, recognizing musical features and appreciation of different musical styles.
- 4. Singing, moving to music, clapping, tapping and playing percussion instruments to music.

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[&]quot;The Lord is my strength and my song." Exodus 15:2

[&]quot;Come let us sing for joy to the Lord". Psalm 95:1

[&]quot;Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn. Shout for joy before the Lord, the King." Psalm 98:4-6

Year 2 songs from Beacon Media CDs:

All Creation Sings, Sing a Joyful Song & Couldn't be Finer.

1. God is Love

- God loves you (All Creation Sings Track 3)
- Jesus is a friend of mine (Sing a Joyful Song Track 7)

2. God is Provider

- One little lunch (Sing a joyful song Track 21)
- God is wonderful (Couldn't be finer Track 8)

3. God is our Saviour

• Welcome Jesus (Couldn't be Finer Track 15)

4. God is Pure and Holy

- Whatever is good (Couldn't be finer Track 11)
- More like Jesus (Couldn't be finer Track 12)
- Waiting patiently (All Creation Sings Track 15)

5. God is Creator

- If I were a dragonfly (Sing a Joyful Song Track 2)
- Couldn't be Finer (Couldn't be Finer track 1)

6. God is Wise (

- What I'd like to be (Couldn't be finer Track 5)
- Come and listen (Couldn't be finer Track 6)

7. God is a Servant

- A servant for Jesus (All Creation Sings Track 17)
- Lord I want to shine (Couldn't be finer Track 14)

8. God is Protector (

A great big Dad (Couldn't be Finer Track 7)

9. God is Truth

Lord I want to shine (Couldn't be finer Track 14)

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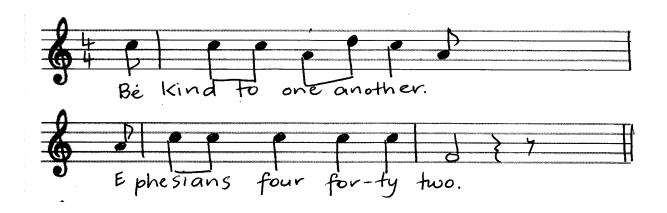
10. God is Lord and King

• Jesus you are my king (Sing a Joyful Song Track 9)

Year 2 Scripture songs (Pentatonic)

God is Love

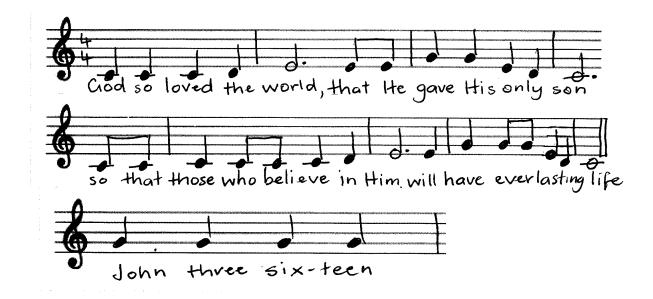




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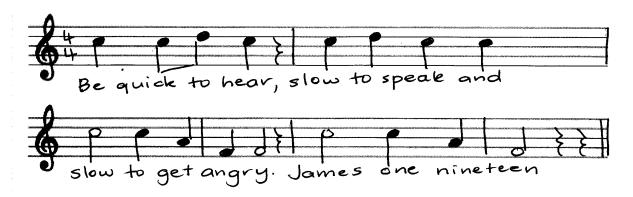


God is our Saviour

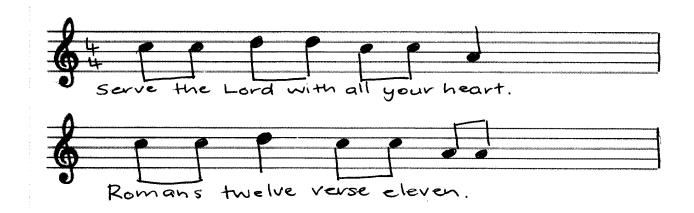




God is Pure and Holy



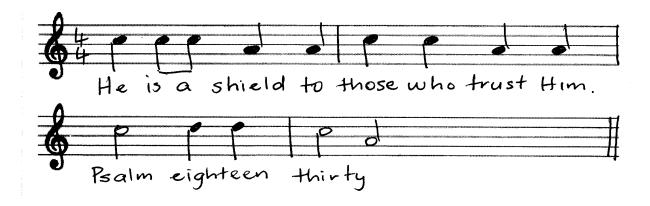
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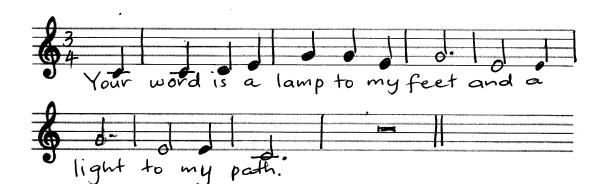
God is Creator



God is Protector



God is Truth



God is Lord and King



Beat activities:

Revise from Year 1:

- "What is a beat?" A beat is a sound that keeps going in the same way, like a heartbeat.
- Clap beat for known rhymes or songs. (make sure children are clapping the beat (heartbeat) and not the rhythm. The rhythm is irregular and follows the words of the song. The beat is regular.)
- Ask children to pretend they have a drum. How would they play a beat on a drum?
 "Boom, boom, boom, boom."
- Keep beat to songs by clapping or using percussion instruments.
- Put beat in the feet, hands, and on different body parts.
- Pass an object on the beat.
- Walk to the beat, but stop when the music stops. Children walk around to the room to the music, not touching or bumping into another person. They stop when the music stops, and go again when the music starts again.

Activities with percussion instruments:

Revise from Year 1:

Make instruments from blocks of wood or wooden sticks that can be tapped together and plastic containers with rice to be used as shakers.

- Which instrument am I playing? (Have instruments such as drum, tambourine, ukulele, metal triangle, set out in a line. Children close their eyes while one is played. They have to guess which one. Then try two in a row. Then try three in a row.)
- Children can play the beat on their percussion instruments to recording. It's best not to have all playing at once. Ask the students to watch the teacher, who holds up the instrument to be played e.g. when the shaker is held up, only the shakers play. When the sticks are help up, only the sticks play.
- Stop/go. Make a traffic light sign on 2 pieces of card. When the green traffic light is held up, children play their instruments to recorded music. When the red traffic light is held up, they stop while the music keeps playing. Then green again.

Rhythm activities:

Revise from Year 1:

- Explain that rhythm is different to beat. Rhythm is clapping the words.
- Perform word chants. (e.g. names of children in the class, fruits/vegetables, animal names)
- Clap rhythms to well-known songs.
- Echo claps: The teacher claps a rhythm and the class clap it back.
- Learn the symbol for ta and learn how to clap 2, 3 or 4 tas in a row from symbols on cards. Three tas in a row as follows would be 3 claps:

•	Learn the symbol for ti-ti and learn how to clap 2, 3 or 4 ti-tis in a row from	symbols on
	cards. Three tas in a row as follows would be 6 claps, twice as fast as tas:	ппп

•	Explain the ta is like a walking sound, (step, step, step) and ti-ti is a running sound, ti-ti ti-ti ti-ti.										ti-ti ti-ti
•	Present children with a range of rhythm cards to clap, mixing up tas and ti-tis. Always keep to 2, 3 or 4 beats per card, e.g.										
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•	Play games with the cards: Which card am I clapping?										
•	Children can learn to write the rhythms of the action songs e.g. "Rain, rain go away, come again another day" is notated as this:										
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Ad	Additional teaching for Year 2:										
•	Teach students	s that '	zah' is	a beat	of silend	ce (the r	est), and	looks li	ke this:	Z	
•	 Teach students that 'zah' is a beat of silence (the rest), and looks like this: Teach the additional pentatonic songs and ask children to clap rhythms, but when they come to a 'zah' in the music, they show open hands on the 'zah' (instead of a clap). Example for 'Hot Cross Buns' 										
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	Hot cross buns	(rest)				f	1	1	Z		
One a penny, two a penny					П	П	П	П			
Hot cross buns (rest)											

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Melody

1. Musical glasses

Fill glass jars or drinking glasses with water of different levels and tap with a metal spoon. Set out in order of the sounds they make, low to high sounds.

2. High and low sounds

Hum two notes, one high followed by one low. Ask the children to hold their hand high, at chest level when you hum the high note and lower, at stomach level when you hum the low note. Then reverse and hum low followed by high.

3. Simon says

Play this game by asking children to stand up when you hum 'low to high' and to sit down when you hum 'low to high', but they must only obey the instructions when you say 'Simon says' before you hum. They are out if they perform the wrong action, or if they perform an action when Simon did not say to do it.

4. Pitch patterning

Sing the Pentatonic songs such as 'Five fat frogs' and ask the children to hold their hand high for the high sounds and low for the low sounds throughout the song.



Loud/soft

Play percussion instruments or sing loudly / softly.

Fast/slow

Play percussion instruments / move and sing to fast / slow music. Wave streamers or pieces of fabric in time to recorded music.