

Music Madness!



Monthly Ideas



January	Snowflakes Build a Snowman	Drop from umbrella/Put under a cloud
February	Hearts Build a Heart	On a stuffed animal/in a decorated box
March	Clovers Build a Leprechaun Hat	Pick like flowers/Put on picture
April	Rain drops Easter Basket	Drop from umbrella/Put under a cloud Pick songs in Easter eggs
May	Flowers	Pick them/Put them on a picture
June	Fish	Go fishing, Put fish on a scene
July	Build A Flag	Have songs on starts or have songs on red strips for the stripes
August	School Objects	Select from a backpack
September	Leaves	Drop from umbrella/Pick from tree
October	Pumpkin Puzzle	Build it or take pieces off to reveal a secret about what lights us up!
November	Build a Cornucopia	Put Names of song on fruits/veggies
December	Nativity Scene Decorate a Christmas Tree	Put names of songs on each piece



General Ideas



Song Meters

**Sizzling Sing'n Sam
Happy Hilda**

These can be made with any idea!!

Pockets

**Treasure Pockets
Music Apron**

**Pockets on a poster board
Apron with multiple pockets**

Motivators

Stickers work like a gem! Any kind is great!

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Details



Helpful Tips for Visual Aids:

- I buy clear contact paper (very cheap when compared to other laminating options) and put it on all my visual aids
- I use clipart for almost everything.
- You can print out a clip art image to the full page size and cut it out in pieces to make puzzles to build or to reveal a message.
- Kids of all ages LOVE activities that help them choose the songs and it helps them sing well!
- Song meters can also be made with clipart images
- If you use visual aids to help them remember words to the songs you can turn them over or remove them as a fun game to help the kids remember the words.

Opening Exercises:

- I created a bumble bee visual aid and hold it up while waiting to start. I have the kids hum like bumble bees with the prelude music. It's a great way to get them quiet.

Wiggles:

- I always choose a variety of wiggle and activity songs for the little kids to help them sit still during lesson time.
- When they get restless I start to sing "My Hands" and it helps them get ready to be quiet again. Sometimes I have to do this during singing time and we usually do it throughout primary—even sharing time when they start getting a little busy. It works like a charm.

Teaching a song (especially a new one):

- I start by taking one phrase at a time (or whatever combination of about 8 words),. I say the phrase and then have them say it with me a few times.
- Then we listen to the melody for that phrase. I have them hum with the melody a few times.
- Add the words to the melody and use your hand to show when the notes go up or down. Then add the phrases together.