

ENTERTAINER

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Having completed this badge members will:

- Sing several songs including a new song;
- Learn a poem, dance, song and drama;
- Perform for a group of people.

BADGE REQUIREMENTS

1. Sing two of your favourite songs.
2. Learn a song.
3. Repeat a short poem from memory.
4. Perform a dance to a piece of music.
5. Perform a short play.

EXPLORERS
MOONBEAMS

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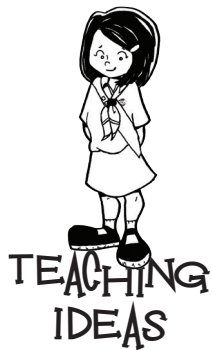
TIME FRAME

Three - Four
weeks

AIM

To introduce
members to
a variety of
art forms and
performance.





Teaching ideas



1. Sing two of your favourite songs.

You may need to spread this over a few weeks as each member should have the opportunity of singing their two favourite songs. The badge requirement is met by either the whole group or small groups singing two songs or individuals singing two songs.



2. Learn a song.

Choose a contemporary Christian song of at least two verses or one verse and a chorus that is appropriate for this age group, e.g. songs written by Colin Buchanan. Ask the Sunday School/Kids Club leader, parents or your DYCS to inquire if they have suitable music you could borrow.



3. Repeat a short poem from memory.

The poem should be at least 6 lines long, but challenge members to try something harder. The library and Internet has resources. Two recommended website are: <http://www.poetry4kids.com/poems>, <http://www.gigglepoetry.com>.



4. Perform a dance to a piece of music.

Involve members to design a dance to a piece of music that they can perform together.



5. Perform a short play.

The short play could be based on a story members are familiar with, e.g. nursery rhyme. It could be performed with simple puppets (e.g. finger, sock or paper bag puppets), acted as the story is read or told or other drama tool.

Devotional ideas



1. **Title:** To God alone be the glory
Bible: Revelation 4:11
Supplies: Bible a hymn book, **Leader's Resource 1**

One of the greatest gifts that God has given us is the gift of music. There was a composer who wrote music by the name of Johann Sebastian Bach. Bach lived about 250 years ago and he is considered by many people to be one of the greatest composers who ever lived. You might be surprised to learn that some of Bach's music is still part of our songs and hymns today.



2. **Title:** Sing to the Lord
Bible: Ephesians 5:19 - 20
Supplies: Bible, song

Music is a very important part of our worship. Read bible passage.

Some people come to worship, but they never sing. They have a lot of excuses for not singing.

Some people say:

"I don't know the words", but the Bible says in Psalm 96:1 'to sing a new song to the Lord.' Or, "I don't have a good singing voice", but the Bible in Psalm 66 says 'We can shout our praise.' Or some people say "I don't like that song", but these songs are not for us they are for God and since He created all types of music He probably likes all types of music.

Read the Bible passage again and remind members that whatever we sing, we sing to God and He enjoys hearing it. A song might be a good ending for this devotion.



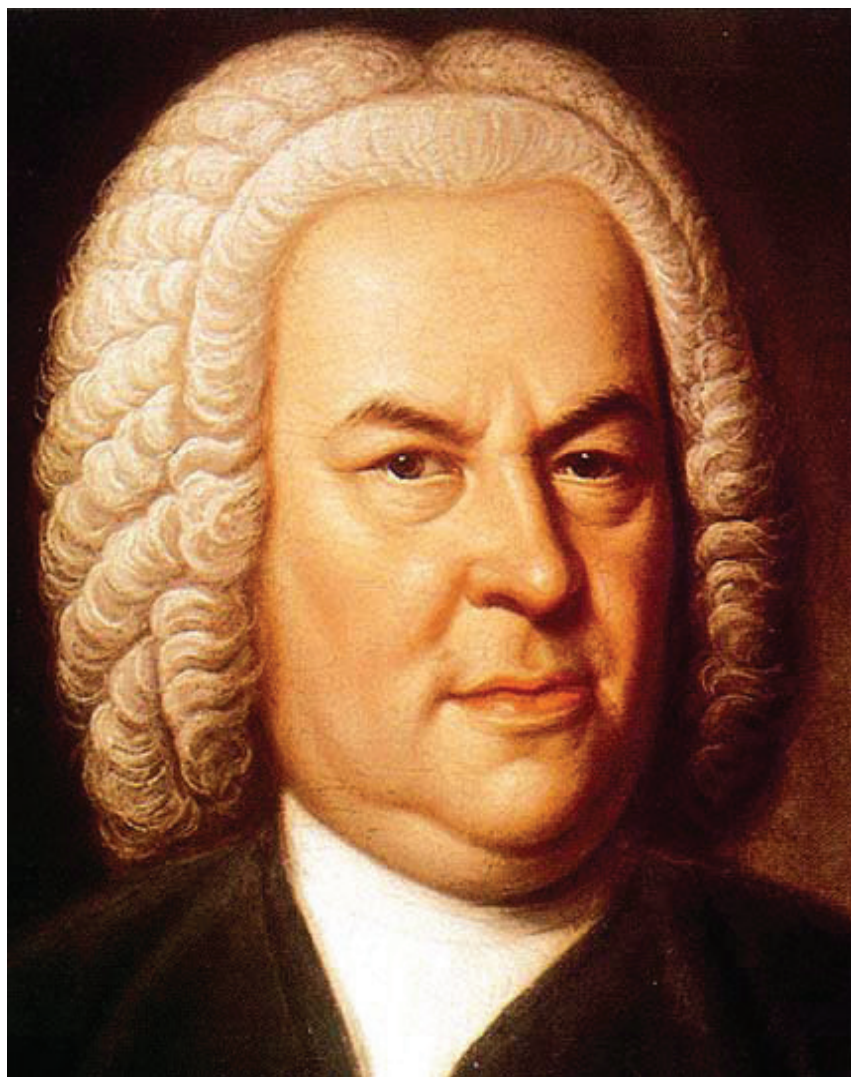
3. **Title:** Star sneetches
Bible: Psalm 139:14
Supplies: Bible, Dr. Seuss book - '*The Sneetches*', **Handout 1**

Dr. Seuss wrote a story called '*The Sneetches*'. In the story the sneetches, large yellow birds, grouped themselves into two separate groups according to if they have stars on their bellies or not. Those with stars think they are better, and the sneetches without stars wish to be like the others. With the help of a con-man the sneetches finally learn that they are all the best sneetches.

The Bible teaches us that we are valued and loved by God for who we are because He created us that way with our special personality, our abilities and character. We have each been created by Him; we are fearfully and wonderfully made! Read aloud the Dr. Seuss book relating how we can develop the same attitudes as the sneetches – either we think we are better than others or we think we're not as good as someone else. Read the Bible verse. God give Dr. Seuss his special talent to write these stories and He gave special talents to us.

For a Bible activity, have the children cut out large stars they say "I am special to God!" and tape them to their shirts.

Leader's Resource 1



Johann Sebastian Bach



Johann Sebastian Bach manuscript showing the SDG notation

Handout 1

