

Music Packet for Primary

Hello New Primary Music Leader!!

Welcome to Primary and teaching the gospel to children through songs. We hope you are excited. We are excited for you. Being a music leader is one of the most important callings in the church.

The best guidance we can give you is to find ways to help the children really understand the gospel message of the song.

When the children sing these wonderful songs, the gospel principles need to be written upon their hearts and in their testimonies. The songs must be more than just words -- they must also be a testimony of what the children know and believe. In times of trouble and uncertainty, these songs can come to their minds and help them in making correct choices, if they are firmly planted in their hearts. We know the power of music to teach and touch the lives of children.

During the past few years, our Primary General Presidency has emphasized "new" guidelines and techniques for teaching music to help the children understand the doctrine they are singing. We have been asked to use less word strips and picture charts as we teach. Instead, we are to focus on using the scriptures, asking questions, using verbal repetition and a variety of other simple techniques. Even familiar songs should be taught again with a focus on doctrine as children may know the words, but may not understand the gospel meaning.

We want to support you as you teach these precious children the gospel through music. More details are in this packet, and a music newsletter and song list will be emailed to you on a monthly basis. SandpointStakeCommunications.com is our stake's training website where the packet, newsletters, links to lds.org and more can be found online. Choose Primary Resources, then select the music button.

You can also contact LeeAnn Kopsa at 208-290-5705 or lmkopsa@aol.com if you have questions or concerns.

Remember to counsel regularly with your ward or branch Primary Presidency. We will also pray for you and we know the Lord will bless you as you pray, ponder and prepare the music for these wonderful children.

With Love,

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