

Resources for Music in Primary



Yearly **OUTLINE** for **SHARING TIME (OST)**

is also your monthly music guide. The theme song for each month is in the upper left corner. Some months you will choose the theme song.

Look closely for songs in each week's plan for Sharing Time. Whether the presidency member who is presenting Sharing Time chooses to use these songs or not, they are great suggestions for practice songs that go along with the theme.

If the suggested songs are unfamiliar, practice with the children before the week specified so you are prepared to support the monthly Sharing Time presentation with music. You will also choose a variety of other songs.

Many times you will find tips and suggestions for how to teach songs on the monthly OST page. Examples of how to use the "new" techniques to teach the gospel meaning of the songs are found in each of the OSTs since 2010. Be sure to review *How to Use Music in Primary* at the very back of the OST.

To help you as you prayerfully plan and prepare the music each week, the Sandpoint Stake Primary Newsletter will be emailed to you and your Primary Presidency. Local ideas from other wards and branches will help you teach children the gospel through song.

ONLINE CHILDREN'S SONGBOOK:

The online Children's songbook is easy to use with the full list of songs by page. Press play to listen or download music and/or vocals.



At [lds.org](https://www.lds.org), click **Serve and Teach**. Select **Primary**. Choose **Music** on the left sidebar. Click on the picture of the Children's Songbook.

APPROVED RESOURCES

When teaching doctrine and songs are doctrine, please use approved resources. When you do, the Holy Ghost can testify. Otherwise, you are on your own.

Approved Resources:

Outline for Sharing Time (OST)
The Children's Songbook
LDS.org
Scriptures
Gospel art kit
Friend magazines

But what about the unofficial online ideas posted by music leaders in other stakes? Perhaps you've wondered about the booklets of clip art, such as those offered by Deseret Book. What about something a family member or friend had success with? Pray about it and follow the Spirit. Don't rely on the works of men or women.

If you want the Spirit to testify when you are teaching doctrine, use the approved resources and follow the guidance of the Spirit. Each stake, ward and branch is unique, and entitled to revelation to meet their needs. What worked well for one may not meet the needs of the children in another.

Other resources are fine for games, activities, bulletin boards, and object lessons. Please remember the purpose is to capture the children's attention and encourage participation. Be careful that other resources do not become the focus or take away from precious singing time.