

Music for the Littlest Primary Children:

NURSERY

INTRODUCE PRIMARY SONGS IN NURSERY

Why: Children love music, especially music with actions and movement. Little ones often learn the actions first, and then start singing the words later.

Singing will help music be a positive experience and ease the transition when these precious little ones become Sunbeams. Music also brings the Spirit.

What: One or two of the wiggle songs on the monthly song list and the chorus of the monthly theme song are a good starting point. A CD of suggested Nursery songs is available - let Sister Kopsa know if you need a copy.



How: Nursery children need lots of repetition, actions, and movement. Talk through the actions and help them do it first, then slowly add music. Encourage all leaders and parents to sing along.

When: Consult with your Primary President about singing in nursery. Just 5 to 10 minutes each week will help the little ones become familiar with the songs and with you.

SUNBEAMS



INCLUDE SUNBEAMS

Eye Contact: It is easy to look right over the little Sunbeams on the front row of Primary. Consciously make eye contact. Stand by them and bend down to their level. Use their names.

Actions: Little ones need lots of movements to hold their attention and help them learn the songs. Think of the Sunbeams when you are choosing actions to go with a song. Let them hold pictures or other props. Choose an older "partner" to help them "read" a part or reach a picture.

Objects: A simple attention getter or object placed strategically where the Sunbeams have a good view can help to hold their attention up front.

Transitions: In January, if the Sunbeams aren't ready to join the rest of the primary for singing time yet, perhaps the music leader could sing with them instead! A couple of wiggle songs could be sung just for fun and movement, plus one verse or even just the chorus of the monthly theme song. The music leader could go to the classroom until Sunbeams are ready to join the regular singing time, even if only for the first couple of songs. When the Sunbeams come in, welcome them with a song they know.