

DM Lesson 2: The Story of Music

More ideas for each portion of this lesson are on the DM website.

Hello/Welcome Song (3 minutes)

- Greet the children cheerfully
- Sing the DM Theme song
- Review it and sing it again

The Story of Music (6-10 mins.)

- Play or read *The Story of Music* to the children. Excuse them to their seats and give them a piece of blank paper and crayons (unless you are playing the video version)
- The children can color a picture while they listen to you read (or play) the story
- Ask them questions about it: Do they know anyone who plays an instrument? What do they love about music? Who/where have they heard perform music before? Tell them the story told what you will be learning together this year
- Have several children share their picture and tell about it (if they colored)
- Give them a copy of the story to take home, illustrate, and read with a family member. (You can do this at the end after music is over or to the teacher before class begins for her to distribute to the children.)

Taste a Song/Do a Movement Activity (6-8 mins.)

- Remind them of the “rules” of movement:
 1. Stay in the little “space” around your body.
 2. Be careful not to bump into those around you.
 3. Stop moving when the music stops.
- Play the song while they move to it.
- Ask them questions about the song after you share it.

Teach a Song (6-8 mins.)

- Teach them all or part of the school song
- After you have taught them, tell them that some of them will get to perform the song in front of the class
- Tell them about “**audience manners**” and “**performance manners:**”
 1. The audience listens quietly without interrupting.
 2. The audience claps at the end.
 3. The performer smiles and bows at the end.
 4. We bow by bending from our waist and looking at our toes. (Practice bowing if you want.)
- Let some children (individually or as a group) come up to perform parts or all of the song for the group. Have them bow and the class clap.

“Adios, Amigos” (1 min.)

- Sing it together to close your lesson