

Praise the Lord with Music

When the Lord helped the Children of Israel escape from Egypt, the people were so happy that they made up a song with Moses to thank the Lord. Here is part of their song:

I will sing to the Lord,
For He has triumphed gloriously!
The Lord is my strength and song,
And He has become my salvation;
He is my God, and I will praise Him.

(Exodus 15: 1,2)

When the people finished singing, Miriam, Moses' sister, went out and danced and sang some of the song again with her friends. This time they celebrated with musical instruments called timbrels too. A timbrel is a kind of hand drum—a little like a tambourine.

When we go to church we praise the Lord with songs too. What are some of your favorite songs? Sometimes we feel so happy that we like to sing to the Lord. Have you ever felt this way?

Here are some ideas for making instruments so that you can sing and dance and praise the Lord with instruments. When you have made them, perhaps you would like to choose a favorite song to sing and have a parade.

Cymbals Use pot lids to bang together.

Timbrel Use a metal pie pan as a drum. If you like, shake a set of metal measuring spoons to sound like a tambourine.

Flute or Trumpet Use a paper towel tube or clean funnel to sing through.

Kazoo Cover a comb with a single layer of tracing paper or wax paper. Put the comb to your mouth and sing notes. The paper will vibrate and make a new sound.

Shakers Partially fill plastic Easter eggs, or other small containers with lids, with dry rice or lentils.

Sticks or Claves Hit two wooden or metal spoons together.

Drums Turn metal pots and pans upside down and hit with hands or wooden spoons.

Harp/Guitar Use an empty tissue box, or other cardboard box with a hole cut in one side. Put rubber bands around the box to make "strings." Pluck or strum.