

ACTION STATIONS: Music – Teaching Songs to Young Kids

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3 ways to teach a song –

- Echo method
- Play-along method
- Listening method

Choosing songs for little kids –

- ✓ Limited in reading skills
- ✓ Not too many words in the lyrics
- ✓ Simple concepts for their faith stage
- ✓ Repetition and funny words are good
- ✓ Melody not too high/fast/complex
- ✓ Easy to add moves, body & non-tuned percussion
- ✓ Move on from old childhood favourites



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- *Echo* – I sing a phrase and you sing it back to me, then we put it together (very common)
- *Play-along* – I put the CD on and you follow me as we sing and move to it (instant/active)
- *Listening* – Listen to this song and tell me what things you hear in it, then we'll sing it

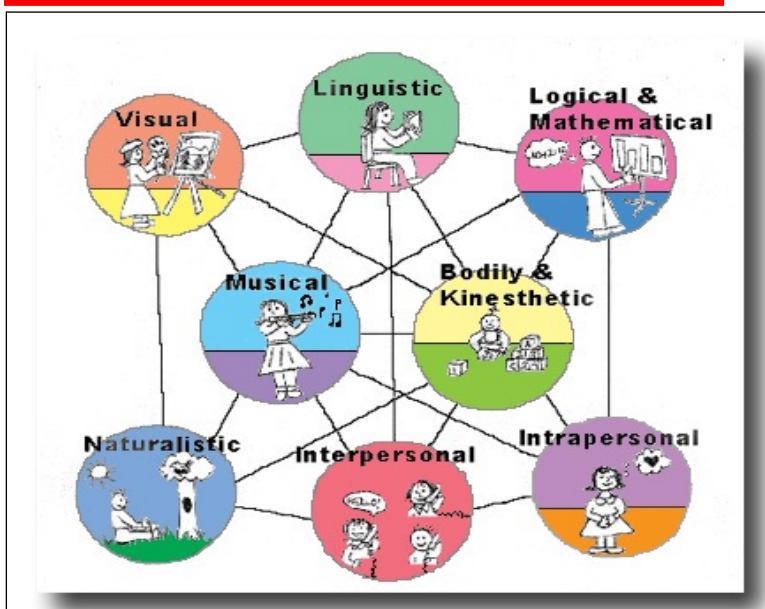
Choose the method/s to suit the song!

Why use music & movement?

- ❖ Learn the message
- ❖ High in experience & deep fun
- ❖ Uses their multiple intelligences
- ❖ Natural expression of praise
- ❖ Builds community
- ❖ Part of their multi-media world

Song themes for young kids –

- God made me wonderfully
- God's Creation
- Bible story songs
- Action/fun praise
- Jesus' teaching/parables
- Prayer songs
- Singing games
- Drama – act out the song



Songs today from:



Let's Go Walking...

Action Songs for Ages 4 – 7
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