



# Musician Emblem

## Musical Instruments – Requirement #1

### Memory

Play the Memory game with musical instruments. Obtain a pile of index cards. On half of the cards draw (or paste) a picture of a musical instrument. On the other half of the cards write the name of the instrument that corresponds with the picture. Place all of the cards face down. The boys must try to match up a “name card” with the appropriate “picture card”.

### *Peter and the Wolf*

Have your children watch the Disney film, *Peter and the Wolf*. This Disney classic is great for young people to compare the sounds of woodwinds, brass and strings.

## Music Theory – Requirement #2

Music theory is very important to learn and many youth do not get the opportunity to understand it. Here are two suggestions for teaching this section:

1. If you do not know much about music yourself, do not worry. Find a person that can teach this portion of the class for you. Whatever you do, do not skip over this section of the class.
2. Music theory is a very complex study. Even professional musicians are still learning new things. It would be helpful to teach the music theory vocabulary on the first day, but make it a point to review the meaning of the words each week afterwards. To review you could play a memory game or have a quiz. Repetition is the key to understanding music.

## Participation – Requirement #3

Where can I go? What can I do? These may be questions that you, as leaders, may be thinking. There are several options for you. Often at times the hardship of this requirement is the lack of money? Here are some cost effective ways to start a music group:

1. Have an Adventure Corps Vocal Group. Try to find a leader that is knowledgeable in music. If you cannot find such a person, do not fear. Your new “choir” can always sing basic songs that they may have learned from Sunday School or Church. Remember that singing is hard for young boys because, a) they tend to go into singing with a negative attitude, b) they are often tone deaf, c) they are often monotone, and d) they may have changing voices. So be patient.
2. Start a drum line. All you need to start off with are sticks. You can usually obtain student model sticks at a low cost at your local music store. Although it is not free, it is cheaper and easier to purchase 20 sets of drumsticks than it is purchasing 20 tubas. Have your troop learn basic rhythm patterns. Studying rhythm will help all youth, if they are staying with drums or decide to try a different instrument in the future.

### **Attend a Music Concert – Requirement #4**



When looking for a concert, try to find a place that does not mind having children attend. If you are going to go to a symphony, you may want to consider that the shows are very long and that you may want to leave after the intermission. Also be aware that you need to explain to the boys that a concert hall is very quiet and no noise can be made. Don't underestimate your boys, but it is realistic for them to be quiet during the performance.

You may want to try attending a school concert. School concert crowds tend to consist of parents with children. This helps so if noise is made it will not be as much of a distraction to others (as with a concert hall).

### **The Salvation Army Songbook – Requirement #5**

Give the boys a couple of minutes to look at the songbook. Have them pick out a song that they feel may be their favorite. Have them write a paper on which song was their favorite and why. What did the words mean to them? After this is done, glue the paper onto a piece of construction paper to give it a color background. Finally hang these papers to the wall. Perhaps the corps officer would allow these to be hung up in the band room so that these posters may speak to the hearts of the musicians at the corps.

### **Music in the Bible – Requirement #6**

Be sure to have a Bible that the boys can relate to. (Not the KJV, but maybe a children's Bible would be in order.)

Sing some of the choruses that have been taken out of the Bible. Have clay so that the boys can make something, to remind them about this lesson, and what God has done for them.

## **Devotionals**

### **Devotional #1**

Objects: A picture of a band, and a baton.

Concept: Christ is the church's "bandmaster" or "drum major"

Scripture: "To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his steps." (1 Peter 2:21)

Watching a band perform in a parade or field show is really exciting. It seems that they all move in sync, as if they are one. When watching a band they always move very sharply; their lines are straight, they move briskly, and their uniforms are pressed and bright. You can hear the trumpets blast and the rat-a-tat of the drums.

The leader (drum major) is the one in charge. He is the one to start the music and keep the band together. A good leader is necessary to keep the band functioning as a unit, and to encourage them to work toward a common goal.

A good band must practice. They have to practice the music. They have to practice the moves. Each person in the band must practice on their own and with the whole group to make the band better.

If a band member doesn't practice their music or steps they can become a liability for the whole band. His/Her actions can cause the band to stumble and to lose sight of the leader, become discouraged, or make mistakes.

Our church is like a marching band. If we follow the example that Christ left for us, we would be following the perfect leader. Christ taught us to be better people, to strive for perfection, to work toward a common goal.

As each member tries to improve, the church becomes better. We try to practice loving and helping others, with one common goal, to follow Christ. We need to be careful not to fall out of step with God. Sin can cause us to "perform" badly, causing us to lose sight of our leader (Christ), and become discouraged, and make mistakes.

We need to follow the Bible, and become good leaders. Teamwork is what keeps the members of the church marching in straight lines, and sounding great! Our lives as Christians can be as exciting (and more) than that of a marching band.

### **Devotional #2**

Objects: A bullhorn, or megaphone.

Concept: Christ wants us to praise him!

Scripture: "Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! (Psalm 100:1)

When you first learn how to play an instrument or learn to sing, it doesn't always sound the best. It may sound terrible! The instrument seems foreign to us. We are just not used to what it feels like, or what it sounds like.

Not only do we have to learn how to play the instrument and learn to sing, we have to learn to read the notes. If we don't read the notes correctly, we could make an awful sound. We are out of "tune" with the rest of the band.

Once we get a handle on the instrument, get the notes down, we can make beautiful music. We can make music that is pleasing to His ears. This also is the way we are when we first come to Christ. We are foreign to what we are supposed to do. We don't really know how to act and be, or what to do. At first we may sound a little out of "tune".

Once we get a handle on what God asks of us we can make beautiful music with Him. We can make a shout unto the Lord. And this will be pleasing to His ears. If you have not asked God to be your Savior from sin, then you are still making music that is out of "tune". To let your heart and your life make the best and sweetest music, you have to have Christ living in your heart.

### **Devotional #3**

Concept: Our ultimate goal, heaven.

Scripture: "According to His promise, look for a new heaven and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." (2 Peter 3:13)

What is the first thing that comes to mind when I mention heaven? Is heaven real? How do you get to heaven? Do you think that there will be singing and other music in heaven? What is heaven like? What is there? (Give time for interaction with the boys.)

Heaven is a wonderful place. It is more beautiful than we could ever imagine, or fathom. In heaven there will be lots of music. One reason there will be lots of music is because that is one of the simplest ways to praise God. Everyone can make a joyful noise unto the Lord (what we discussed last week).

The Salvation Army songbook has many songs about heaven. It also has songs that refer to heaven in some way. The authors of these songs really have captured what it would be like in heaven.

Or have they? Let's take a look at a few of these songs. Songs #881, #891, #892,

and #883. In all these songs they talk about heaven. Some talk about what it will be like while others talk about what will happen when we get there. Yet another talks about how to get to heaven.

We talked about how we can have Jesus in our hearts last week. When we have Jesus in our hearts and we live for him, we are guaranteed to go to heaven. If we are living for Jesus, we need to pray the prayer of repentance. Once you have done that, you can be assured that you will go to heaven and see that wonderful place.

### **Devotional #4**

Objects: Bibles, different sizes, versions, color, and clay

Concept: God's Word Is For YOU!!!

Scripture: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." (Colossians 3:16)

There are many things that the Bible can help us find out. In our lesson for today we were able to look up all the Scripture that had to deal with music. The most important thing that the Bible can help us find is things for our spiritual life.

God's Word is so unique, in that it is for everyone. No matter how old you are, how young you are, what your color is, or what your heritage is, God's Word is for you. As we look over the past lessons, we can see that music is a very important part of the Bible. God made music for us to enjoy, for us to praise him, and for us to encourage each other in all that we do.

As we look at God's Word, what else can you think of that God has done for you? Do we accept what God has given us? Do you even realize what God has done for us? (Give boys enough time to think about these questions.)

As our time for looking at music is coming to a close, I want you to take this clay and make an instrument, a musical note, or some other object about music that will remind you of what God has done for you. (Close by having the boys share what their clay represents.)