



Craft Activity

Theme: Music

Intro: Music is classified as sounds put together using a variety of objects, including Musical Instruments. Instruments belong to different “families” which consist of Brass, String, Wood-wind, Percussion and Keyboard families. Maracas are a part of the Percussion family. Percussion instruments are played by hitting their surfaces. You can make your own maraca during craft time today. Learn more about music at Playgroup today.

Craft activity: Maracas

Children will need: Empty plastic bottle, tape, stickers, label, texta, dried rice/pasta, small craft pieces e.g. pom-poms, pipe cleaner pieces, feathers.

Instructions:

Add some dried rice/pasta etc. to an empty drink bottle. Add other small craft pieces for added visual effect. (*Try to avoid items that could cause choking if the lid is removed*). Secure the lid on tightly, covering it with tape. Write your name on a label and stick on your bottle along with some stickers.

Extension ideas:

Add further decoration by taping some lengths of ribbon to the lid end. Practice shaking your maraca to the beat of your favourite song. Are there other musical instruments you can make at home?

Fact: Different maracas can make different sounds that are higher or lower in tone. Maracas are widely used in Latin music.



Learning Outcome 4: Children are confident & involved learners.

Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

Sensory activity: Music Corner

Set up a Music Corner and let children use their imagination and creativity to become a singer, musician or Rockstar. Provide various musical instruments, toy microphones, dress-ups, musical dance mat (optional), chairs. Children can dress up and perform a song to others.

Outside idea: Drum Kit

Turn a variety of plastic and metal buckets and empty boxes upside down. Provide drum sticks or pieces of wooden dowel for children to drum and to listen for the different sounds each one makes.



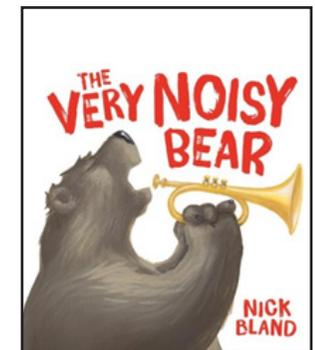
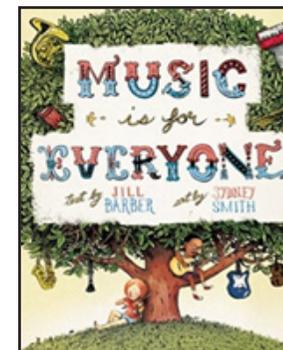
Group time ideas:

- Who made a maraca today?
- Does it make a noise when you shake it?
- A maraca is a type of musical instrument. What other musical instruments are there?
- You may like to ask your playgroup families in advance that if they play an instrument, would they like to bring it in and play a song.



Book Suggestions:

The Very Noisy Bear by Nick Bland
Music is for Everyone by Jill Barber





Who's here today?

(to the tune of "Farmer in the Dell")

Who's here today?

_____ is here today!

Everybody shake your maraca,

_____ is here today!

Shake Those Maracas

(to the tune of "Jimmy Crack Corn")

Oh, shake those maracas and turn around,

Shake those maracas and turn around,

Shake those maracas and turn around,

Music time is here.

Oh, shake those maracas and stomp your feet,

Shake those maracas and stomp your feet,

Shake those maracas and stomp your feet,

Music time is here.

Oh, shake those maracas and jump up high,

Shake those maracas and jump up high,

Shake those maracas and jump up high,

Music time is here.

If You're Happy and You Know it

If you're happy and you know it make lots of noise, (shake maracas)

If you're happy and you know it make lots of noise, (shake maracas)

If you're happy and you know it then you really ought show it,

If you're happy and you know it make lots of noise. (shake macaras)

I'm a Rockstar

My name is

and I'm a rock star.

I've got a cute, cute face (point to face)

and I play the guitar. (air guitar action)

I've got lips (kiss sound)

and boom-boom hips (rock hips from side to side)

I'm a turn-around, turn-around rock star! (turn around x 2 and finish with hands in the air)

A Goodbye Song

(to the tune of "If you're happy and you know it")

It's time to say goodbye lets shake our maracas (shake, shake)

It's time to say goodbye lets shake our maracas (shake, shake)

It's time to say goodbye lets shake our maracas up high, (shake up high)

It's time to say goodbye until next week.

HOORAY!!! (Jump up and cheer)