

Strike Up the Band!

Primary Objectives

- 4. Demonstrates traveling skills
- 11e. Shows flexibility and inventiveness in thinking

Why It's Important

Simple household materials can engage your child in creative movement and music as he makes simple musical instruments. Singing songs featuring lots of actions and words will captivate him and develop his language skills.

Materials

Canisters or cereal boxes; paper towel tubes; pretend play pots and pans

What You Do

1. Invite your child to help you prepare for this activity. Collect all the materials that you will need. As you collect them, talk with your child about how you can use the materials to make music.
2. Use the paper towel tubes for trumpets and the boxes, sticks, and pots and pans for drums.
3. Engage your child in a conversation about the musical instruments: *Show me how you bang on the drum you are holding. What does it sound like?*
4. Teach your child a familiar song to sing as you march around the room together. Encourage him to make music and sing as he marches. Allow him to choose the song for this activity.
5. Look for other opportunities throughout the day to talk with your child about how common objects can be used as musical instruments.