“Let The Story Times Roll”

Using Children’s Literature and Bible Stories to Create Sound Stories

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1. What is a Sound Story?
   • **Definition** - a story told through sound effects, instruments, and props
   • Sound effects represent words from the story or characters in the story
   • Can be taken from children’s books or literature such as “Jump, Frog, Jump”
   • Can be developed from children’s literature or a story such as a children’s Bible Story

2. What musical concepts can be taught through sound stories?
   • **Timbre** - the characteristic sound of a voice or instrument
   • **Expression** - dynamics, emotion, and feeling
   • **Form** - listening to and responding to same and different
   • **Rhythm** - the patterns in music responding to long and short sounds
   • **Pitch** - how high or low a sound is

3. How do I get started in creating a sound story?
   • Determine the story
   • Read the story for words that represent sound or sound effects
   • Look for simple characters from the story that could be represented by instruments
   • **Sound Story Template** Chart for developing a sound story outline
   • **Find props** such as hats, scarves and streamers
   • **Find instruments** or make ones that represent a variety of sounds
   • **Make sound or character cards** to represent the various parts and sounds of the story
   • Show examples
4. Let’s do it –Let The Story Times Roll
   - Look at the sample for how you could write the story out with highlighted words
   - Use the Sound Story Template to plan the story
   - As a group demonstrate a sound story such as “Rap A Tap Tap”
   - As a group demonstrate “Jump, Frog, Jump”
   - Discuss musical concepts for each story
   - Then divide into groups and create a sound story from a Bible Story
   - Perform for the group

5. Let’s look at a sound story sample from the Fall 2017 Growing in Grace Curriculum
   - **Theme: Be Strong in the Lord**
   - Story is based on the wise man and the foolish man found Matthew 7: 24-27
   - Story is written with the highlighted words
   - Activity Teaching Steps has the plan for how to assign the parts and what instruments to use.
Resource List


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