

Sing and Make Music

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Preparation:

- A display of musical instruments could be set up: piano keyboard, brass instruments, guitar, banjo, kit drums or any percussion instruments, piano accordion.
- A banner made with some music symbols: treble clef, bass clef, music notes

Equipment: Cassette/stereo player, if no pianist

Guest: Invite someone who could present some items of musical contribution to the meeting: if not from the corps, perhaps from your community: pianist, singer, choir (school or seniors), instrumentalist, or guitarist.

Game Suggestions:

- 1. Pass the parcel:** With each layer of paper unwrapped, a song is revealed which the ladies sing together
- 2. Name that song:** Pianist to play a tune and stop; someone identify the song. If a pianist is not available, a tape could be made of snippets of songs which could be played and stopped
- 3. Karaoke:** For the fun loving group: a Karaoke DVD could be acquired to see who are the 'out going' ones!
- 4. Celebrity Heads:** Headbands are placed on three or four players, with names of music stars. They do not know who they represent. The players take turns to ask one question at a time about who they are (e.g. Am I a male? Do I sing? Am I a rock star? Am I a ballad singer? Do I play violin?). If they get the answer right, they can ask a second question. If they get the answer wrong, the next player has a turn. The first player to guess who they are is the winner.

Suggestion examples: Frank Sinatra Barbra Streisand



Celene Dion

Natalie MacMaster

Quiz: Unscramble the styles of music.

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PAOER	
POLEGS	

Reggae, folk, classical, swing, jazz, bluegrass, country, soul, rap, rock n roll, baroque, celtic, romantic, Gregorian chant, opera, gospel

Song Suggestions:

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord
I want to sing it, I want to shout it (SASB Chorus Section 170)
Come, let us all unite to sing (SASB 43)
Come, let us sing our cheerful songs (SASB 57)
God is with us.. so our brave forefathers sang (SASB 158)
We'll sing in the morning (SASB Chorus Section 222)



Selected Scripture: Give out selected scripture verses for women to read:

Psalm 100

1 Samuel 18:6

Luke 15: 25

Devotions:

Music is a wonderful thing. It is a way of expressing feelings. For example, love songs; couples can even have ‘their’ song – one that meant something to them when they got engaged or married. Other songs express feelings of anger, protest or soul-felt passion. We all have different tastes in music, ranging from heavy metal music to the modern classical music. Songs can be sad and reflective, and can make us melancholy – perhaps bringing back memories of the past. Music is also used for celebration, dance, joy, partying, relaxation, settling tension and stress, and even putting baby to sleep.

Music is a gift from God. From our scripture verses, we see that it has been around since the beginning of time. Many of the Psalms were written to go with music, used in the temple. God created music as a means to worship him – to help us express, with or without words, how we feel about him. It enables our spirits to reach out to God. How many times have you found yourself humming or singing a song of praise and worship as a means of feeling close to God? While we are all different in the way we connect with God, music a very powerful means to make that connection.

Music in the house is a good thing. It can calm an angry scene, bring family together especially if the family is musically inclined and can gather around the piano to sing.

Music can be used to bring healing and calm. Quite often a family will have music quietly playing in the background to sooth the soul of a sick loved one.

For Christians, music is a big part of worship to God in His house. People are so blessed with the gift of writing music and words for us to express our thoughts, feelings, and adoration to the mighty God we believe in and serve, and to our Lord Jesus, who offers redemption from sin.

We can be grateful for music of all kinds – whether it is our taste or not. So, turn off the T.V., shut down the computer, and let us be determined to fill our homes with music (specifically worship music) and discover what atmosphere that can be experienced because of it.

