



Making Music with ARTHUR!



Look inside for easy music activities for your family!

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Enjoy Music Together

Children of all ages love music—and so do the characters on **ARTHUR!** **ARTHUR** episodes feature reggae, folk, blues, pop, classical, and jazz so children can hear different types of music. The **ARTHUR** characters also play instruments and sing in a chorus. Try these activities with your children and give them a chance to learn and express themselves through music. For more ideas, visit pbskidsgo.org/arthur.

Tips for Parents

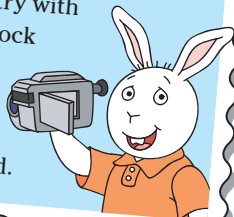
1. Listen to music with your kids. Talk about why you like certain music. Explain that music is another way to express feelings.
2. Take your child to hear live music. Check your local newspaper for free events like choirs, concerts, parades, and dances.
3. Move with music—dance, swing, and boogie! Don't be afraid to get silly. Clapping hands or stomping feet to music will also help your child's coordination.



4. Make instruments from household items. Kids love to experiment and create different sounds. Let children play real instruments, too. You can often find them at yard sales and thrift stores.
5. Sample music from around the world. Children learn about and appreciate other cultures through the joy of music.

Watch POSTCARDS FROM BUSTER!

This new PBS KIDS series follows Buster as he travels the country with his dad and the Latin rock group Los Viajeros. The series features music from all over the country... and the world.



Music to Grow On

Babies Ages 1–2

- Encourage babies to sing and hum simple songs by singing to them—at home, in the car, or just about anywhere. Try nursery rhymes, songs with animal sounds, and easy finger plays.
- Babies in unfamiliar situations are comforted when they hear songs they have heard before. Singing also makes transitions easier.

Toddlers Ages 2–3

- Toddlers love to move! Play music with a strong beat and dance along with your child. Dance is also a great way to exercise indoors.
- Toddlers also enjoy homemade instruments such as wooden spoons and pots and pans.
- Songs with repeated verses or words, such as *Old MacDonald Had a Farm* and *Los pollitos*, are easy to sing and very popular.

Preschoolers Ages 4–5

- Playing instruments, singing songs, and dancing are wonderful ways for children to be creative.
- Try matching music and art! Encourage your children to draw what a song is about or how it makes them feel.



Listen Up!

Use these books and CDs for more fun with music.



- *Abiyoyo* by Pete Seeger. A boy and his father use music to rescue their town from a terrible giant. (Book/CD)
- *Classical Cats: A Children's Introduction to the Orchestra* by David Chesky. Take a delightful tour of the orchestra. (Book and CD)
- *Kids Make Music* by Avery Hart. Follow the easy instructions for making homemade instruments and try some of the activities. (Book)
- *Grandma's Records* by Eric Velasquez. Eric learns to appreciate all kinds of music, including salsa, when he spends the summer with his grandmother. (Book)

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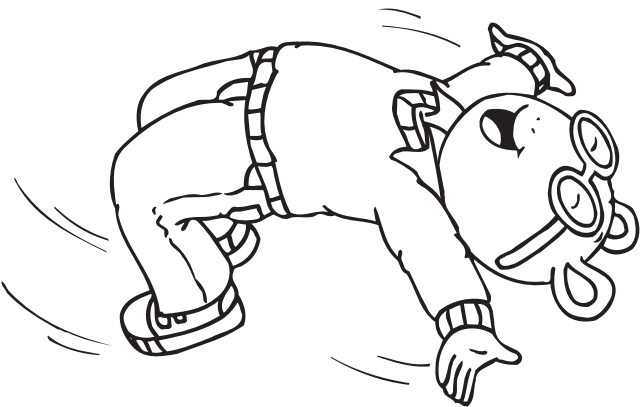
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If You're Arthur and You Know It!

(Sung to the tune "If You're Happy and You Know It!")

With the help of a grown-up, fill in a new verse for D.W. Then color the characters and sing the whole song!



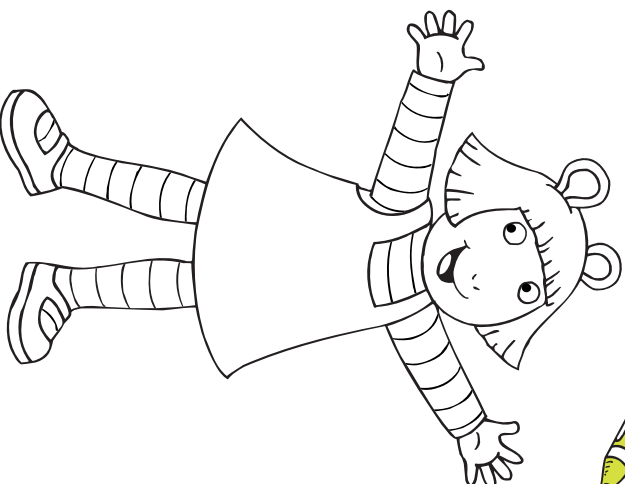
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If you're Arthur
and you know it
shout hooray!



2

If you're Francine
and you know it
bat the ball.



3

If you're D.W.
and you know it

