



**Hap Palmer Keynote Presentation/Concert for the Presbyterian Weekday Ministries Conference 2016
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Music and Movement for Children

Young children learn best by doing. Music and movement promotes active involvement in developing vocabulary and mastering a wealth of skills and concepts. Many of the songs and activities on Hap Palmer's website, www.happalmer.com can support pre-school through third grade curriculum.

Building Vocabulary

Increasing a child's vocabulary is one of the many benefits of music and movement activities. Words that describe movement in relationship to space, time, and energy, and one's body are a fundamental part of language. Therefore, to enhance a child's movement vocabulary is to enhance a child's overall vocabulary.

Examples of these words are included in [A Movement Vocabulary For Young Children](#) from Hap Palmer's MA thesis. This vocabulary, including words that describe actions, space, energy and time, is incorporated in the [Lyrics and Activities](#) of many of Hap Palmer's songs.

Integrating Music and Movement With Academic Curriculum

Music and movement can support the academic curriculum from pre-school through third grade. The activities use a variety of sensory modalities to engage the learner and make learning fun.

For example the teaching of word families can be combined with movement skills by playing a freeze dance based on movements from the "-op" family. This activity reinforces phonics skills as children hop, pop, stop, mop, chop, flop, and bop with the music.

You can find many activities for reinforcing reading and math skills through music and movement in the [Lyrics and Activities](#) section of this web site.

Teaching the Whole Child

Music and Movement is a way of teaching the whole child. An Arts Integration approach enhances the child's mental, physical, emotional and social development.

As children improve vocabulary and language comprehension they also improve movement skills, developing coordination, balance, strength and endurance. In this way, children learn to move and move to learn at the same time.

When a wide range of movement skills are applied to creative movement they expand the range of expressive possibilities enabling children to communicate through movement and respond to the mood and quality of one's feelings, and to concepts from literature, art, science, and music.

Music and movement activities also involve relating to others. Children share space and work individually, in partners and in small groups. They share ideas, thoughts and feelings through the mediums of music and creative dance.

Most of the activities are non-competitive and non-comparative. Each child can experience success at her/his level of development. Success and accomplishment lead to a healthy self-image.

Teaching the whole child engages the learner. In Hap's article from the NAEYC journal, [Young Children](#) (issue Sept.2001) "[The Music, Movement and Learning Connection](#)," he shares some of his early learning experiences that lead to his commitment to music and movement in early childhood education.

Source CD's and Song Titles

Number of songs from each CD -- will do 14 to 15 songs from the following list:

Can a Cherry Pie Wave Goodbye - 3

Let's All Clap Our Hands Together

Stepping Out On The Town (also in bilingual CD *Divirtámonos Aprendiendo*)

Weekly Rap

Can Cockatoos Count by Twos - 3

Colors In Motion

Magic Scarf

Rhyme Time Band

Divirtámonos Aprendiendo (Bilingual) - 5

Growing (also in CD *So Big*)

Stepping Out On The Town (also in CD *Can a Cherry Pie Wave Goodbye*)

What A Miracle (also in CD's *Peek- A Boo; Walter the Waltzing Worm*)

Five Little Monkeys (also in CD *So Big*)

Sammy / I'm Glad I'm Me (also in CD *Early Childhood Classics*)

Early Childhood Classics - 4

The Elephant

Head, Shoulders, Knees And Toes

Open Shut Them

Sammy / I'm Glad I'm Me (also in bilingual CD *Divirtámonos Aprendiendo*)

Learning In Two Languages - 4

What Do The Animals Say?

¿Qué dicen los animales?

Percival The Parrot

A Song About Slow And Fast

So Big - 5

Bluegrass Jamboree

Five Little Monkeys (also in bilingual CD *Divirtámonos Aprendiendo*)

Growing (also in bilingual CD *Divirtámonos Aprendiendo*)

I'm A Pretzel

Rock & Roll Freeze Dance

Rhythms On Parade - 2

The Mice Go Marching

Roller Coaster

Jumbo Jet - 1

Goodbye My Friends

Visit: www.happalmer.com for complete catalog of music, free lyrics, and suggested activities with the songs.

Listing by song title (tentative order of presentation)

Song Title - CD / Recording Titles

1. **What A Miracle** – *Divirtámonos Aprendiendo (Bilingual); Peek- A Boo; Walter the Waltzing Worm*
2. **What Do The Animals Say?** – *Learning In Two Languages*
3. **¿Qué Dicen Los Animales?** – *Learning In Two Languages*
4. **Growing** – *So Big; Divirtámonos Aprendiendo (Bilingual)*
5. **I'm A Pretzel** – *So Big*
6. **Five Little Monkeys** – *So Big*
7. **Let's All Clap Our Hands Together** – *Can a Cherry Pie Wave Goodbye*
8. **Percival The Parrot** – *Learning In Two Languages*
9. **Open Shut Them** – *Early Childhood Classics*
10. **Shake Something** – *Getting to Know Myself*
11. **Colors In Motion** – *Can Cockatoos Count by Twos*
12. **Magic Scarf** – *Can Cockatoos Count by Twos*
13. **Rock & Roll Freeze Dance** – *So Big*
14. **Weekly Rap** – *Can a Cherry Pie Wave Goodbye*
15. **Stepping Out** - *Can a Cherry Pie Wave Goodbye; Divirtámonos Aprendiendo (Bilingual)*
16. **A Song About Slow And Fast** - *Learning In Two Languages*
17. **Sammy / I'm Glad I'm Me** – *Early Childhood Classics*
18. **Roller Coaster** – *Rhythms On Parade*
19. **Bluegrass Jamboree** – *So Big*
20. **Head, Shoulders, Knees And Toes** - *Early Childhood Classics*
21. **The Elephant** - *Early Childhood Classics*
22. **Bop 'Till We Drop** – *One Little Sound*
23. **Rhyme Time Band** – *Can Cockatoos Count by Twos*
24. **The Mice Go Marching** – *Rhythms On Parade*
25. **Goodbye My Friends** – *Jumbo Jet*

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Many of the above songs are available for individual download on iTunes and from our website:

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