

# Fun Music Activities

## You've Got the Beat

Tap the steady beat to music you are listening to. Child can use claps, pats, or make it silly by tapping their ear, or keeping the steady beat by sticking out their tongue.

## Dance

Create a dance to a song.

## Sing

Sing a song or teach a song to your family members.

## Virtual Talent Show

Create a video to share in a Student Talent Show using FlipGrid

## Secret Sounds

Look around your house, what things could you make sounds with? Try tapping, shaking, rubbing/scraping. How are the sounds different from each other? Do you have any ideas about why they're different (the sounds may change depending on how they're created and what material your found-sound-instruments are made from).

## Outside Inspiration

Sit outside, with your eyes closed. What sounds can you hear? Do the sounds remind you of any instruments or songs?

## Indoor Ice Skating

Find some paper plates and use them as ice skates. Ice skate to your favorite song. Some song suggestions are *Skaters Waltz* by Émile Waldteufel, *Sand Paper Ballet* by Leroy Anderson, *Sobre las olas* by Juventino Rosas <http://tiny.cc/sobrelasolas>

<http://tiny.cc/flowingsongs>

## Pitch Exploration

Vocal Roller Coaster Video <http://tiny.cc/vocalcoasters>

Make a Paper Airplane and then follow its course using high and low sounds with your voice.

<http://tiny.cc/pplane>

Using playdough create a line/shape and then follow it with your finger and voice going up and down when the shape goes up and down.

## Sing Instead of Speak

Pretend you are going through a Drive-Thru and sing your order. Here are some fun slides to give you an idea of what to order. <http://tiny.cc/singyourorder>

Sing a story using emojis, or simple icons. You can use this website for some random generator ideas.

<https://byrdseed.com/emoji2/>

Instead of reading your favorite book **SING** your favorite book.

## **Song Sketches**

Grab paper and a pencil, or marker, or crayons and a piece of paper. Turn on some music and draw what the music sounds like. This could be lines, swirls, shapes, etc. This is what the music sounds like to you, there are no “wrong” answers. Try this with several songs on one paper or switch paper when you switch songs and compare your art pieces.

## **Finger Dancing**

Turn on music and have your fingers and hands dance to the songs. Find some moves you like and choreograph a dance then put on a finger puppet dance show.

## **Musical Jars**

With your parent’s permission, gather several (4 to 8) glass jars or water glasses and pour different amounts of water in each one (be careful and try not to spill, if you do just be sure to clean it up). Now that you have different amount of water in each jar or glass, gently tap them with a spoon. Try these different activities:

Can you arrange them from lowest pitch to highest?

See if you can sing the pitch each one makes

Carefully transfer water back and forth until you can create the right notes to play a song (try something familiar like *Row, Row, Row Your Boat*).

Create your own song

You could do the same activities by putting varied amounts of water in empty soda bottles and blow across the tops.

## **Jump Rope**

Jump rope while saying jump rope rhymes or singing a song, be sure to keep the steady beat with your jumping!

## **Head and Shoulders Baby**

Learn this fun song and try the actions with a family member or make up your own! [tiny.cc/hsb123](http://tiny.cc/hsb123)

## **Wash Your Shark?**

Make up new words to “Baby Shark” (maybe a hand washing song?)