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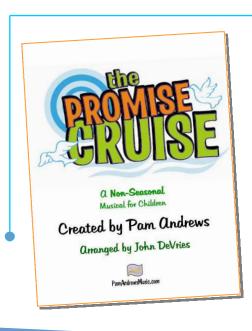
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Welcome to PAM's Newsletter! Within this issue you will find the following...

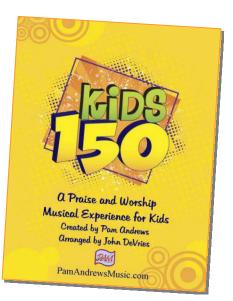
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**Praise Him! Praise Him!** Hymn Story and Kids' Score Kids' Corner

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to each and every one of you! Thank you so much for being my friends as well as my customers. God bless YOU and thanks for working for the Lord with children!







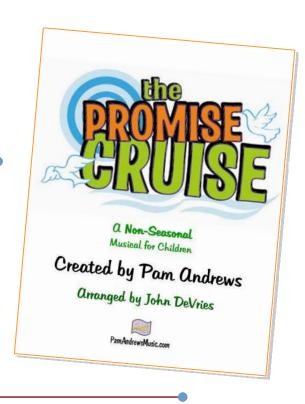
### Notes from Pam...

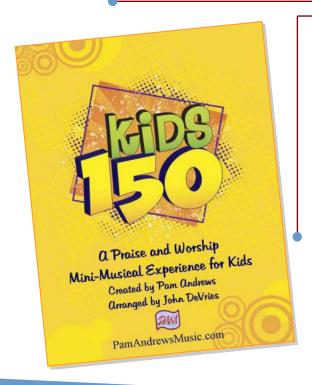
Welcome to Pam Andrews Music! As I look forward to the new year, I am honored to be able to share with you three musicals I believe will bless you and your children. Each with a different approach, but all bring focus to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

### The PROMISE CRUISE

Non-Seasonal Musical for Children

Join the **Wake Up! World** television news show hosts as their guests tell the story of God's saving grace—a message just as relevant today as in Noah's time. Through the flood, God preserved Noah in the ark, a picture of our life in Christ. These fun songs will help your children remember the redeeming love of our Lord long after your production. From talking animals to power tools, this musical will appeal to everyone.





# **KiDS 150**

A Praise and Worship
Mini-Musical Experience for Children

KiDS 150 provides a fun and rockin' praise and worship experience for your children. They will enjoy the contemporary sound of the music and you will love the hopeful and positive message the lyrics express. There is also an optional congregational ending.

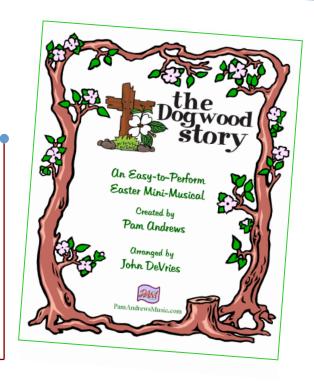
Performance time is approximately 20 minutes.

# The Dogwood Story

An Easy-to-Perform **Easter** Mini-Musical for Children

Sharing the wonderful message of Easter and using the lovely dogwood blossoms as a guide, this musical reveals the sacrifice Jesus made for each of us. You will love the versatility of this work as well as the Biblical message it teaches.

Approximate performance time is 22 minutes with a cast range from 1 to 9 characters.

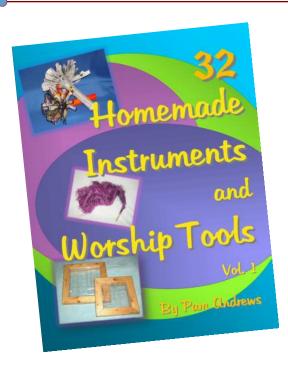


### The Dogwood Story, The PROMISE CRUISE and KiDS 150

Preview Packs soon to be available online at

PamAndrewsMusic.com as a download or hard copy.

The Kids 150 and The Promise Cruise Download Samplers are FREE.



# 32 Homemade Instruments and Worship Tools Vol 1

Hands-on activities can enhance the worship experience for children. A worship tool in their hands creates a way for even the non-singer to experience the blessing of worship. At <u>PamAndrewsMusic.com</u>, you will find a wide variety of music and resources for your Children's Choir, VBS and Sunday School. This website features products you can **download** and **duplicate!** 

# YES! Download, duplicate, and use immediately!

Or, if you are not ready for downloads and prefer hard copies, CD's and DVD's can be shipped to you.

Note the best deal is to purchase the **All-In-One** musical or single song. This product contains:

- A listening CD to duplicate for your children.
- A split track.
- Resource materials which contain musical and spiritual lessons which can be duplicated.
- And a wonderful Movement DVD created by my good friend, Shea Roland.

### At **PamAndrewsMusic.com**, you will find:

- Seasonal and non-seasonal musicals
- Single songs
- Split tracks
- Lesson plans
- Movement videos
- And much more!
- You can even order Pam's best selling musicals from the section called "Pam's Classics."

The Mission of PamAndrewsMusic.com is to make available children's songs and musicals to churches of all sizes...big or small...with large or small budgets...paving a way for every child to have the opportunity to experience the joy of music in the Lord.

God Bless YOU!

Pam Andrews

Remember, I will gladly send your choir a letter or encouragement for any Pam Andrews musical.

Just email me by clicking on **Contact** at **PamAndrewsMusic.com**.

# Words from My Friends...

Your comments are a great way to pass on help to others about musicals and what might work for them.

# Comments...

I really do appreciate this new musical, and the format. I wish you could have heard the student's reaction to the music—because it was so easy for them to follow, they felt like they were really "big kids"—and they feel it's much more grown up than what we did in first grade. One boy piped up as we finished singing through "Merry Christmas"—"That's a catchy tune—I like that!" (I'm not sure he knows what catchy is, but I do think it is a catchy tune!). Thank you for being faithful to the Lord with putting a clear presentation of Christ in your programs—that's one of our goals for our Christmas programs here at Heritage. (and writing good, age appropriate music!)

Another answer to prayer...I've been trying to select a program for my fourth graders since August, and I was starting to get a little stressed about three weeks ago, as I hadn't had any program really jump out at me. The more I prayed about it, the more I kept coming back to *Free Gift*. I didn't think we could resurrect it again because of the tape format—but I talked to our audio guy, and he said he could make it work! So, I decided that was the one God wanted ..... and then the whole financial thing started happening- and what better message can we share this Christmas than the Free Gift of Jesus—especially in a world that has been incredibly obsessed with things! (And my students are going to have a blast with the VanSmythe sisters and Mr. Biginton) God is sovereign—even when it comes to elementary Christmas programs! I hope that blesses and encourages your heart as you serve Him—and we'll sing to God's glory here in Indy!

Blessings, Cathy Bartemus

Thank you so much for the letter. I just printed it off and I will have my husband read it to the children tomorrow night. I ordered the DVD from your company this past week-end. It will really help us.

You have touched so many lives in this world by your musicals. God has given you a great gift.

God bless you! Elaine

# Worship Tool

# Newshakers

### Needs

Newspaper (3 full sheets per shaker) or Magazine pages Scissors Clear Packing Tape or Colorful Duct Tape



### Directions

Fold newspaper in half (as you would if reading). Fold in half again bottom to top. You now have 12 layers of newsprint apx . 11 X 12 inches in size. Along the longer, open edge, make parallel 4 to 5 inch cuts (apx .  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch apart) from the edge toward the fold. Roll the newspaper snugly and tape the paper securely at what has now become the handle.

## How can I use this in my choir?

Newshakers are a wonderful worship tool for your choir. Have the children wave the Newshakers high and low and side to side to the beat of the music. They are perfect for all song tempos.

This portion of my newsletter will be devoted to ministering to you through a devotional time in the Lord. Please send me your prayer requests by clicking on Contact at PamandrewsMusic.com.

# Thought for the day...

Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me. Psalm 66:16 (NIV)

There had been no rain and a famine was overtaking the country. Elijah was directed by God to seek out a poor widow who was preparing a last meal for her son and herself, bracing for certain starvation.

Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.' " 1 Kings 17:13-14 (NIV)

We all have moments we remember for unexplained reasons. For me, one of those moments was a purchase made over 20 years ago of a particular brand of dusting spray.

Over the years each time I use this product I am reminded of the widow of Zarephath.

For a reason only God knows, (maybe just for this moment) this can of dusting spray has never run dry. I *know* what you are thinking...! After those few years turned into 5, 10, 15 and now, 20 plus, I admit thoughts that my dusting days may have been too few and far between did cross my mind—but seriously, nearly 25 years? For some reason, God chose to use this can of dusting spray as a most peculiar, but effective reminder to me that His provision will never end.

Over these years, my husband and I have been through multiple moves and difficult circumstances. We've lived together more than 1000 weeks. We've easily added over 500,000 miles to our vehicle odometers. We've traveled through most of this country by car and flown many miles around the world. Numerous loved ones have passed away. We've worked countless hours at countless endeavors.

Truly, blood, sweat and tears have interwoven our years together.

Throughout it all God has been beside us, providing, encouraging and reminding me of his faithfulness through a most unlikely instrument, a can of (so far) never-ending dusting spray. I think I'll go dust.

# Hymn Story-Praise Him! Praise Him!

Composer: Fanny J. Crosby

The hymn **Praise Him! Praise Him!** was written by Fanny J. Crosby who lived from 1820 through 1915. She probably wrote more hymns than anyone else in history—over 8,000! She was blinded at the age of six weeks and later thanked God for her condition. She said:

It seemed intended by the blessed providence of God that I should be blind all my life, and I thank him for the dispensation. If perfect earthly sight were offered me tomorrow I would not accept it. I might not have sung hymns to the praise of God if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about me.

During her lifetime, Fanny (or Aunt Fanny, as she was affectionately called) was one of the most best known women in the United States because of her preaching, speaking and hymn writing and often met with presidents, generals and other important people. Her works are in almost all American hymnals today.

She spoke of her love of Jesus and looking forward to seeing him face to face when she was quoted as saying:

"When I get to heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior!"

There are so many hymns that we know written by Fanny J. Crosby. When you see one written by her, thank God for her blessing us with the wonderful hymns she wrote.

# Praise Him! Praise Him!



# Kid's Corner

The following is a devotional from **The Dogwood Story** resource materials New Life Lesson

### **New Beginnings**

### **Memory Verse:**

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. John 15:12-13 (NIV)

### **Scripture Reading:**

He (Jesus) also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how." Mark 4:26 (NIV)

In order to have new beginnings often the old must die. That's the way it is with a flower. A bright beautiful flower blooms in all its glory but then, eventually, it will turn brown, shrivel up and die. It seems to have lived its life. But, wait! When it is all brown and dead if you look closely you'll see the flower head has turned into a cluster of dried-up seeds. These seeds will fall to the ground, be buried and wait for God's time the next season, when they will sprout up from the earth and produce a new crop of beautiful flowers.

The life of a small seed is a mini picture of what Christ did for us. In every way He showed us the beauty in how to live by his example. He died and was buried, after three days had passed Jesus came to life again. Jesus' death on our behalf made it possible for us to experience this new life too. We will learn more about how this happens in the days to come.

We are also going to look again at the legend of the Dogwood tree as well as events and people that were a part of this biggest, most significant event in history, the first Easter.

**Think...** What question about Jesus would you like answered this Easter? Make sure to ask. Jesus loves it when we seek to know more about Him.

**Prayer:** Dear God, I would like to know you better. I know that doing these devotionals and memory work will help me do that. Please help me spend quality time with you. Amen

The following activity from **The Dogwood Story** resource materials New Life Lesson

# **Fun Activity Page**

Rearrange the letters in these true and wonderful statements and write down as many words as you can.

Jesus Ioves ME!

# Jesus died for ME!

# Answers to the Activity Page

### Jesus loves ME!

eel(s) elm(s)

else

elves

emu

less

loss(es)

love(s)

mess(es)

mole(s)

moss(es)

mule(s)

muss

see(s)

seem(s)

selves

sole(s)

solve(s)

some

soul(s)

sum

us

vessel(s)

Jesus died for ME!

deed

deem

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demise

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die

died

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doe

dome

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deer

forum

free

freed

feud

fur

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more

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foe for

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freedom

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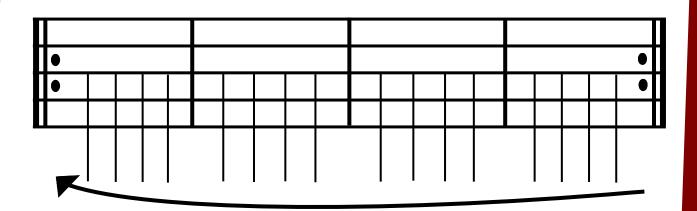
# Fun with Repeat Signs

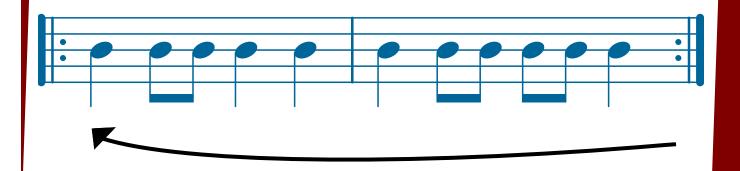
A REPEAT sign is a STOP sign. Like playing a game, when you come to the stop sign, you must go back and repeat measures between repeat signs.

The second time, however, you do not have to stop.

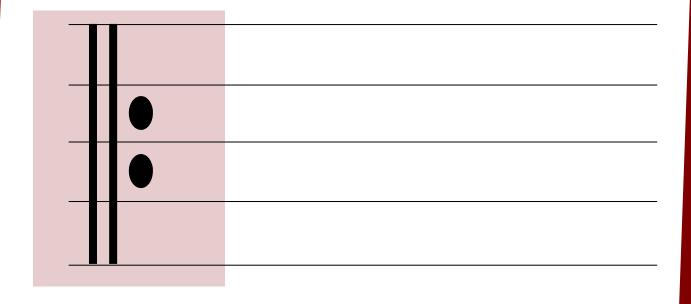
Clap through the rhythm of the of the first example with your children.

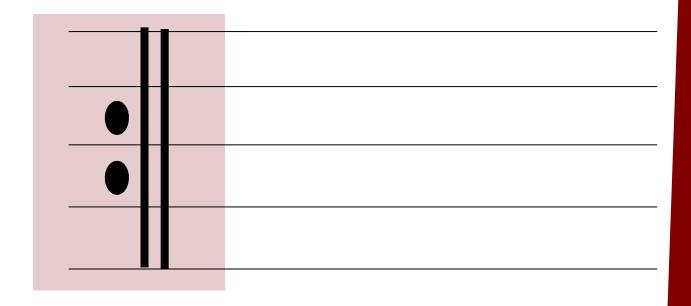
Use the second example, allowing them to play the rhythm on a xylophone.





# Copy the Repeat Signs





# Praise & Worship Art Contest



Many thanks to all who participated. Honerable mention:

Colton Hart-Age 7, Aleesha Vaughn-Age 9, Sarah Harter-Age 10,

Brianna Cermely-Age 9, Kye Bresson-Age 6, Gavin Winkler-Age 9, Ana Schmidt Age-11



Your pictures are wonderful!
Thanks for sharing them!