

It's Easter

Musical Lesson 1

The Bible Says



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Get Ready



To Teach the Song:

- **The Dogwood Story**, Split Track CD
- **The Dogwood Story**, Stereo Listening CD
- CD player

Optional Movement:

- **The Dogwood Story**, Movement DVD
- DVD player
- TV monitor
- Props are outlined in Part 2, Production Notes, Movement Ideas.

To Get Musical:

- **It's Easter**, Kids' Score, at least the 1st page, 1 per child
- *Dotted Quarter Note Flash Card*
- 1 copy per child of the *Dotted Quarter Note Worksheet* on white paper
- 1 red crayon per child

Musical Goals



- ◆ To introduce this song with movements.
- ◆ To teach the children to recognize dotted quarter notes.

- Give the children a brief synopsis of the musical. Read the script to the children to provide a clear picture of the story they are going to be presenting.
- Have the children listen to **It's Easter** raising their hands each time they hear the word *Easter*.
- Sing or say each phrase of the song allowing the children to echo. Begin with the chorus adding the verses as the children seem proficient.
- Sing along with the CD until the children seem familiar with the song.

Optional:

- View **The Dogwood Story** Movement DVD for **It's Easter**.
- Practice the song until the children are familiar with the movements.
- Add the movement props.

Let's get musical



- Hand out to each child: a score, the worksheet and a crayon.
- Show the children the flash card of the dotted quarter notes.
- Have the children look for dotted quarter notes in their copy of the music and circle them.
- Have the children complete the *Dotted Quarter Note Worksheet*.

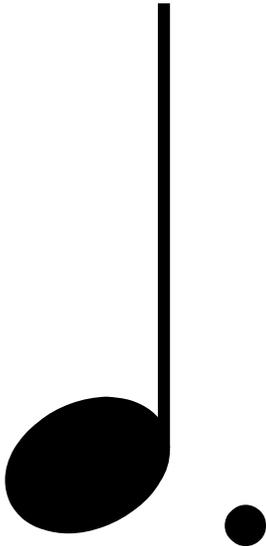


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A Dotted Quarter Note =
1 ½ beats in 4/4 time signature.

Copy the Dotted Quarter Note



EXAMPLE



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Spiritual Lesson 1

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“Don’t be alarmed,” he said.
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So the women hurried away
from the tomb, afraid yet filled
with joy, and ran to tell his
disciples. Matthew 28:8 (NIV)

Let's Learn



Bible thought: God gives us new beginnings.

“Oh, I don’t feel so good,” said Mike. The *Mighty Dogs* had just finished their soccer game and Mike had taken a couple of bad falls. The ground was muddy and everyone kept slipping more than usual. Mike had fallen on his stomach a couple of times. His mom said, “You’ll feel better after you get cleaned up and get some good sleep.” She was right. The next day Mike felt fine. It was a new beginning.

We get the chance every day to have a new beginning. Each day we get to start over. If we’ve had a hard day the day before, a new day gives us a chance to try again. If we’ve been ugly or unkind to a family members or friends, a new day gives us a chance to apologize and start fresh.

Sin is ugly. It’s ugly and unacceptable because God said so. He has given us guidelines for living and near the top of His list is repentance. Repentance means we acknowledge we have done something that God doesn’t want us to do and we ask for forgiveness and finally and most importantly, we turn away from that behavior and with God’s help we try not to repeat it. This is all possible only because Jesus came and died and rose again to take the true punishment our sins deserve—death. Only through belief in Jesus do we have new life—a new beginning.

Prayer: Thank you God for Jesus, and new beginnings. Amen



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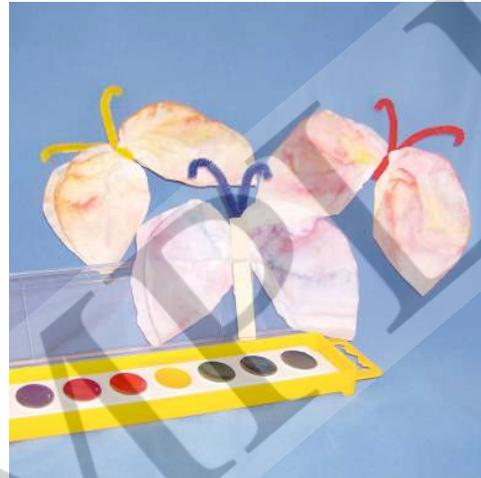
Scripture in hand:

- Multiple color copies of the *Large Memory Verse* to hang around the room
- 1 copy per child of the *Take-Home Memory Verse*

Activity:

- Snap type clothes pins, one per child (optional)
- Coffee filters
- Pipe cleaners
- Watercolor paints and brushes
- Containers for water
- Paper towels
- Something to cover work surface
- Water spritzer
- Glue or tape

Let's get creative



- Objective: to make a butterfly, a symbol of new beginnings.
- Cut pipe cleaner in half and fold pipe cleaner in half. This is the antenna.
- Fold coffee filter in half and gather it up at the mid point.
- Insert between the folded pipe cleaner and twist approximately 2 inches down.
- Spritz the filter with water.
- With paint brushes, daub paint on the coffee filter. The wetter the filter, the more the paint will spread on its own. This is the body.
- Allow to dry.
- Clip the body between the grip of a clothes pin (optional).



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