

In My Father's Hands – Dance Scarves

How to Use Action Hands:

- Draw, post, or demonstrate the scarf actions for the song.
- Have the children sing through the song once while they mirror you doing the actions before passing out the scarves.
- Pass out a set of dance scarves to the teachers and let them help you pass them out to the children. Let them get their wiggles out with the dance scarves before the music begins.
- Have the children follow along with the actions while you sing through the song two more times.
- Then, ask for volunteers to come up front and show you the actions they've learned and "lead" the actions! I just let everyone who would like to come up front come, usually it's 90% of the kids up front! In a large Primary, you can have them come up front to lead by class or by side of the room.

Extension Ideas:

- Have the children help you come up with scarf actions.
- Let the children pick a partner and pass the scarf back and forth and do every other action! Or every other verse if that's easier for your group.

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First Verse:

- Firm and steady – Ball scarf up in one hand
- Hold me - Lay scarf over one arm (The Waiter)
- Leap free – Ball up and toss (Toss and Catch)
- Catch me – Catch dance scarf (Toss and Catch)
- Safe – Swing scarf over one shoulder (Over the Shoulder)
- Strength – Hold both corners and spin, twisting it up like a bandana (Bandana Twist)
- Father's hands – Switch scarf back and forth between both hands (Switch Hands)

Second Verse:

- Soft and humble – Pull the scarf slowly near the floor (Lazy River)
- Stumble – Float scarf to the floor (Float to the Floor)
- Struggle – Pull scarf up and down in high arches (Roller Coaster)
- Troubles – Hold in one hand and wave back and forth (Wave Hello)
- Loved – Hold two corners, and shake the scarf (The Wave)
- Gentle touch – Pull the scarf through one hand (Sleight of Hand)
- Father's Hands – Switch scarf back and forth between both hands (Switch Hands)

Third Verse:

- True and worthy – Hold scarf at both corners, and out to one side (For Sale Sign)
- Power to bless me – Hold the scarf blocking your face (The Veil)
- Full of faith – Raise scarf up high and then back down (Paintbrush)
- Blessing – Lay scarf on your head (The Hat)
- God's love – Start with the scarf low to the ground and slowly raise it up to your chest level (Open the Window)
- From above – Raise scarf high above your head (Parachute)
- He's real – Wiggle the scarf in front of you (Wiggle Worm)
- Will is revealed – Hold in one hand and spin the scarf in a circle (Spinning Clock)
- Father's hands – Switch scarf back and forth between both hands (Switch Hands)