

Choose the Right Jingle Bells

Activity Instructions:

1. Then, pass out the jingle bells and let the children explore the instruments for a minute or two.
2. Try to develop a rhythm together before introducing the music. See if you can shake your bells at the same time.
3. Start singing and shaking your bells to the beat of Choose the Right.
4. Try shaking your bells every word of the song or try another one of our fun ways to use jingle bells!

Extension Ideas:

- Have each group create their own jingle bells pattern. Have them perform their pattern in front of the class, and have the class try to guess what the pattern is!
- Choose a signal word. Instead of having the children play their bells on this word, have them hold their bells quiet every time they sing this word.
- Create a short bell pattern for children to follow. For example, you might have them shake their bells up high for the first two phrases, then shake them low for the next two.
- Have a "band" leader! Choose a child to come up to the front and instruct the children when to play their bells. Have them lead the verse!

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5 Fun Ways to Use Jingle Bells!

1. **Shake the bells to a steady beat** - this can be done by finding the major beats of each phrase.
2. **Shake the bells on every word!** If you have a fast song, this one can be really fun!
3. **Up & Down** - For this one, alternate shaking the bells up high and down low. You could make cute signs for this or just point up and down when you want to switch.
4. **Signal Word** - Choose a "signal word" from the song. This is usually a word that occurs often (Ex. the word "right" in Choose the Right). Every time you sing this song, shake your bells.
5. **Group Bells** - Have children choose a partner. Each partnership receives one wrist bell and takes turns shaking the bells. The primary chorister signals when to switch.