

Seek the Lord Early Egg Shakers

Activity Instructions:

1. At the beginning of primary, review the first verse of Seek the Lord Early.
2. Prepare enough egg shakers for each child to have one (or have one for every two children).
3. Pass out the egg shakers and demonstrate three egg shaker patterns. Invite the children to try the patterns along with you once they are ready.
4. Practice the egg shaker patterns a few times without music to get comfortable with the rhythm.
5. Then, add in the music! Start with the first verse and try one of the patterns while you sing.
6. Choose a new pattern and keep practicing this primary song!

Extension Ideas:

- Have the children come up with their own egg shaker patterns! Kids come up with great ideas and are so creative!
- Split the class into small groups or teams. Have each team prepare an egg shaker pattern to teach the class.
- Draw a bunch of egg shaker patterns on pieces of paper. Have the children draw one pattern from a jar and use that pattern for a verse. Continue choosing patterns and singing together!

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Seek the Lord Early Egg Shaker Patterns

Here's a quick run-down of 3 egg shaker patterns to use for this song. Choose a new pattern each time you review a verse of the song! The long-short pattern is the most challenging of the three, so start with the other patterns if your primary is new to egg shakers!

1. Once per measure: Since this song is written in triple meter, this rhythm is pretty slow. It can be a great option if your primary is new to egg shakers. In the example below, you'll play your shaker on the first beat of each new measure after the slash.

Ex. I'll / Seek the Lord / Ear-ly while / in my / youth and / he will / help me to / know the / truth.

2. Long-Short Pattern: For this pattern, alternate between long shakes and one short shake. When you have a "long shake," move the egg shaker back and forth quickly. In the example below, the words in bold represent the long shake.

Ex. I'll / **Seek** the Lord / **Ea-rly** while / **in** my / **youth** and / **he** will / **help me** to / **know** the / **truth**.

3. Once per word: For another simple pattern, just shake on every word! This pattern will be a little bit faster and keeps it simple for kids to follow. You'll have to resist the urge to shake the egg shaker on words that have multiple syllables on different notes!

Ex. I'll / seek / the / Lord / early / while / in / my / youth