

We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet Cup Pattern

How to Play:

- Sing through We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet once before introducing this fun cup pattern.
- Demonstrate the first action by holding two plastic cups in your hand, with the open side face down towards your lap. Every time you sing “thank thee” pat the cups on your lap once for each word. Thank Thee = Pat-Pat
- Sing the first line of the song and show what the action looks like. Have the kids try it with their hands. Ask, how many times do we sing “Thank thee?” Let’s go through the song and count, and you follow along with your hands. Sing through the song again counting and patsching each time you sing “thank thee”.
- How many times did you hear thank thee? (3). Do you think you can follow the action while using cups? Share any rules you have for getting to use the cups such as keep them to yourselves, don’t crush the cups, if you’re goofing around with them you’ll lose yours, etc. Pass out the cups and sing through the song again and enunciate every time you sing “thank thee” while following the cup action! Exclaim how great the kids did at that!
- Tell the kids, “I bet we can make it harder. Put your cups on the floor, and watch me closely to see what you notice.” Sing the first line of the song and add the second action. Now, you’ll keep doing the lap pattern for “thank thee” but also clap the two open ends of the cups towards each other whenever a word is split across two notes. Proph-et = Clap-Clap. Pause. Why do you think I picked that word? Was there anything different about the way I sang that note? (The word was sung across 2 different piano notes). Clap along with me and see if we can find more words! Sing through the song and have the kids clap for the split words. Now, pick up the cups and have them practice just claps or both actions.

Cup Pattern:

- **“Thank Thee”** – Double Pat both cups on lap
- **Split Words** – Any of the words that carry across to more than one note will clap the cups together on each note. Words include: prophet, latter-days, sending, gospel, lighten, every blessing, bestowed, bounteous, pleasure, obey, command.
- **Extra Words** (Optional Challenge) –Tap just one finger on the top of one of a cup for all the additional words without an action.

Extension Activities:

- Give each child just one cup. Have them pat with one cup on their lap for the “Thank Thee” lines of the song. Then, have them clap their cup together with their neighbor on each of the split words!
- If your Primary is up for a challenge, have them tap along with each word on the top of the cup with a finger in between the 2 main actions! Can they keep up! You might have them practice just tapping out each word once before adding back in the original two actions.
- Let the kids come up front to show off how well they’ve learned the pattern!

**PROPH-ET
LATTER-DAYS
SEND-ING
GOS-PEL
LIGHT-EN
EV-ERY**

BLESS-ING
BE-STOWED
BOUN-TEOUS
PLEA-SURE
O-BEY
COM-MAND

**PAT ON
THANK THEE**

**CLAP ON
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