

My Mother Dear Egg Shakers

Shake on keywords as you review this darling Mother's Day song in primary!

Find the full lesson plan, extension ideas, and song suggestions in the blog post here:

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How to Play:

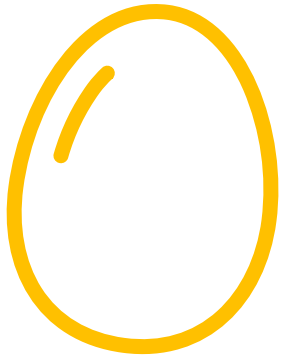
1. Keep your primary children engaged as you review My Mother Dear for Mother's Day with this simple egg shaker activity. For this activity, simply pick a few keywords from the song. Listen carefully and shake only on these words!
2. This activity is a really simple way to encourage participation as you review the lyrics together.
3. Sing through My Mother Dear once before passing out egg shakers. Print out a copy of the printable lyrics with highlighted keywords included later in this post.
4. Bring out one egg shaker and sing a few lines while shaking on the words, "sunshine," "morning," "wakens" "day" and "night." Can anyone guess the pattern? That's right – I'm shaking on all the colored words.
5. Let's try it together. Pass out egg shakers and listen carefully for keywords throughout the song as you sing together.
6. The simplicity of this activity lends to a lot of flexibility and room for creativity! I've included a bunch of additional rhythm patterns or "challenges" below to try along with this song. Take a glance and see if they spark any ideas!

Extension Ideas:

- Shake on every syllable. Words such as "sun-shine" and "mor-ning" will get two shakes.
- Color Code – Yellow = Double Shake, Blue Shake = Knee Tap, Purple = Fast Shake
- Divide the room in half. Alternate shaking on every other word. For example, the left side of the room would shake on "Like...in..morning...wakens...from" and the right side would shake on "sunshine...the..that..day...night"
- Write all the keywords on strips of paper. Pick a volunteer to choose 2-3 keywords at a time. Listen carefully and shake only on these keywords!
- Split into 3 groups – one for each color. Have each class sing and shake on their assigned color. Have the teachers sing all the words in black.
- Use your shakers to draw some of these shapes! For example, shake in a big circle as you sing the phrase, "sunshine in the morning." Create a flower in the air as you sing, "flowers in the springtime."

Like **sunshine** in
the **morning**
that **wakens** 
day from **night**,
like **flowers** in
the **springtime**
so **colorful** and
 **bright,**

like **happy**

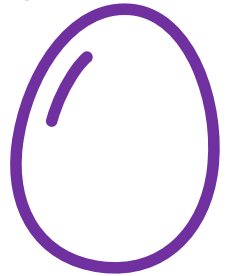


songs of

bluebirds

that fill the air

with cheer,



a person bright

and lovely is my

mother dear.



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