

For Such a Time as This Egg Shakers

Follow along with this egg shakers pattern for a fun way to keep your primary children engaged as you teach this song!

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

- Don't let this egg shaker pattern intimidate you! There is a lot of repetition, and it can easily be modified for Junior and Senior primary.
- This hands-on activity is a great way to get everyone involved during singing time! Make sure you have enough egg shakers for each child to have their own. You can definitely take turns, but these really are some of the cheapest instruments you can find!
- At the beginning of singing time, review For Such a Time as This. Grab a copy of our flip chart to keep the words handy as you begin introducing this pattern.
- Pass out the egg shakers and make a big circle as you sing, "Long ago, there lived," followed by two shakes on the words, "Faithful soul."
- Shake upward as you sing, "a woman," then repeat two shakes for the words, "Brave / bold." What was this woman's name? That's right – Esther! Let's draw a big letter "E" in the air. Let's try that again.
- Introduce the pattern a few lines at a time. After teaching the pattern for one stanza, go back and repeat the entire pattern for that section.
- You will quickly see that this activity provides for SO much repetition while keeping everyone's attention.

Egg Shakers Pattern Stanza 1:

- Circle Shake – "Long ago"
- Shake 2X – "Faithful soul"
- Shake Upward – "A woman"
- Shake 2X – "Brave/Bold"
- Letter "E" – "Esther was her name."
- Shake Near Ear – "She heard a plan"
- Shake 2X – "Wicked man"
- Letter "X" – "To kill the people of her land"
- Shake Downward – "Upon a coming day"

Egg Shaker Pattern Stanza 3:

- Left Knee Taps – "Oh, Es-ther stood be-fore the king" / "And with the help of God"
- Right Knee Taps – "With bold un-shaken faith" / "She saved her na-tion that day"

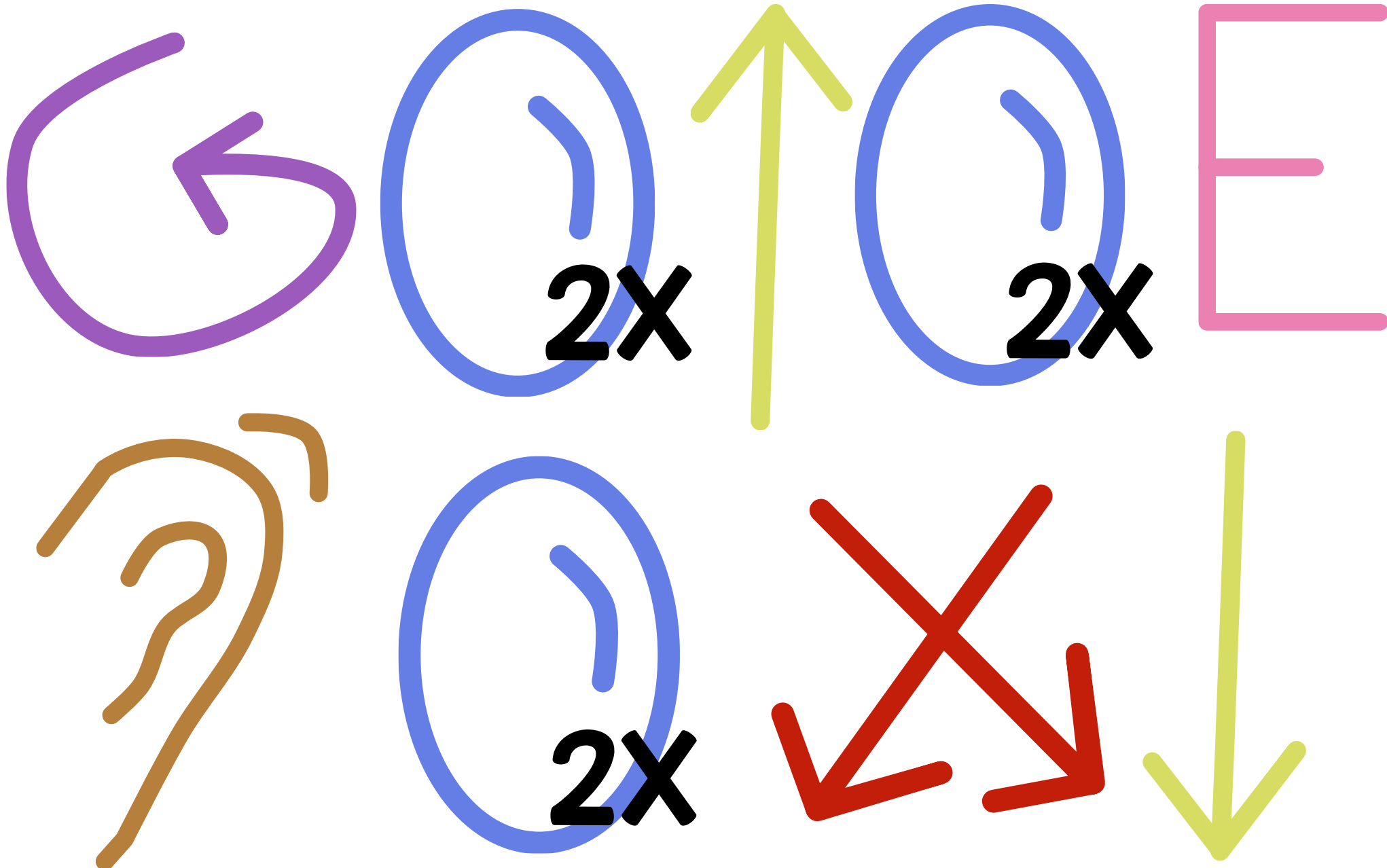
Egg Shaker Pattern Stanzas 2/4:

- Shake Upward – "She rose to say" / "Now we'll rise and say"
- Shake 2X – "Fast / pray" / "promised / day"
- Point Outward – "Keep us safe" / "Share our faith"
- Shake 3X – "Let / nation / live" / "Tell / world / lives"
- Tap LH 2X – "Spoke / truth" "Speak / truth"
- Tap RH 2X – "Danger / Too" "All / Do"
- Point to Mind – "She knew" / "We believe"
- Fast Shake – "For such a time as this"

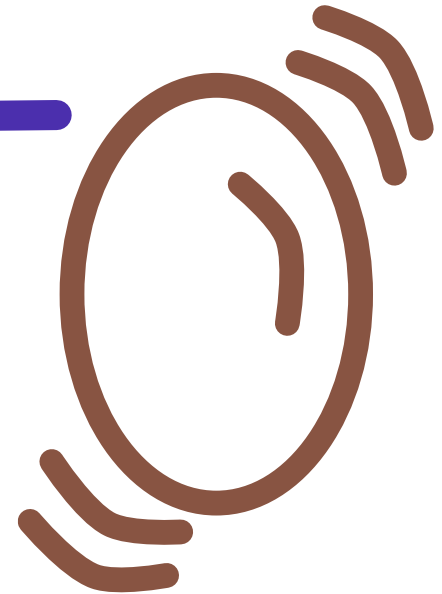
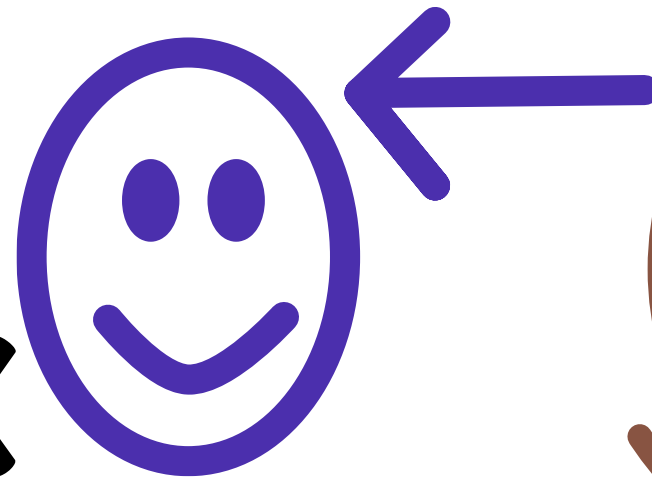
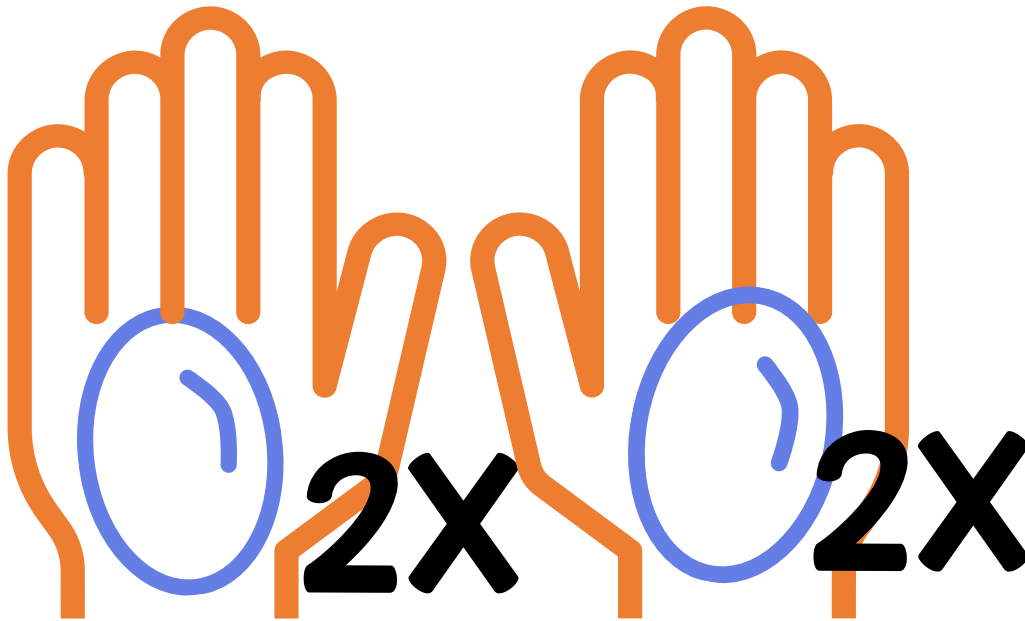
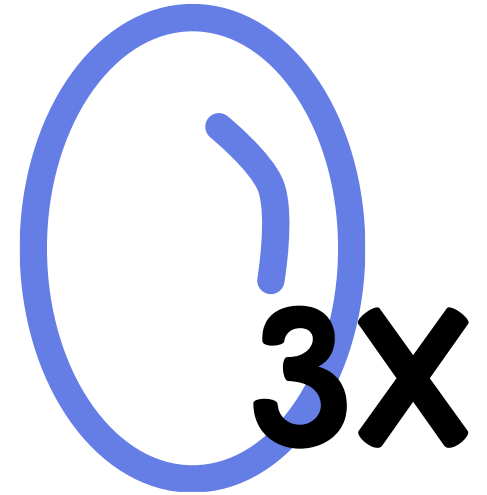
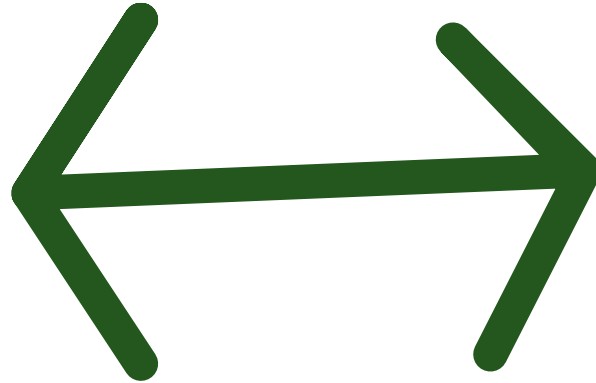
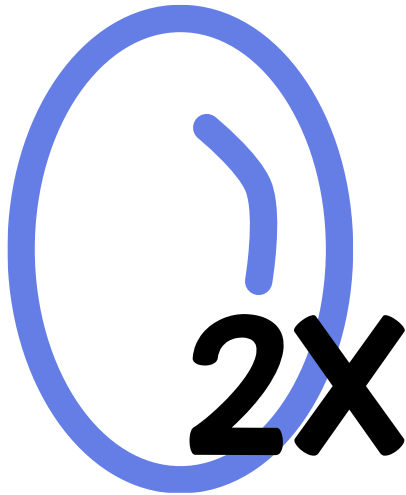
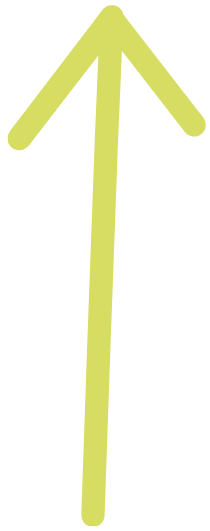
Extension Activities:

- Split the children into 3 groups – one for each section of the pattern. This will break down the pattern and make it more doable for younger primary children.
- Start by just tapping out the rhythm by shaking on every syllable. Then, follow the music and try alternating between short and long shakes.

For Such a Time as This Egg Shakers Pattern Pg. 1:



For Such a Time as This Egg Shakers Pattern Pg. 2/4:



For Such a Time as This Egg Shakers Pattern Pg. 3:



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