

My dream for this publication is that we will minister to you, the children's workers and that you will not look at this as simply an advertisement, but more as a resource to help you as you work with your children. Please scroll through the entire newsletter to see all the valuable items we have for you. God bless you and please visit us for your children's music needs. God bless YOU and thanks for working for the Lord with children!



Notes from Pam...

Welcome to Pam Andrews Music! After many years in the music industry, God has provided the means for me to launch my own company. How excited I am to be sharing with you my company's first two Christmas Musicals, **The Perfect Gift** and **Merry Christmas!**

The story of The Perfect Gift begins at Bethlehem Mall in the Star of Wonder Gift Shoppe which is filled with trinkets and treasures of all kinds. A capable staff is ready to lend a hand to the customers seeking that "Perfect Gift." Weary from travel, three Wise Men who have been following the star enter the shop seeking special gifts to present to the **New King** whom they believe to be in Bethlehem. Discover through magnificent songs, hilarious humor, and a touching story that Jesus was the "Perfect Gift" from God to the world and the best gift we can give to Jesus is our hearts.





Merry Chrisfmas! is another exciting musical experience for your children. In choosing this easy-to-perform musical, your children will learn that Jesus brought Joy, Peace, Light, and Love into the world that blessed night in Bethlehem. Merry Chrisfmas! was created to perform as a narrative with ten children sharing simple statements exploring the mission of Jesus to us as believers. You will love the versatility of this work as well as the Biblical message it teaches.

The Perfect Gift and Merry christmas! Preview Packs are now available online at <u>PamAndrewsMusic.com</u>. Preview Packs can be purchased as a download or hard copy. At <u>PamAndrewsMusic.com</u>, you will find a wide variety of music and resources for your Children's Choir, VBS and Sunday School. This website features products you can **download** and **duplicate!**

YES! Download, duplicate, and use immediately!

Or, if you are not ready for downloads and prefer hard copies, CD's and DVD's can be shipped to you.

Note the best deal is to purchase the **All-In-One** musical or single song. This product contains:

- A listening CD to duplicate for your children.
- A split track.
- **Resource materials** which contain musical and spiritual lessons which can be duplicated.
- And a wonderful Movement DVD created by my good friend, Shea Roland.

At **<u>PamAndrewsMusic.com</u>**, you will find:

- Seasonal and non-seasonal musicals
- Single songs
- Split tracks
- Lesson plans
- Movement videos
- And much more!
- You can even order Pam's best selling musicals from the section called "Pam's Classics."

The Mission of PamAndrewsMusic.com is to make available children's songs and musicals to churches of all sizes...big or small...with large or small budgets...paving a way for every child to have the opportunity to experience the joy of music in the Lord.

God Bless YOU!

Pam Andrews

Remember, I will gladly send your choir a letter or encouragement for any Pam Andrews musical.

Just email me by clicking on Contact at PamAndrewsMusic.com.

Words from My Friends...

In this section we welcome your ideas about children's music, children's choir, musical children's choir organizations, etc. If your idea is published in our newsletter you will receive an automatic 10% discount on your next purchase.

Your comments are also a great way to pass on help to others about musicals and what might work for them.

Ideas...

The first idea we would like to highlight is that of Paula Rayburn. She created the following art for her presentation of POWER, one of Pam's Classics. Following you will see pictures she used in a power point format for the Power Guage. What a great idea..to use media instead of creating the actual power guage.



Mary Carlile...Hi, Pam. Just wanted to share my thoughts with you. You are my hero. I totally love what you are doing with your gift and am blown away with your humble spirit and boundless energy; not to mention you complete willingness to share you ideas with us. Thank you for taking so much time with me (your husband, too!) at the CPC in San Diego. I can't wait to get started on the Creep Sheet Thing...I may call it "Crawl and Call"!

Comments...

Dan Wall...Pam—I was at the workshop this weekend at Southern Hills Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. I really enjoyed it and now I am fired up about children's choir. That was the "shot in the arm" I needed. Our children's choir is doing "Life School Musical" on May 18th. The kids are pumped. Bonnie Balliet ...(Life School was) Super! It was awesome and we had three children make decisions!

Pamela Vandewalker...I like your site!! Cool!!

Sherree Hedges...Pam—I LOVE your new website. I'm just now looking at it—AWESOME! We (Walnut Memorial Baptist) have just done "Solid Rock Café" for the SECOND time! We performed it first in 2005 and then again this year. The kids voted it their favorite musical so we did it again! It was absolutely wonderful. I'm going to send you some pictures. I was so proud of the kids. I'll be looking for a seminar in our area. I'd love to bring some of my workers to one of your workshops. Hope you're doing well. The kids and I pray for you since you are "God's secretary." We've decided that's a really important job! Great to "see" you— LOTS OF LOVE!

Worship Tool

I am going to provide you with worship tool and homemade instrument ideas from time to time. Here is the first.

Water Bottle Shakers

Needs

Collect empty water bottles (2 per child) Craft Paint Paper Cups Uncooked Rice



Directions

To begin, make sure the water bottles are completely dry. Pour a small amount of craft paint into the bottle. Have the child swirl the paint around inside the bottle until the inside of the bottle is completely coated. Drain out the remaining paint into a cup to use in another bottle. Turn the bottle upside down in a paper cup to dry. The drying of the paint could take 24 hours. After the paint is dry, add a small amount of rice. You could also add ribbon or garland around the neck of the bottle to make movement with the bottle more fun.

Now, Let's Have Fun...

Water Bottle Shakers can be fun with any song. Just give each child a bottle for each hand. Shake the bottles left/right, up/down, and in/out to the steady beat of any song. This activity will be loads of fun...especially for your boys..and will add movement to your song. Remember to make music a whole body experience. Allow the children to experience the ultimate joy of praise and worship in the Lord.

What a praise it is for me to be sharing this newsletter with you. For many years I have dreamed and even talked about communicating with you...praying with you...sharing with you...on a more regular basis. God is sooooooo good to me! He is making that happen. This portion of my newsletter will be devoted to ministering to you through a devotional time in the Lord. Please send me your prayer requests by clicking on **Contact** at **PamAndrewsMusic.com**.

Thought for the day...

Psalms 150:1-6 Praise the LORD, Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD. (NIV)

My dad, Ed Simmons, was truly a man that loved music. As a little girl, I sang with my family in many local small churches. My dad would lead in revivals and almost every night he would arrive early and lead the children in songs...a children's choir. I can remember my first solo in church was "It Took a Miracle." I can remember standing on a chair so I could be seen by the crowd. It was after on of those revivals that I became a Christian. My parents always had us gather as a family around our beds before we went to sleep at night. My dad would pray, then we would all say the "The Lord's Prayer." One night after that prayer, when I was about 5 years old, I told my mom and dad I wanted to have Jesus in my heart. The both thought I was too young so told me "to give it a few years." So, I went to bed. This same experience happened again the next night and my parents again said, "Wait a few years, Pam." Finally, on the third night after our nightly prayer time, I did not rise and go to bed. I stayed kneeling at my bedside. My parents asked me what was wrong. I told them, "I am staving here until someone tells me how to ask Jesus in my heart." That night, my parents led me to know Christ. AND I have had the privilege of knowing Jesus ever since. I often think that those years with my did singing "This Little Light of Mine" or "Climb Up Sunshine Mountain" and "Thank You, Lord, for Saving My Soul" led me to be where I am today. Please pray for us, me and my team, as we seek the will of God in this effort. We want to help children learn the joy of praise and worship. IN FACT, let everything that has breath, PRAISE THE LORD!

Hymn Story–We Three Kings

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Composer: John H. Hopkins Born: 1820 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Died: 1891 Hudson, New York

We Three Kings is one of the more famous Christmas Carols of our time. The lyrics reveal the plight of the Wise Men as they seek the New King, Jesus. John H. Hopkins wrote this carol to be performed at the General Theological Seminary in New York City for a Christmas Pageant.

John Hopkins was a man of many trades. He was active in the church where he was a clergyman. He wrote hymns and illustrated books. He designed beautiful stained glass windows and became a church Rector of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America. He was the editor of the Church Journal. His father was John Henry Hopkins who was a bishop.



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Kid's Corner

Hey kids! This section is just for you in each edition of our newsletter I will include puzzles, a devotion and some musical challenges. Have fun...and keep on singing for Jesus! Pam

The following is a devotional from the **Merry Chris†mas!** resource materials. Amazing Gifts Jesus Gives Us Faith

Memory Verse:

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11 (NIV)

To believe in something is to have faith. I believe that when I turn on a faucet, water will come out. When someone I trust tells me they are going to do something for me, I believe them. I have faith that these things will happen.

When Jesus had finished saying all this in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." So Jesus went with them.

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well. Luke 7:1-10 (NIV)

This military official believed in Jesus. He had faith that Jesus could heal his servant. Jesus tells us in John 3:16 that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

Once in awhile, I turn on a water faucet and it doesn't work: the water source is turned off. Once in awhile, a friend can't do what they promised they would. But the wonderful thing about Jesus is that He is completely trustworthy. Whatever He says, He will do. He will never let us down; He is always there for us. When the Bible tells us that everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life, it's true. You can count on it. You can believe it. You can put your whole faith in Jesus and trust Him completely.

Look at a map . . . You'll find one in the back of your Bible. Find Capernaum where the centurion lived. Can you also find Bethlehem where Jesus was born?

Prayer: Jesus, thank you that I can put all of my faith and trust in you. Amen.

Help Goldie, Frankie and Murray find their way to the **Star of Wonder Gift Shoppe.** Then, help them select the perfect gifts to present to the newborn King Jesus.



A Heart of Gold is a heart of LOVE.

Myrrh Antiseptic Cream represents PEACE.

Frankincense Potpourri represents JOY.

This maze is from The Perfect Gift resource materials.



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A quarter note receives 1 beat in the $\frac{4}{4}$ time signature.

Art Contest

Kids, at Pam Andrews Music want to invite you to enter your original art about Praise and Worship in our first art contest.

The first place winner will receive \$25 The second place winner will receive \$15 The third place winner will receive \$10

All the winners and those we consider honorable mention will be published in our next newsletter.

Mail your entries by September 30, 2008 to: Pam Andrews 1207 Spearpoint Drive Hendersonville, TN 37075

Psalm 150

Use the word bank to fill in the blanks.

power dancing breath

strings Heavens Praise sanctuary tambourine

him Lord flute clash trumpet cymbals

harp resounding lyre

Praise the _____. Praise God in his ; praise him in his mighty _____. Praise him for his acts of ___; praise ____ for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the _____, praise him with the _____ and ____, praise him with ______ and ____, praise him with the ______, praise him with the _____ of _____, praise him with _____ cymbals. Let everything that has _____ praise the LORD. the LORD.