

Creating New Lyrics to Common Tunes

1. Choose a simple well known children's song or rhyme.
2. Replace key words and ideas from the scripture passage.
3. Play with the words and the tune until you have a song.

THE LOST SHEEP (To the tune of *Five Little Ducks*)

Five little sheep went out one day
Over the hill and far away
Shepherd boy called, "Come back! Come back!"
Only four little sheep came back.

Shepherd boy searched far and wide
Where oh where did little sheep hide?
Under ev'ry bush, in ev'ry cave
That little sheep he wanted to save!

Soon he heard a little sheep bleat
Oh how his heart skipped a beat.
He placed little sheep into his arm
Then took him home from all harm.



MARY AND MARTHA (To the tune of *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*)

Jesus went to Bethany
Mary and Martha he wanted to see.
Martha was as busy as a bee
While Mary listened carefully.

"Mary's sitting lazily
While I'm trying to make some tea."
Jesus shook his head to say
"Come and sit - enjoy this day."

JESUS LOST IN THE TEMPLE (To the tune of *Baa Baa Black Sheep*)

Jesus, Jesus where have you gone?
You've been missing for so-o-o long.
Mary and Joseph are looking for you.
Many of their friends are looking too.

Back to Jerusalem they did go,
Searching ev'ry building to and fro.
At last into the Temple they went,
To find you among the teachers intent.

Come along Jesus we must run
Back to the others in the sun.
No more talking it's getting late
Hurry up now through that gate.



Palm Sunday Beat

1. Ask students to pretend to be on a small donkey and to trot on the spot as they say the words, "Trot, trot, trot"

Jesus rode a donkey,
Trot! Trot! Trot!
Into Jerusalem,
Trot! Trot! Trot!

3. Then, have students bend down as if laying a cloak on the road.

People waved their branches
Swish! Swish! Swish!
Some even laid their cloaks
Swish! Swish! Swish!

2. Ask students to place their arms high above their heads and wave them as if waving branches.

5. ... and wave their arms above the heads as they sing: "Hosanna! Hosanna! Welcome to our King"

Ev'ryone began to sing,
Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na!
Welcome to our King!
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Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na!
Welcome to our King!

4. Students to cup their hands around their mouth...

