

Introduction to GOD MADE KINDERMUSIC

The *God Made KindMusic* study is a music education course for Christian schools and home schools. *God Made Kindermusic* teaches music concepts, instruments of the orchestra, singing, and classical listening. Because of the scope of the *God Made Music* series, it is recommended for all students, even those taking piano or other private music lessons.

Music instruction must be both educational and enjoyable. This book introduces five-year-olds to a broad range of musical experiences in an interesting and enjoyable format. This course is not intended to produce skilled performers, but to equip students with musical skills appropriate to their age level, and to instill in them an interest in music.

For best results, use *God Made Kindermusic* with five-year-old students. If necessary, *God Made Kindermusic* can also be used with a combined class of students spanning ages 4 through first grade.

God Made Kindermusic can be taught by a trained music specialist or even a classroom teacher with no music background. Home school parents with no musical knowledge may also teach the course by using the self-teaching manual to learn along with the student.

There are 34 lessons in this course. Teacher preparation time for each lesson is very minimal. The teacher should allow approximately thirty-minutes to complete each lesson. Lesson objectives are presented in a straight-forward statement entitled "Students Will Learn." Students should bring their workbook, a pencil, and crayons to every class. The teacher should bring this teacher's manual and any additional items listed under "Additional Materials."

In addition to this teacher's manual, the following are also **required** to teach *God Made Kindermusic*:

1. *God Made Kindermusic Compact Disc 1 (Item # CDK).**
2. *Classics For Children* by Arthur Fiedler (Boston Pops Orchestra)
(BMG sku # 7863-56718-2) (*Praise Hymn Inc. Item # CARD*).*
3. *Musicards* music flash cards.*
4. A portable compact disc player, preferably one with a remote control.
CDK contain split-track recordings of the song curriculum.
If you wish to remove the voices and have the class sing with the accompaniment only, be sure to purchase a player with a right and left track balance control knob. Most CD players do not have this capability.
5. An inexpensive electronic keyboard.

The following is **optional**:

*God Made Kindermusic Piano Accompaniment Book** (recommended only for teachers who wish to accompany singing on the piano or other keyboard instrument, or wish to accompany singing on the guitar.).

**These items are published by and are available from Praise Hymn, Inc.*

The *God Made Kindermusic* curriculum seeks to conform to the National Standards for Music Education. Go online to www.menc.org for a complete listing of these standards. We do not engage in a lengthy discussion of music education philosophy in this manual. For those interested in our music education philosophy, please read the booklet "Don't Forget To Teach Music." This booklet is free and available by calling our toll-free number 1-800-729-2821 or by going to our website home page www.PraiseHymnInc.com and scrolling to the bottom of the page.