

Introduction to GOD MADE MUSIC 4

The *God Made Music 4* study is a music education course for Christian schools and home schools. *God Made Music 4* teaches music concepts, instruments of the orchestra, composers, singing, and classical listening. Because of the scope of the *God Made Music* series, it is recommended for all students, even those taking piano, band, or other private music lessons.

Music instruction must be both educational and enjoyable. This book introduces fourth-graders 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 Music 4* with fourth-grade students. If necessary, *God Made Music 4* can also be used with a combined class of students spanning grades 4, 5, and 6. We do not recommend that *God Made Music 4* be used with students below grade 4.

God Made Music 4 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 and a pencil to every class. The teacher should bring this teacher's manual and any additional items listed under "Additional Materials."

Because of the inclusion of the recorder, *God Made Music 4* omits the study of *solfege*.

In addition to this teacher's manual, the following are also **required** to teach *God Made Music 4*:

1. One Recorder* for each student.
2. *God Made Music 4 Compact Disc 1 (Item # CD41).**
3. *God Made Music 4 Compact Disc 2 (Item # CD42).**
4. *Musicards* music flash cards for classroom use or *Mini-Musicards* for home school use.*

The following are not required, but are **suggested** for classroom use:

1. An inexpensive electronic keyboard.
2. *God Made Music 4 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.).
3. *God Made Music 4 Overhead Recorder Music Transparencies.**
4. A portable compact disc player, preferably one with a remote control.
CD41 and *CD42* 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.

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The *God Made Music 4* curriculum seeks to conform to the National Standards for Music Education for grades K through 4. 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.