

Beethoven Bear and Mozart Mouse and Vacation Bible School

Beethoven Bear and Mozart Mouse pushed open the door to the playroom. Beethoven Bear was puffing from his climb up the stairs. He dropped his back pack on the floor and lay down beside it.

"Whew," he sighed. "Thank goodness the school year is over. I won't have to carry this back pack again until September."

Mozart Mouse sat down beside him. "Just think, my friend, we have the whole summer ahead of us. What do you want to do first?"

Beethoven Bear licked his lips. "Let's get a snack," he suggested. He could feel his tummy begin to rumble.

The two friends worked quickly to put away their school things. Soon, they were sitting at the kitchen table with a plate of their favorite food. Beethoven Bear loved honey on bread, and Mozart Mouse had made a cheese sandwich.

"So," Beethoven Bear asked, talking rather impolitely with some honey dripping down his chin, "what should we do this summer?"

"Let's make a list of all the special things we want to do," Mozart Mouse suggested. He grabbed a piece of paper and a pencil and started writing.

"Number one," he began, drawing the number and then a dot after it.

"Put down *play with our friends*," Beethoven Bear suggested.

"We do that every day already," said Mozart Mouse. "Let's try to think of something really special."

"Okay," Beethoven Bear said. "How about read our books?"

"Nope," Mozart Mouse replied. "We already do that, too."

Beethoven Bear wiped the honey off his chin as he thought. This was going to be hard! "Ride our scooters?" he offered hesitantly. Mozart Mouse shook his head.

"Let me make the list!" Beethoven Bear exclaimed, taking the paper from Mozart Mouse. As he held it up and stared at it, Mozart Mouse started talking excitedly.

"Beethoven! Beethoven!" he cried. "Look at the back of the paper! Turn it over!"

Beethoven Bear quickly turned over the paper. On the back was a very special announcement:

Clara Schumann-Cat and Pachelbel Penguin
present
Vacation Bible School, June 22-26

- Learn Bible stories, sing songs and do crafts.
- Bring your friends and join the fun!

Mozart Mouse was practically jumping up and down, he was so excited! "This

is exactly what I was talking about!" he said. "Now *this* would be a very special thing to do this summer!"

"But what exactly is it?" Beethoven Bear asked.

Mozart Mouse explained. "Well, I've never been to Vacation Bible School before, but I heard it is a lot of fun. It's kind of like going to Sunday school every day, I think. Except it lasts longer, and you do a lot of different things. You learn stories from the Bible, sing songs, and you get to make things, too."

"That sounds like fun!" Beethoven Bear agreed.

"And there's something else you'll like," Mozart Mouse continued, smiling. "They serve snacks!"

"Sign me up!" Beethoven Bear declared.

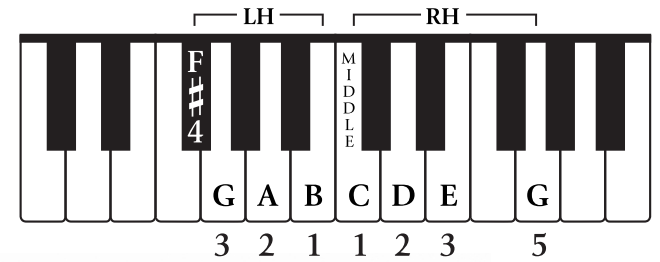
Suddenly, Mozart Mouse had an idea. "Let's invite the rest of our music friends to go to Vacation Bible School with us," he said to Beethoven Bear.

"How will we all get there?" Beethoven Bear asked. "We can't all fit in your red racing car."

"I know, but I have a plan. I just have to make a quick phone call."

Mozart Mouse returned a few minutes later. "It's all taken care of. Let's go back to the play room and tell everyone about Vacation Bible School!"

When the children had finished singing, Clara Schumann-Cat told them a story. "Thousands of years ago, there was a man named Abraham. Abraham was a faithful man and followed God's commands. When Abraham was 75 years old, God asked him to move to the land of Canaan, which was a long journey from his home. But Abraham followed God's command and took his family to his new land. Many years later, God appeared to Abraham and rewarded him for his faithfulness. He promised him that he would have children and that from him, a great nation would appear. So, even though Abraham was very old, he had a son, and his son had sons, and his family grew for years and years. From his family came a man named Joseph, who married a woman named Mary, and God gave them a Son named Jesus."



Silesian Folksong

Arr. by Barden, Kowalchyk and Lancaster

Fairest Lord Jesus

Calmly

Student plays one octave higher with duet part.

The morning passed quickly. Before they knew it, it was time to go home. Professor Haydn Hippo was waiting outside in the yellow school bus, honking the horn.

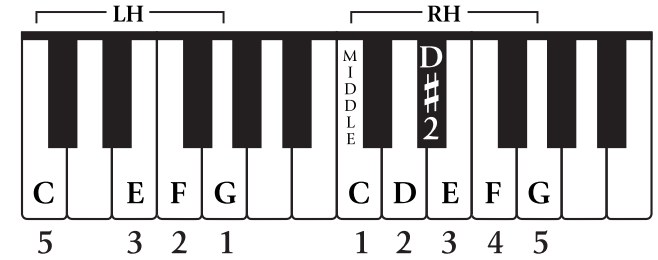
The music friends climbed on the bus, talking happily about their first day of Vacation Bible School.

"I liked the songs we sang," Mozart Mouse said. "I liked the pictures we colored," J. S. Bunny added. "I liked the snack we ate," Beethoven Bear declared, licking his lips.

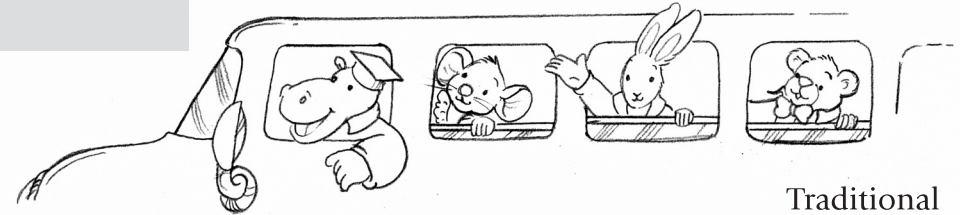
Professor Haydn Hippo smiled at the group. "I know one thing you can all agree on," he said. "I know that you all love Jesus."

"He's right!" Mozart Mouse agreed, remembering what they had learned that day. "We all love Jesus because He loved us first."

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Traditional

Arr. by Barden, Kowalchuk and Lancaster

O, How I Love Jesus

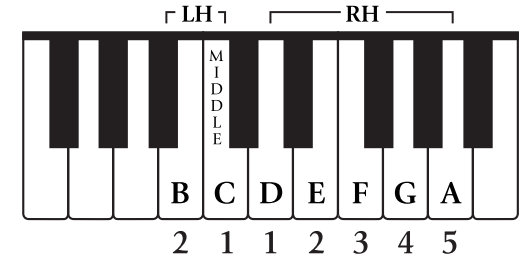
Lilting waltz

Student plays one octave higher with duet part.

What do you think Jesus would do if He were on earth today?" Mozart Mouse asked Elgar E. Elephant.

"I think He would do what He did when He was alive—tell everyone He met about God. But even though He's not on earth with us, He is in heaven, and from there, He watches over us always."

"And I know just the song to sing about that," Clara Schumann-Cat announced.



He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Traditional
Arr. by Barden, Kowalchuk and Lancaster

Lively

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Student plays one octave higher with duet part.

Lively

RH

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