

Path to Peace Inside: PreK–Kindergarten Teaching Aids

WEEK 15

Instructions for Making Instruments

Choose one or more of these options for use in Explore.

Envelope shakers: Scoop some dry beans, popcorn kernels, small stones, or buttons into a small envelope. Tape the envelope shut. Fold it in half and tape again to make a handheld shaker.

Paper plate tambourine 1: Punch holes around the edge of a small, sturdy paper plate. Use yarn to tie small jingle bells in the holes. *Optional:* Tape lengths of ribbon along one section of the plate.

Paper plate tambourine 2: Hold two small, sturdy, paper plates so they are facing. Staple around the edges, leaving an opening to put some popcorn kernels or dry beans inside. After scooping them in, finish stapling. Then cover the staples with colorful masking tape.

Tin can bongo shaker: Put a handful of popcorn kernels or dry beans in a clean, dry tin can that does not have any sharp edges. Cut the end off a balloon and stretch it over the opening of the can. Secure with rubber bands. Play it in multiple ways: shake it, tap the top like a drum, or tap the side with a spoon or chopstick for interesting sounds.

Trumpet: Cut the bottom off a small paper cup. Attach it to one end of a decorated paper tube using tape to make a trumpet. The cup forms the bell of the trumpet.

Kazoo: Put a square of wax paper over one end of a decorated paper tube. Secure it in place with a rubber band. Hum or sing through the other end.