

# Everyone plays an instrument in God's orchestra



What is an orchestra? What instruments are played? And: Does everyone play the same instrument?

## God's Orchestra

The goal of this lesson might be for younger children: Jesus loves me just as I am, no matter what I look like, what I can do, etc. With older kids, additional points can be made that the church is an orchestra (body), every instrument (member) is important, and God needs everyone. Together with the kids consider where God has gifted them.

## Introductory game

For the younger children, the game 'guess instruments' is played. One child has to leave the room. The others appoint a conductor. This one performs different instruments, which the others imitate. The child has to find out who the conductor is. For the older children it is a good idea to create a power point presentation with different instruments. This should also include instruments that are not so well-known - such as bassoon, clarinet, viola, oboe, tuba, double bass, percussion, etc.

## The orchestra and me

Yes, there are many instruments, which makes it possible to talk to the children about the instruments they play. Where there are many instruments playing together, it is called an orchestra. The special thing about an orchestra is that different instruments have multiple instrumentalists. Nowadays the musicians are usually led by a conductor, whereas in the early days this role fell to the first violinist (concertmaster)

After this relatively noisy introduction, I want the children to get comfortable and listen to orchestral music while quieting down. I have taken excerpts from well-known pieces by W. A. Mozart, L. van Beethoven, Peter I. Tchaikovsky. Music from well-known movies goes over especially well with the kids.

While the music is still playing, the following text from 1 Corinthians 12:12-28 (adapted) can be read:



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