

A Word from the Publisher

When Darlene Abbott and I introduced *Preschool Praise'ntations* in May, 2004, teachers around the country enthusiastically embraced this new resource with one reservation: "Would the big BLUE book be followed by other volumes?" People loved the curriculum so much that they wanted to make sure they would have additional "praise'ntations" to continue the excitement and momentum of their preschool music programs.

The result of their request is *Preschool Praise'ntations ORANGE*. Like *Preschool Praise'ntations BLUE, Volume 2* is the perfect alternative to music that is often too difficult, too low for the preschooler's voice or a part of programs that are too stressful for the preschool child.

The big ORANGE book starts with *The Happy Meal* which introduces children to the concept of thanksgiving. But since the songs do not specifically reference the Thanksgiving holiday, *The Happy Meal* can be performed at any time of year. *The Friendship Festival* gives you a great late winter or early spring emphasis on how to be a friend like Jesus. And a late spring or summer praise'ntation of *The Praise Team* will finish your choir year on a high note as children learn why and how we praise God. .

The songs in any of the *Preschool Praise'ntations* are easy to sing, fun to move to and can be shared in one of three performance formats: a **ROOM TO ROOM Praise'ntation**, an **IN THE ROUND Praise'ntation** or a **STAGE Praise'ntation**. Each format offers its own unique advantages as described on page 138.

Preparation for each *Preschool Praise'ntation* is covered in up to ten Lesson Plans filled with music, game and activities. The Lesson Plans for each program are as follows, but when children have their own Kid's CD it is not essential to cover every lesson prior to your praise'ntation:

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| <i>The "Thank You" Meal:</i> | Lessons 1 – 10 |
| <i>The Friendship Festival:</i> | Lessons 7 – 17 |
| <i>The Praise Team!:</i> | Lessons 14 – 20 and 1 - 4 |

Even with the seasonal opportunity of *The "Thank You" Meal* you can begin the curriculum at any time of year. Start with one of the non-seasonal programs in the winter, spring or summer then continue with the curriculum or other volumes of *Preschool Praise'ntations*. Because all 20 songs are interspersed throughout the 20 Lessons Plans, no matter when a child begins attending choir they will still be exposed to every song on their *Preschool Praise'ntation Kid's CD*.

So have fun singing, learning and training your preschoolers for the opportunities for worship they will have for years to come!