

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 was *Preschool Praise'ntations Vol. 2*, ORANGE, then *Vol. 3*, GREEN and now *Preschool Praise'ntations Volume 4*, RED. Each 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 RED book starts with "Room Around the Manger," a traditional telling of the Christmas story reminding children that Jesus always has room for them in his heart and plans. "Love Notes" presents the Bible as a book full of God's notes of love – that He loves us, that we should love Him and love others. "The Praise Parade" can provide a high note to your year 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 143.

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. *Note that in Lessons 11-20 you can cover either or both "Love Notes" and "The Praise Parade."*

Room Around the Manger: Lessons 1 – 10

Love Notes: Lessons 11–20

The Praise Parade: Lessons 11 – 20.

Even with the seasonal opportunity of "Room Around the Manger" 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 Lesson Plans, no matter when a child begins attending choir they will still be exposed to every song on their *Preschool Praise'ntations* Kid's CD.

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

