

Christmas Season Devotionals

Week Two – Day 10

The Little Drummer Boy

Before it became world famous as the "Little Drummer Boy," the song was originally titled "Carol of the Drums" because of the repeating line "pa rum pum pum pum," which imitates the sound of a drum. It's not certain who wrote the song, but the "Little Drummer Boy" is believed to have been written by Katherine K. Davis in 1941. The song lyrics are said to be based on an old Czech carol. It was recorded for Decca as "Carol of the Drum" by the Trapp Family Singers in 1951 and credited to Davis. But Davis isn't the only person credited with writing the song. According to some reports, Henry Onorati and Harry Simeone penned the lyrics to the song. (By Espie Estrella, liveabout.com)

Craft Ideas – <https://blessedbeyondcrazy.com/12-days-christmas-crafts-kids-day-3/>

Video by Jesus4life: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JN1JLB4ZSMc>

Come they told me	Little baby	Mary nodded
Pa rum pum pum-pum	Pa rum pum pum-pum	Pa rum pum pum-pum
A newborn King to see	I am a poor boy too	The ox and lamb kept time
Pa rum pum pum-pum	Pa rum pum pum-pum	Pa rum pum pum-pum
Our finest gifts we bring	I have no gift to bring	I played my drum for Him
Pa rum pum pum-pum	Pa rum pum pum-pum	Pa rum pum pum-pum
To lay before the king	That's fit to give our King	I played my best for Him
Pa rum pum pum-pum	Pa rum pum pum-pum	Pa rum pum pum-pum
Rum pum pum-pum	Rum pum pum-pum	Rum pum pum-pum
Rum pum pum-pum	Rum pum pum-pum	Rum pum pum-pum
So to honor Him	Shall I play for you	Then He smiled at me
Pa rum pum pum-pum	Pa rum pum pum-pum	Pa rum pum pum-pum
When we come	On my drum	Me and my drum

Questions/statements for individuals or families to respond to:

- What do you think Jesus wants you to give to Him?
- Read I Corinthians 10:31 and talk about how this verse ties in with this song.
- Name some ways you can do your best for Jesus?

Digging Deeper

1. Do you recall the time in your life when you believed you didn't have anything to offer to God, realizing you simply needed Jesus? What was that moment like?
2. What gift or gifts that God has crafted you with to honor Him by using them for His Kingdom work? (Romans 12:3-21)
3. Read the following references and summarize what it mean to do your best: Colossians 3:17, 23-24; 2 Timothy 2:15; I Corinthians 9:24-25; Proverbs 13:14; Titus 2:7; 3:1-2; Proverbs 16:3.