



Jazz Kitchen



Lesson Focus: Jazz

Your secret is out. We know that sometimes when you are alone in your car you find yourself listening and singing along with your children's Kindermusik music. (It *is* kind of catchy!) We also know that listening to "your music" can seem like a mini-vacation—whether it's rock, pop, classical, country, jazz, punk, alternative, opera, etc.—one style of music probably tugs at your heart more than another.

Throughout the Kindermusik experience, we deliberately introduce children to a wide variety of musical genres to give them a greater understanding of what is possible through music. While in other months we may explore the precision of classical music, this month we play around with jazz. So, when your child "Scooby dooby doo waps," moves expressively around the room to "If I Know What You Know," or even hears a familiar song performed in a jazz arrangement, your little one experiences the value of improvisation and emotional expression and gains an appreciation of this musical genre that traces its roots to the Southern (United States) African-American music of the early 20th century. And who knows, maybe jazz music is "your music," too!

Everyday Connection: *Open Pandora's Box.* Go ahead and introduce your whole family to new-to-you jazz musicians and bands on Pandora. Try Esperanza Spalding, Miles Davis, Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Billie Holiday or even just one of the jazz genre stations.