

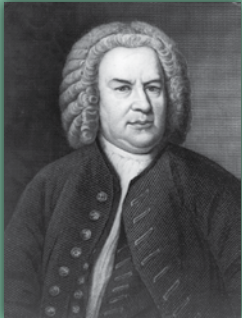
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Joyful Noise!

The Music Maker

When Johann Sebastian Bach was a boy, there was nothing he liked better than making music. Growing up in Germany in the 1600s, Bach sang in the church choir and learned to play the violin.

Sadly, Bach's parents died when he was 10 years old. Bach went to live with his older brother, who worked as a church organist. Bach's brother gave him his first keyboard lessons. Bach was a good student who caught on quickly. He was eager to learn the advanced pieces in his brother's book of church music. But his brother insisted they were too hard for such a young boy.



Johann Sebastian Bach

Late one night, Bach crept out of bed and found the book. He copied down some of the difficult pieces, note for note. He continued doing this every night until he had filled many pages. Then he learned to play the music while everyone was out of the house. Bach's brother was surprised when he finally heard the boy playing the complex pieces perfectly!

When Bach grew up, he learned to write music of his own. He created about 1,000 compositions in his lifetime. Bach believed music should bring honor to God.

At the top of each sheet, he always wrote "In the name of the Lord" or "To the glory of God alone."

Bach didn't set out to become famous. In fact, he wasn't well known until many years after his death. Bach simply wanted to worship the God who gave him his great gift of music.

"It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High" (Psalm 92:1, NIV).

You don't have to be a great musician to praise God with music. You can show God you love Him as you sing and clap and play instruments in your own way.

Perhaps God has given you some special talents you can use to worship Him as well. You can praise God through art or writing or science — you name it! Think about how you can honor God with something you do well.

Did you know?

The violins made by Antonio Stradivari in the 1700s are still considered the finest ever created. Today a Stradivarius violin would cost more than \$1 million.

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Try this!

Place several glasses of the same size and shape on a counter, not touching each other. Fill each glass with a different amount of water. Then lightly tap the sides and tops of the glasses with a spoon to make different notes. What happens as you add or remove water?



JUST FOR laughs

Which barnyard animal has the best taste in music?

The chicken. It's always saying, "Bach, Bach."

Why are chickens good percussionists?

They have two drumsticks.



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