



# Chapter 11: Songs

## Ideas and Suggestions

Songs have a very definite place in the program. There are many songs that will fit into tribal meetings. Some will be fast, while others will be slow. Have fun by joining in an activity that crosses the generations.

### Tips For the Song Leader

The song leader can measurably assist in having a successful tribe songfest. It's important to sing for quality as well as noise.

- Be enthusiastic! Help members enjoy singing
- Know the songs that you are leading. Begin with a song that most of the dads and children know and enjoy.
- Sing with the group and have fun yourself!
- Give information about the background of the song if you know it.
- Make sure that the group hears the pitch. Don't start too high or too low.
- Give a firm starting signal. Set and maintain the tempo of the song.
- Indicate when the group should sing loudly or softly and when to stop together.
- Use clear action songs are by far the most popular. They provide movement and fun. Clapping, stamping feet, standing and hand motions all add to the zest of the occasion.
- Give clear, concise instructions for action songs. Repeat, if necessary, for understanding.
- Use small, steady, rhythmic beats to guide the group. For large groups a broad, clear arm movement will be wise. Keeping the rhythm steady is a key to success.

Song leaders should select songs appropriate for the meeting situation. Rousing fun choruses and action songs get fathers and children off to a great start, while quiet songs have a tremendous thrill and impact at campfires and council meetings just before the story or devotions.

*The beginning is the most important part of the work.*



## Theme Songs

### "Pals Forever" (Tune of "Clementine")

Pals forever, Pals forever,  
That's our slogan, that's our song;  
Boys are stronger, Dads feel younger,  
When they take the boys along.

Dads are for it, Moms adore it,  
And the boys all think it's fine;  
Pals forever, Pals forever,  
Indian Guides will have good times.

Through the days and through the years,  
We will wander side by side;  
Pals forever, Pals forever,  
The Great Spirit as our guide.

### "Friendship Always" (Tune of "Clementine")

Friendship always, Friendship always,  
That's our slogan, that's our code;  
And we work and play together,  
As we travel on life's road.

Dads are for it, Moms adore it,  
And the girls all think it's fine;  
Friendship always, Friendship always,  
The Great Spirit as our guide.

*Truth is proper and beautiful at all times and in all places.*



## Action Songs

### Bingo

There was a farmer who had a dog and Bingo was his name-o!

B-I-N-G-O, B-I N G-O, B I N G-O, and Bingo was his name-o!

There was a farmer had a dog and Bingo was his name-o!

(clap)-I-N-G-O, (clap)-I-N-G-O (clap)-I-N-G-O, and Bingo was his name-o.

(Each succeeding verse eliminate one letter from Bingo and substitute a hand clap.)

### Boom Chica Boom

**Leader:** I said a Boom Chica Boom  
(group repeats each line)

**Leader:** I said a Boom Chica Rocka Chica Rocka  
Chica Boom

**Leader:** Uh-huh  
(group repeat)

**Leader:** Oh yeah  
(group repeat)

**Leader:** One more time

(Select style for next verse and sing song in any of the following voices: Baby Style (Thumb in mouth, whiney voice) English Style (English accent) Hillbilly Style, (Country accent, clap, stomp feet), Military Style (Use loud gruff voice), Opera Style (High-pitched, hold notes), Underwater Style (Flap lips with index finger).

### Do Your Ears Hang Low?

Do your ears hang low? (thumb in each ear)  
Do they wobble to and fro? (shake palms together)  
Can you tie them in a knot? (tie knot)  
Can you tie them in a bow? (tie bow at neck)  
Can you throw them over your shoulder  
Like a continental soldier? (salute)  
Do your ears hang low?

(Repeat three times; each time faster)

### Father Abraham

(chorus)  
Father Abraham had seven sons,  
Seven sons had Father Abraham,  
And he never laughed, And he never cried,  
All he did was go like this:  
With a left (repeat chorus using left arm motion)  
And a right (repeat chorus with left & right arm motion)  
And a left leg (repeat chorus with left & right arm motions and left leg motion)  
And a right leg (repeat chorus with left & right arm motions and left & right leg motions)  
And a head (repeat chorus with arms, legs & head in motion)

(Add as many body parts as desired)

*Do not come to be served, but to serve.*



## The Grand Old Duke of York

The grand old Duke of York,  
 He had ten thousand men,  
 He marched them up the hill, and (stand up)  
 He marched them down again. (sit down)  
 And when they're up, they're up (up)  
 And when they're down, they're down (down)  
 And when they're only half way up (halfway knees bent)  
 They're neither up nor down.

## Hamburger, Cheeseburger

**Leader:** Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Lettuce and Tomato  
**Group:** (Repeats line)  
**Leader:** A Baked Hambone and a French Fried Potato, Hot Dog, Chili Dog, Barbeque; Mustard and a Pickle and a Mountain Dew  
**Leader:** (First Time) I Said A - (Repeat Entire Song)  
**Leader:** (Second Time) I Said A Mustard  
**Group:** (Repeats line)

## If You're Happy

- (1) If you're happy and you know it,  
 Clap your hands. (clap, clap)  
 If you're happy and you know it,  
 Clap your hands. (clap, clap)  
 If you're happy and you know it,  
 And you really want to show it,  
 If you're happy and you know it,  
 Clap your hands. (clap, clap)
- (2) If you're happy and you know it,  
 Stomp your feet. (stomp, stomp)  
 (Repeat as above)
- (3) If you're happy and you know it,  
 Shout "HOORAY." (HOORAY!)  
 (Repeat as above)
- (4) If you're happy and you know it,  
 Stand up. (stand up)  
 (Repeat as above)
- (5) If you're happy and you know it,  
 Do all four. (clap, stomp, HOORAY, stand up)  
 (Repeat as above)

## John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt

John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt,  
 that's my name, too.  
 Whenever we go out,  
 the people always shout,  
 There goes John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt,  
 Tra-la-la-la-la-la-la.

(Repeat four times, each time more softly except for the "Tra-la-la-la-la-la-la")

*Nature is the book of which God is the author.*



## Little Rabbit Hopping By

In a cabin in the wood  
Little man by a window stood.  
Saw a rabbit hopping by.  
Knocking at his door.  
"Help me, help me, sir" he said,  
"fore the hunter shoots me dead."  
"Come little rabbit, come inside,  
Safely to abide."

## The More We Get Together

The more we get together, together, together,  
The more we get together, the happier we'll be.  
For your friends are my friends (point to others)  
And my friends are your friends. (point to self)  
The more we get together, the happier we'll be.

(Motions: Stand up when singing "together" or sit down if standing. Repeat song a second time for all to be seated.)

## My Bonny Lies Over the Ocean

My Bonny lies over the ocean,  
My Bonny lies over the sea;  
My Bonny lies over the ocean,  
Oh bring back my Bonny to me.

(Stand or sit each time you sing a word that has a 'B' in it.)

## Rare Bog

Chorus: Rare bog, rattlin' bog, way down in the valley-O (repeat)

And in that bog, there was a tree  
A rare tree, a rattlin' tree  
And the tree was in the bog, way down in the valley-O (chorus)

And on that tree, there was a branch  
A rare branch, a rattlin' branch  
And the branch was on the tree and the tree was in the bog  
Way down in the valley-O (chorus)

And on that branch, there was a twig...  
And on that twig, there was a nest...  
And in that nest, there was an egg...  
And on that egg, there was a (chicken sound)...  
And on that , there was a wing...  
And on that wing, there was a feather...  
And on that feather, there was a tick...  
And on that tick, there was a tiny, microscopic organism...

And on that tiny, microscopic organism, there was a whole 'nother universe!

*"A friend is a gift you give yourself." – Robert Louis Stevenson*



# Devotional Songs

## Kum Bi Ya

Kum bi ya, Lord, Kum bi ya  
Kum bi ya, Lord, Kum bi ya  
Kum bi ya, Lord, Kum bi ya  
O Lord, Kum bi ya.

Someone's cryin', Lord, Kum bi ya  
Someone's cryin', Lord, Kum bi ya  
Someone's cryin', Lord, Kum bi ya  
O Lord, Kum bi ya.

Someone's prayin', Lord, Kum bi ya  
Someone's prayin', Lord, Kum bi ya  
Someone's prayin', Lord, Kum bi ya  
O Lord, Kum bi ya.

Someone's laughin', Lord, Kum bi ya  
Someone's laughin', Lord, Kum bi ya  
Someone's laughin', Lord, Kum bi ya  
O Lord, Kum bi ya.

Someone's singin', Lord, Kum bi ya  
Someone's singin', Lord, Kum bi ya  
Someone's singin', Lord, Kum bi ya  
O Lord, Kum bi ya.

## Taps

Day is done, gone the sun,  
From the lakes, from the hills,  
From the sky; All is well, safely rest,  
God is nigh.

## With Christ in the Vessel

With Christ (Point Up) in the vessel (Point to heart) We can sail (Put hands together and swing arms back and forth) through the storm (shake your hands in the air), sail (same) through the storm (same), sail (same) through the storm (same).

With Christ (same) in the vessel we can sail through the storm as we (point to yourself) go sailing (same) home (draw a house with a roof, chimney and smoke with your finger).

Sailing (put hands together and swing back & forth) Sailing home (draw a house with a roof, chimney and smoke with your finger), Sailing (same), Sailing home (same).

*Forget yourself for others and others will never forget you.*