

## Bag of Tricks

Having an accessible variety of games, review strategies, and fun with music activities is a must for all Primary Music Leaders. Included here are instructions for how to make and use some of my favorites.

### Stop and Go Signs

Using the Stop and Go signs is a way to help the children learn that they can “hear” the music and the words of a song go on even while they are not singing. When the Go sign is up (*and the Stop sign is down*) the children sing out loud. While the Stop sign is up (*and the Go sign is down*) they stop singing audibly but keep singing in their minds. The object is to trade putting the Stop and Go signs up at random segments of the phrases to check for memorization of the lyrics.





Copy these signs onto card stock, cut out and laminate. (They will last better if they are laminated. Clear contact paper attached to both sides works well.)

Attach each sign to a heavy-duty paint stirrer (usually available for little or no cost at paint stores).

## Boys Sing/Girls Sing Signs

These signs work about the same as the stop and go signs, but they can also be held up at the same time or dropped at the same time. You can have one helper hold both signs or have two helpers each hold a sign, but they will need to stand close together so that the group can see them easily. This activity will challenge the children to sing better, pay closer attention to the leaders, and keep track of the music when they are not singing. *(Print, color, cut out, mount and laminate)*

