

COMPOSERS



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INTRODUCTION

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Creativity and kids—perfect together! *Composers* combines both creativity and music in a way that will capture their curiosity and wonder. The composers included in this study are among the greatest in history, and their stories of trials, challenges, and successes offer unforgettable lessons. These composers are Bach, Handel, Beethoven, Mozart, and Chopin, and their music provides a fantastic base for learning.

In this study, your child will learn about these composers and their music. Students will see performances of these men's compositions from all over the world, along with getting a better understanding of how we hear music! Your student will explore and investigate, creating and adding more learning components to his *Creative Composers* lapbook—building a wonderful reminder of all that he is learning to be enjoyed for years to come.

Choosing this topic for the Download N Go™ 2.0 series was fun. This is the first DNG 2.0 title that focuses on one of the arts, and it opens wide the door of learning to classical music. From the study of music and musical instruments to the workings of the orchestra and the instrument sections—this study is a fun journey through the world of classical music and much more.

With Download N Go™ 2.0 unit studies, you are about to begin a new kind of learning experience. Each study has five or more quests with lapbook components for each quest. The name, Download N Go, comes from the concept that these studies are ready to use as soon as you have downloaded them. No preparation or waiting time or other expensive resources are required. A few inexpensive items are needed for the lapbook: a simple file folder, a glue stick, safety scissors, brass brads, and crayons or markers. That's it—simple, effective, and what a way to learn!

Now that you are beginning *Composers* in the Download N Go™ 2.0 series, get ready for an unforgettable learning adventure into the world of music and its history. There will be science discoveries such as learning about the way we hear music. Children will also explore virtual composition, play different instruments online, and learn about some of the musical instruments mentioned in the Bible. The struggles and accomplishments of each of the composers will teach character lessons as well as allow the student to see the world from the perspective of people who were profoundly musically gifted. They shared their hearts, faith, and the music in their

minds, and we still enjoy the fruits of their efforts today. Take some time to explore with your students. Take plenty of pictures, search the learning links, and let them playfully create their own music. God has great plans for them!

Notes to parents: *Remember that Internet site content can change overnight. Please check the sites that you plan to use before your child visits them in the study.*

Some of the videos in this study are hosted by YouTube and include Google ads that cannot be completely avoided. Hide these ads by clicking on the X in the upper-right corner of the ad banner.



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QUEST 1

Johann Sebastian Bach

Let's hear it for music! As you head into your exploration of music and composers, begin with a look at some fun videos:

Video: ["Heart and Soul" on the Big Piano](#)

Video: [World's Fastest Piano Juggler](#)

Video: [Bach Duet](#)

This learning adventure is about music and some of the most famous composers of music, so let's begin with you. What is your favorite song? *Write your answer below.*

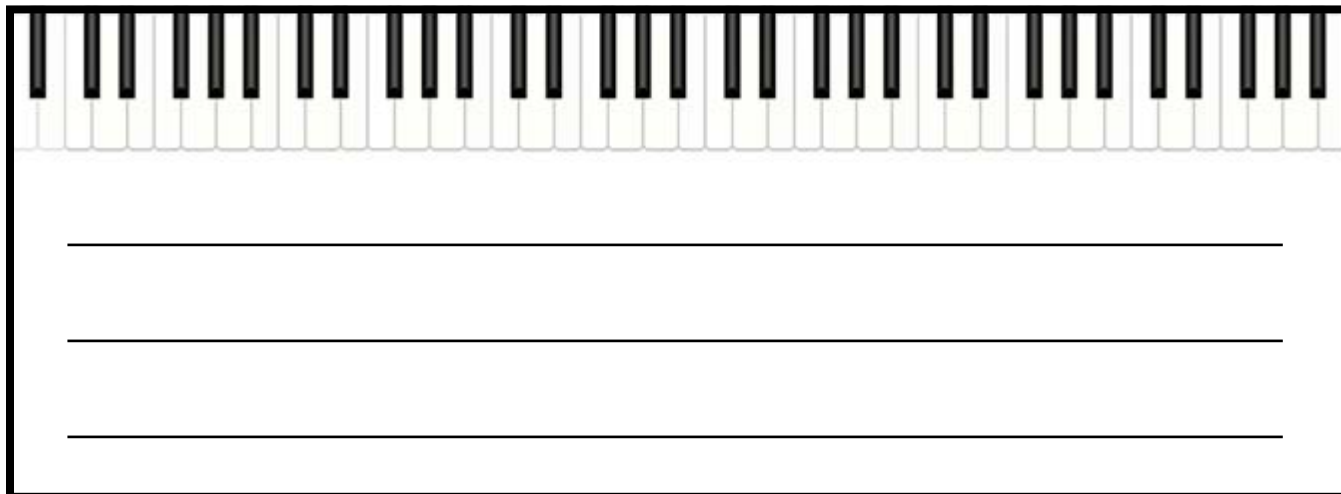
There are so many different kinds of music, and you will be taking a look at both music and some of the people who wrote amazing music. God has given us the gift of music with our voices and musical instruments, and all of nature sings!



How would you describe music? *Write your answer below.*

Music

Music



A graphic of a piano keyboard with three horizontal lines below it for writing.

What kinds of things make music? *Circle things that make music below.*



Music can make you feel all kinds of ways—happy, excited, and more. Music is sound that we can hear with our ears.

Which part of your ear has the job of catching sounds? *Write your answer below.*

[How Our Ears Work](#)

[Hearing the Music](#)



Which part of your ear vibrates as sound travels into your ear? *Write your answer below.*

[Music to Our Ears](#)



With your parent's help, take some time today to investigate sounds and music with this fun activity.

[Sounds Great: Bottled Music](#)

Review what you've learned about your ears and how they help you hear music with your [My Ear](#) activity.

