

## Fun Music Company Curriculum-at-home

### **Grade K - Lesson 1 A Sailor Went to Sea**

Teacher's note:

In this lesson, students will learn to sing and play the folksong "A sailor Went to Sea" and optionally send back a video to the teacher of themselves singing or playing the song.

You could choose to expand the section on making instruments to make it into a larger project, if you wish.

You can choose to modify this lesson and remove the requirement to send back a video, if you feel your students/families won't have the technical ability or wish to do this.

Please modify then copy and paste the communication below to suit your purposes, inserting your email or instructions for uploading or sharing the video that the students make, according to your school protocols.

Dear Kindergarten students and parents,

In this lesson we'll be learning to sing and play the song "A Sailor Went to Sea".

#### **Step 1: Sing the song and do the actions.**

Begin by watching this video:

<https://funmusicmembers.com/at-home-sample-1/>

When you've watched the video, practise doing the actions while you sing the song. If possible, play with a partner or a parent, doing the air claps together facing each other.

#### **Step 2: Make or find some simple instruments.**

There are two types of instruments you can make:

- 1) A drum
- 2) Tapping sticks

For a drum, see if you can find a strong cardboard box, plastic food container or even a bucket.

Hold it with one hand, and play it with the other hand. You also might like to ask if you can decorate it!

Alternatively, you can search on the internet to find ways to make a drum if you'd like to work on this further with someone who lives with you. Something that you can hit with your hand is probably better than something that you hit with sticks, as it won't be as loud!

For tapping sticks, you just need to find two “sticks” that you can hit together. Try looking for some old chopsticks, wooden spoons or you could tap the backs of teaspoons together.

**Step 3: Play the instrument and record yourself singing or playing the song.**

Watch this video:

<https://funmusicmembers.com/at-home-sample-2/>

In this video you will learn to play the tambourine part with your home-made drum, and play the triangle part with your tapping sticks.

First, practise by clapping for the tambourine, and tapping your fingers together as you’ll see on the video. Then try it with your home-made instruments.

When you’ve done that, have a person who lives with you video you playing or singing the song and send the video back to me. You can choose to play the drum part or the triangle part, or sing and do the actions.

If you can’t find anything to make an instrument with, just sing and do the actions.

Once you have your video, email it to me at (insert email). The video will only be used for my assessment purposes and will not be shared with anyone else.