

Make Music, Make Memories

A Bonding Workshop for Parent / Grandparent and Child

Duration: 60 minutes per workshop | Ages 7 and above

The Song Choice: Count on Me

Every variation of Make Music, Make Memories is built around a single song: *Count on Me* by Bruno Mars.

Count on Me is a perfect example of upbeat music matched to light-hearted, warm-hearted lyrics. The melody is bright and bouncy — it sounds like something good is happening. The lyrics carry a simple, sincere promise between two people: that they will always be there for each other. It is a song that says something most of us rarely say out loud, and learning it together, makes that message felt rather than just heard.

Detailed Programme Outline

Duration	Segment
5 mins	Part 1: Instrument introduction, proper posture and fingering/grip
30 mins	Part 2: Guided technique learning
15 mins	Part 3: Pair practice (Separate Rooms)
10 mins	Part 4: Mini Performance - all pairs perform together
60 mins	Workshop Complete

Part 1: Instrument Introduction, Proper Posture and Fingering/Grip

Duration: 5 minutes

The session opens with an introduction to the instrument and its parts. Participants are introduced to proper sitting and hand postures, fingering or grip and get their first try producing sound on their instrument.

Part 2: Guided Technique Learning

Duration: 30 minutes

The core skills segment of the workshop. Participants learn the fundamental techniques required to play their part in *Count on Me*.

Workshop	Techniques covered
Guitar	Learn to play 4 chords (C, G, Am, F); chord fingering; keeping and counting time; basic strumming pattern on downbeats
Keyboard	Learn to play 4 chords (C, G, Am, F); left and right hand fingering separately, then together; keeping and counting time, basic comping pattern on downbeats

Drums

Proper grip and posture; fundamental rudiments; keeping and counting time, playing basic 4/4 pattern and coordination

Part 3: Pair Practice (Breakout rooms)

Duration: 15 minutes

The emotional and artistic centerpiece of the workshop. Pairs apply what they have learned together by listening to each other, helping each other with the difficulties they face, experiencing what it feels like to make music with another person.

The instructor draws attention to the connection between the song's lyrics and the act of pair practice:

- *Count on Me* is a song about showing up for someone. In this moment, participants are actively doing just that, learning something challenging together and supporting one another through the process.
- Participants are introduced to musical interpretation: two pairs playing the same song may express it differently, and both are valid.

Part 4: Mini Performance - All pairs perform together

Duration: 10 minutes

All pairs play *Count on Me* together to end the session. Backing track will be played for the participants to get a complete experience of where they would fit in an actual performance.