

BASICS OF TEACHING A SONG

AM I READY TO TEACH THIS SONG?

- Are my words memorized?
- Is my instrument a help/hinderance?
- Can I start from the middle of the song?
- Have I practiced in front of a mirror?
- Do I have materials to set the group up for success?
- Do I have translations? Pronunciations?
- Why am I teaching this? Intention?

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- * Be positive - give positive reinforcement to the group
- * Be energetic
- * Background - give context to what you are teaching and why you are teaching it
- * Break up larger sections into smaller more accessible chunks
- * Give the words (handouts/powerpoint/ etc)
- * Choose your words carefully
- * Use instruments appropriately - remember that your voice is the most important instrument in your teach
- * Make the space you are in engaging
- * Be humble and relatable
- * Stay calm! Relax!
- * Making mistakes (big and little) is OK
- * Don't be afraid to stop and get pronunciation or melody right!

HOW TO TEACH A SONG

1. Intro (something about the song, prep stuff)
2. Sing through the "Grabber"
 1. Speak Words
3. Break Grabber (depend song/age group)
4. Sing Grabber together
5. Sing Verse
 1. Speak Words
6. Break Verse
7. Sing Verse together
8. Sing Grabber and Verse
9. Extras
 1. Harmonies
 2. Handmotions
 3. Claps

BENCHMARKS FOR A SUCCESSFUL TEACH: