

## Harmony in Music. Harmony in a Family

*An activity of "A musical, magical tale about family members' different gifts"*

Read the article "A musical, magical tale about family members' different gifts" (page 20, *What's Up* January 2022). In the article, it is mentioned that a family is like "a chorus of different voices, each with its own unique part to sing". Let's explore this similarity.

### PART 1 – HARMONY IN MUSIC

1. When you listen to an orchestra, are you able to identify the various instruments in the orchestral family? Play the following quiz with your class to see how many you can guess.

#### Guess the orchestra instrument game

➤ <https://youtu.be/Ain6urluwow> (TwoFish, 15 March 2021)

2. Next, listen to a choir.

- a) Play the video below. Without looking at the screen, answer the following questions: How many voices and instruments can you detect?

Number of children singing: \_\_\_\_\_. Number of instruments: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Maroon 5 – Memories | One Voice Children's Choir Cover

➤ <https://youtu.be/XB6yjGVuzVo> (One Voice Children's Choir, 17 May 2020)

- b) After guessing, watch the video to see if you you're correct.

- c) Loved the choir? Sing along with them and be part of the music family too!

#### A Million Dreams (from The Greatest Showman) | One Voice Children's Choir Cover

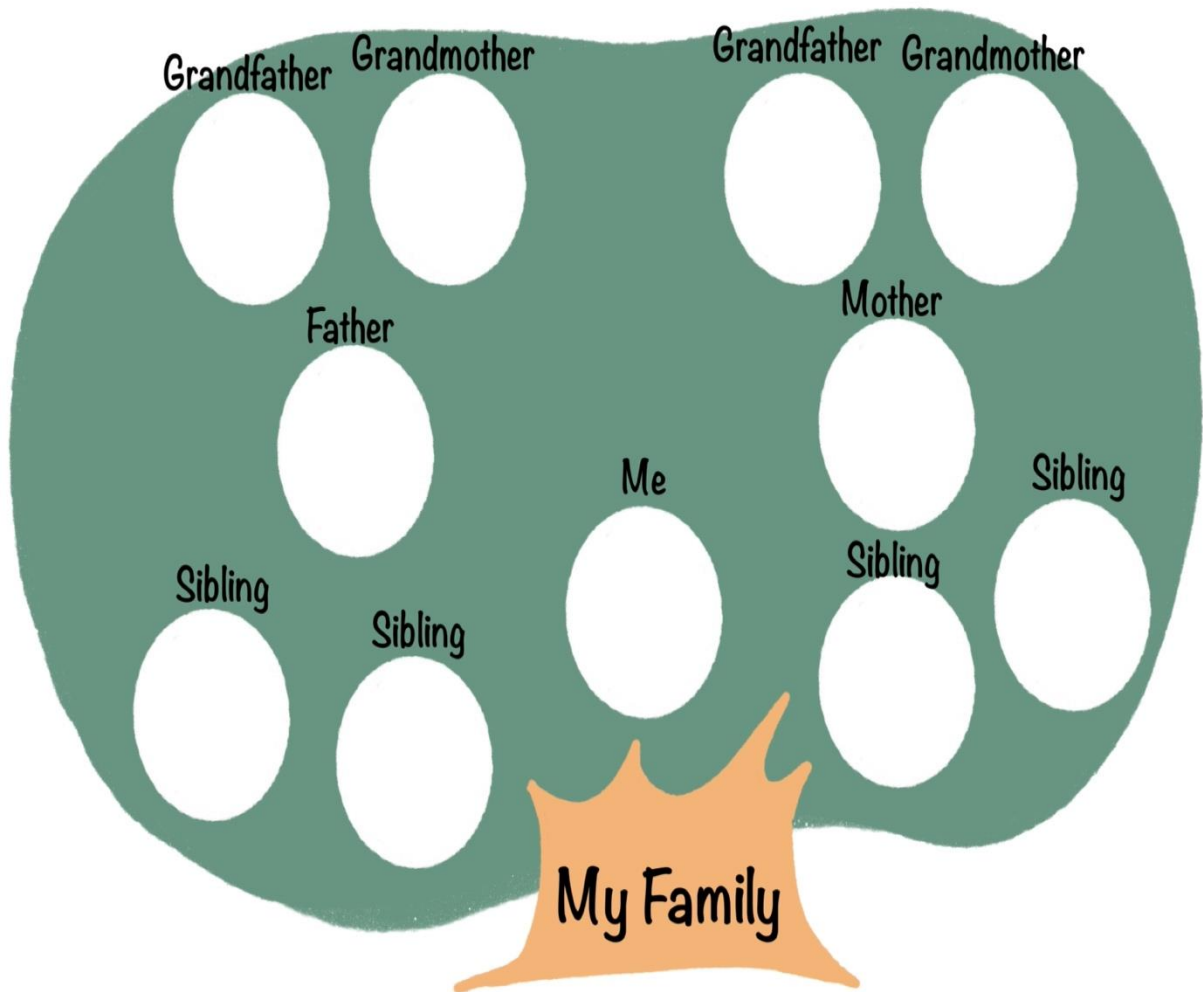
➤ <https://youtu.be/v49-3Xp5fPg> (One Voice Children's Choir, 25 June 2021)

- d) What do you think makes the music harmonious despite having so many different voices and instruments?

## PART 2 – HARMONY IN A FAMILY

For this part of the activity, you may describe your family in the traditional way. If you prefer, you may also define “family” as the friends and relatives who are closest to you. For example, if someone is like a grandfather to you, you can consider that person as a “grandfather” here. Another example: if you are an only child, then include one or two friends or cousins who are like brothers and sisters to you.

1. Who are the members in your family? What are their special qualities? Jot down your points in the Family Tree below:



2. In your view, what helps your family members spend time together harmoniously despite the many differences among the members?

3. In what ways is harmony in a family similar to harmony in music? In what ways is it different? Share your thoughts with a classmate and have a conversation about this activity.