## Activity 2: DIY Music Makers

Create easy, different music makers with materials available inexpensively and found around the house.

### Jingle Sticks

#### Materials

* dowel rods, popsicle sticks, or pencils
* pipe cleaners (chenille stems if purchasing at the dollar store)
* glue or duct tape (optional)
* jingle bells
* optional: art supplies to decorate the stick

#### Assembly

1. Decorate the rod or stick, if desired.
2. String two to six jingle bells onto a pipe cleaner, making sure to leave room at the top and bottom.
3. Wrap the pipe cleaner around the rod or stick, twisting and securing at the top and bottom. Use glue or duct tape to secure, if wanted.
4. Add as many pipe cleaners with jingle bells onto the rod or stick as desired.

### Kazoos

#### Materials

* Cardboard tubes (toilet paper rolls or paper towel rolls cut in half)
* rubber bands
* wax paper
* scissors
* sharp pencil or other object to poke holes
* optional: art supplies to decorate the tube

#### Assembly

1. Decorate the cardboard tube, if desired.
2. Cover one end of the cardboard tube with a piece of wax paper and secure with a rubber band.
3. If using a toilet paper roll, poke one or two holes in the middle of the tube about 1-inch apart. If using a paper towel roll, poke two or three holes in the middle of the tube about 2-inches apart.

### Harmonicas

#### Materials

* two jumbo popsicle sticks per harmonica
* one wide rubber band per harmonica
* two small rubber bands per harmonica
* plastic straws, cut into 1-inch piences
* scissors

#### Assembly

1. Wrap the wide rubber band lengthwise around one popsicle stick.
2. Tuck one straw piece **under** the rubber band on one end of the popsicle stick.
3. Place the other piece of straw **on top** of the rubber band on the other end of the popsicle stick.
4. Place the remaining popsicle stick on top lengthwise and wrap small rubber bands around each end of the popsicle sticks.

Once you’ve made all your instruments, make a band with family and/or friends and play your DIY music makers together. Feel free to share videos of you having fun using your DIY music makers with us on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/kansas.talking.books.service>.