Gongs are usually made of thin bronze with a turned edge, but may also be made of silver, iron, or bell metal. They are found in various sizes.

In the orchestra, the unpitched gong or tamtam needs to be at least 39 inches in diameter to produce a deep enough sound. Gongs are generally freely hanging and are struck in the center with either a beater or the fist.

Color the Patch the Pirate Club sailor playing the gong.
**How God Guides Me**

**Directions:** Use the clues to solve the puzzle. These are people or things that God uses to give you instruction and guidance for your life.

**ACROSS**

4. God’s written instructions for guiding us.
5. Another word for “life events” which shape our lives and give us direction.
6. God gives these men an important responsibility to shepherd and teach His people.
7. The Holy ____________ is given to all Christians to help guide them throughout their lives.

**DOWN**

1. God prepares us for His work by giving different ____________ to each person.
2. God uses these very special people to help direct your life.
3. If you have been blessed with godly ____________ in your school or church, then pay attention to them.

**ACTION:** Aren’t you glad that God gives you His Word, His Spirit, and people to help you with decisions! Thank God that He’s always near to help you walk with Him.
Bomb & Nibble’s bass drum is the largest orchestral drum of indefinite pitch. The drum is played while standing up. It is held up by a stand or a swivel frame which the percussionist can move up or down. It is struck with a large felt-headed stick, and the proper way to play is to strike the drum between the center and the rim.

Sometimes a double-headed beater is used, played with a rapid movement of the wrist. This way of playing is used in Dukas’ *L’Apprenti sorcier* (1897) and Stravinsky’s *The Firebird* (1910) to produce a bass drum roll.
**TOOLS FOR GUIDANCE**

**Directions:** During club time today, write the correct Bible reference under each heading. Your captain will help you with this list. Remember that these items are tools that God has provided to help guide you in life.

**THE BIBLE**

| Psalm 119:105 | Psalm 32:7–8 |
| Proverbs 6:20–22 | Psalm 48:14 |
| 2 Timothy 3:15–16 | John 14:26 |

**GOD OR THE HOLY SPIRIT**

| Romans 8:14 |

**PRAYER**

| Psalm 5:3 |
| Philippians 4:6 |
| James 5:16 |

**THOSE IN AUTHORITY**

| Proverbs 4:1 |
| Ephesians 5:22–23 |
| Ephesians 6:12 |
| Hebrews 13:17 |


**ACTION:** Put a star by one of the verses above that is especially encouraging to you. Can you memorize the verse you selected this week? Hiding God’s Word in your heart can be a big help as you walk in a godly manner.
The snare drum is a side drum played generally with wooden sticks. For special, softer effects, orchestral drummers sometimes use wire brushes instead.

The snare has a special sound which gives this drum its name. The snares have eight or more strings of gut or thin wire stretched across the instrument. The snares must be at the right tightness to produce the best sound. They are tightened by screw devices. One difficulty with the snare drum in the orchestra is that it picks up vibrations from other instruments which cause the snare to buzz loudly. To solve this problem, a lever allows the drummer to stop the snare almost instantly when the drum is not being played. Playing the snare drum with the lever released gives a tom-tom effect.

Color Celsius at the snare drum.
**WHY GOD ALLOWS HARD THINGS**

**Directions:** God often uses difficulties and hard things to teach us and to bring us closer to Him. Write the first letter of each picture on the line below it. Complete the sentences, and read why God puts us through testings.

1. To teach me to **O B E Y** Him.
2. To draw me **C L O S E R** to Him.
3. To **H U M B L E** me.
4. To strengthen my **F A I T H**.
5. To make me more like **J E S U S**.
6. To show God’s **P O W E R** to others.

**ACTION:** Write something that is hard in your life: _____________________________________

Do you think God knows the hard things you face? □ Yes  □ No

Thank Him today for the things He’s working altogether to make you more like Jesus (see Romans 8:28-29).
A Heavely Harp

One of the largest orchestra instruments is the modern harp with 46 strings. It is played tilted back against the player’s right shoulder and usually has double-action pedals which allow the player to raise the pitch of the strings by a tone or half of a tone.

B The first symphony to include a part for the harp was Berlioz’s Symphonie Fantastique (1830). Before the Berlioz symphony, the harp had mainly been used in the orchestra for special effects, as in operas of composers like Handel and Gluck. In 1778, however, Mozart wrote a concerto for flute and harp for a wealthy flute player who had hired him to write the piece.

C Color the little sailor girl playing the angelic harp.
Directions: On the lines below, write the alphabet letter that is missing from the set of letters below each blank. The first one is done for you as an example. The message you’ll find is a promise God gives about guiding His children.

"AND THE LORD, . . .

WILL BE W I T H T H E E;

HE WILL NOT F A I L T H E E,

NEITHER F O R S A K E THEE:

F E R NOT, NEITHER BE DISMAYED.”

Deuteronomy 31:8

ACTION: According to this verse, God will be W______ me. He will not F______ or FOR______ me! Because of this, I do not have to ______ AR. Can you always trust God? Thank Him for His promises to care for you and to grow you.
Throughout history, horns have been a symbol of power and strength like the large animals from which they were first made—elephants, bulls, and boars. At first, these horns were used to signal a hunter of a stag or even a fox or hare. And then, in early operas and plays, two or three notes of the French horn signaled a merry hunting scene.

The principle of producing the sound in a horn is in the vibration of the player’s lips within the funnel of the mouthpiece. This is what sets the long column of coiled air vibrating. The rate of vibration is controlled by the tension of the lip muscles: high tension for high notes, relaxed muscles for low notes. The expression, “stiff upper lip,” may have begun with brass players because they all must have one. If the lip becomes tired, it will give up and notes will split or crack. Some corrections in pitch are also made by moving the hand in the bell. The French horn is held today with the hand in the bell.

The most famous melodies for the horn are in Tchaikovsky’s *Fifth Symphony* and in Ravel’s *Pavane pour une Infante Defunte*. Color the sailor boy playing the fantastic French horn.
Directions: The Captain will help you write missing note names. Use the note names on the music staff to complete the puzzle below.

\[ \text{E T E R N A L L I F E} \]
\[ \text{N E W C R E A T I O N} \]
\[ \text{A D O P T E D B Y G O D} \]
\[ \text{H E A V E N L Y H O M E} \]

**ACTION:** Can you think of any other gift God gives when you become a Christian?

List it here: __________________________

Thank God for all the loving gifts He gives.
The trumpet has a shorter tube than other brass instruments, but that does not make it easier to play. You must work just as hard to learn it. The trumpet’s call is noble and exciting. It can remind you of soldiers marching and royal persons entering a great hall.

Color the sailor boys playing their terrific trumpets.

Trumpet repertoire
Bach’s *Brandenburg* Concerto No. 2, Haydn’s Trumpet Concerto, Clarke’s *Trumpet Voluntary*, Beethoven’s Overture—*Leonora* No. 3, Rossini’s Overture—*William Tell*, and Carter’s *Symphony for Three Orchestras*
Directions: Unscramble the words to solve the mystery. Find the proof of God’s love in the puzzle below. Your devotions this month can help you.

Proof of God’s Love:

1. Christ’s **DEATH**
   (ATDHE)

2. Making a home in **HEAVEN**
   (VEEANH)

3. Privilege of **PRAYER**
   (YERRPA)

4. Giving His written **WORD**
   (WDOR)

5. By **GUIDING** me
   (NGGUDII)

6. By **COMFORTING**
   (GFOMORTICN)

7. Meeting my **NEEDS**
   (EDENS)

**ACTION:** What a loving God we have! Tell Him right now how much you love Him. Thank Him for loving you always and forever.
The tuba has a huge bell and a very long tube. Remember that the string instrument voices become lower as the instruments become larger. The same is true of the brass instruments. The bigger ones make lower sounds.

The tuba rarely carries or plays a melody. It is used primarily as a rhythm instrument. The “umpahs” coming from the tuba help the brass to keep the beat like the thump of the string bass does for the strings.

Color the tumultuous tuba.

Tuba repertoire

Tubapalooza
Directions: When you become a believer in Christ, you are given a new song. The Bible tells you other things that happen when you’re saved. See how many of these things you can discover in the puzzle below. You may use your Bible for help.

1. I’m adopted and given a new _______.
   (Romans 8:15)

2. A new _______ has been given to me.
   (Isaiah 62:2)

3. God puts a new _____ in me. (Ezekiel 18:31)

4. Romans 6:4 tells me that I am given a new _________.

5. Ezekiel 11:19 tells me that I am also given a new _________.

6. As a believer I’m given a new_______.
   (Colossians 1:27)

7. I’m made into a new _____(or woman).
   (Colossians 3:10)

8. Psalm 40:3 explains that I’m given a new _________.

ACTION: Do you think other people see any difference in you since God put a new song in your heart? When you sing in Patch Club, do you sing with enthusiasm as you show through singing your love for God? Ask God to help you share your love for Him by the way you sing and act.
The sound of the trombone is produced by a shallow-cupped mouthpiece which is vibrated by the player’s lip. The tone of the trombone is both powerful and rich.

The trombone is the only naturally chromatic wind instrument in the orchestra. This means that the player controls the scale steps from the mouthpiece and not with valves that you must push as you play. The long tube has only two bends, and the instrument is held up almost horizontally in front of the player.

Color the tremendous trombone.

Trombone repertoire
Mozart: Don Giovanni, Beethoven: Symphony No. 5, Weber: Overture, Der Freischutz, Schubert: Symphony No. 9, Wagner: Overture, Tannhauser
Directions: Draw a line from the picture to the verse it describes.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son.” John 3:16

“As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.” Psalm 103:12

“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21

“And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.” Psalm 40:3

**ACTION:** God’s gift of love by sending His Son Jesus to die for your sins is the greatest and most loving gift of all. Are you sharing God’s love with others? Are you loving God the way you should love Him? Thank God for His loving gift. Ask Him to help you to love Him as you should.
**A BRILLIANT BRASS REVIEW**

**Directions:** Below each picture, identify the type of brass instrument by writing the instrument name in the blank. Clue: answers will be French horn, trumpet, tuba, trombone.

[A] Trombone
[B] Trumpet
[C] Frenchhorn
[D] Tuba
Directions: Color the picture of Peter walking to Christ.

ACTION: Do the storms of your life ever make you fearful? Talk to God about the things that cause you to be afraid. He wants to help you. He will always be with you! Thank Him for giving you His strength and for being with you in all of your troubles.
Directions: Below each picture, identify the type of percussion instrument by writing the instrument name in the blank. Clue: Answers will be bass drum, snare drum, timpani, and gong.

- **A.** Snare drum
- **B.** Bass drum
- **C.** Gong
- **D.** Timpani
Directions: The Psalmists often wrote poetry about God being our help, our strength, our refuge. Complete these verses from various Psalms by using the picture code below.

“The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.” (Psalm 46:7)

“He only is my rock and my salvation:
he is my defense; I shall not be moved.

In God is my salvation and my glory:
the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

trust in him at all times; ye people,
pour out your heart before him:

God is a refuge for us. Selah.” (Psalm 62:6-8)

ACTION: Thank God for being your refuge and strength! Thank Him that you can build your life on a solid foundation: Jesus Christ.
Directions: Below each picture, identify the type of orchestra instrument by writing brass, percussion, string, or woodwind in the blank.

A. String

B. Woodwind

C. Bass

D. Percussion
Directions: Listen to your captain tell the story about the disciples in the storm. Complete the picture. Use it to remind you that God does care. He is close by to hear and answer your prayers.

Jesus arose and rebuked the wind. To the sea He commanded, “Peace, be still.” Then looking at His disciples He questioned, “Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?”

ACTION: Are you ever like those disciples in the boat? Just like Jesus was with them in that storm, He’s with you today in your storms. Pray to your Heavenly Father and ask Him to help you with whatever hard things you are going through right now. He is always your refuge and strength.
1. I am one of the largest instruments in the orchestra, and I have 46 strings. 
   ________________

2. I am a percussion instrument and am free-hanging in the orchestra. You would strike me with a beater or your fist. ________________

3. I am a brass instrument which the instrumentalist plays with his or her hand in the bell. ___________________________

4. I have a huge bell and a very long tube. ____________________________

5. I am the largest orchestra percussion instrument of indefinite pitch. ________________

6. My brass tube is shorter than the other brass instruments. ________________
Directions: Complete the picture of a wise man who builds his house upon a rock. When you have completed the drawing, color the picture.

“So build your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, and the blessings will come down!”

ACTION: Is there a verse in the Bible that you can always rely on? Write the reference of that verse here: ____________________________________________ Share this verse with someone this week to encourage him.