

# DRAFT

## KIDS HQ Lesson 3

### God's Hands

Author Unknown

Wishing to encourage her young son's progress on the piano, a mother took her boy to a Paderewski concert. After they were seated, the mother spotted a friend in the audience and walked down the aisle to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually explored his way through a door marked "NO ADMITTANCE."

When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that the child was missing.

Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy was sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing."

Then, leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child and he added a running obbligato. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience. The audience was so mesmerized they couldn't recall what else the great master played. Only the classic "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

That's the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own

# DRAFT

is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't exactly graceful flowing music. But with the hand of the Master, our life's work truly can be beautiful. Next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You can hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing."

**Discuss:** God's strong hands are there; always helping you turn your feeble attempts into true masterpieces. Remember: God doesn't call the equipped; He equips those He called. And He'll always be there to love and guide you on to great things. God has a great imagination! He created us and we are all different. Tell your child what is special or unique about him/her.

**Think about:** What talents and abilities do we each have and how can we share them with the world around us? Take a minute today to specifically encourage your kids and let them know how you have seen them show creativity.

## **Kid's Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss with your child ways that he/she can use the special abilities God gave him or her. For example, your child excels at athletics—he or she can help another child who can't bounce a ball or skip a rope. If your child can draw, he or she can make a card or picture to share with someone.
2. Do you like to pretend? Describe a time when you used your imagination. Has using your imagination ever led you to dreaming about something that you've never done before?
3. Have you ever dreamt about what you want to be when you grow up? What do you imagine yourself doing? Think about some things that you are learning to do right now (play music, sports, read). How do you think God can use these

# DRAFT

talents and skills when you are older?

**Parent's Discussion Questions:** What is it that you dreamed of doing as a child? Do you still nurture that dream? Do you wonder *what might have been "if"*? Revisit your childhood dreams. Perhaps it's time for you to give them expression.

## **Apply:**

- Imagine what you and your family can do for Christ. Plan something to do as a family that will impact the Kingdom. Consider hosting a yard sale, a lemonade stand or recycle cans and bottles and donate the money to one of the causes.
- Ask your child if there is someone that they would like to encourage and how they are going to do it. Pray for that special someone with your child.