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Hi, I am Jodie Mesler of [Living Music](#). I am a master musician on the flute, piano, guitar, bass guitar, and "magic flutes." The Magic flute is a name for the young child's starter instrument such as the [pennywhistle](#), [recorder](#), or [pentatonic flute](#).

Here is my story. I have always been a [creative](#) person with a desire to deeply understand music and songwriting. I [love](#) family, children, and [living life to the fullest](#). Before children, I met my soulmate at the same time I was in college studying [jazz flute](#), [music](#) composition and performance. He just happened to be an extraordinary [guitarist](#) who needed a [bass](#) player for his band. So, I began studying [bass](#) which was very different going from the high [flute](#) to low [bass](#). We have several CDs, photos and great memories from performing at weddings, private parties, and other events around Atlanta. I just recently released my [piano EP](#) on iTunes called [Rays of Grace](#).

My husband and I, decided to homeschool our children using a [Waldorf-inspired](#) curriculum. At the time, there was no creative homeschool [music](#) curriculum. Seeing this need for our homeschooling community as well as for our family, I created one for young children, not just to learn how to play the [magic flute](#), but how to learn music in general. It is a music course to use as early as first grade. Begin at any time, even if your child is older than 6, because it works as a great primer for any elementary age. I even have some fifth graders using it. It is called [The Magic Flute, Volume 1](#). What makes it unique is that it IS magical and FUN!!!!



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1. Sing Throughout the Day. Singing takes the average day-to-day tasks and transforms it into a magical place of good feelings making housework playful and fun. Now that's magical!

2. Use the Magic Notes - Pentatonic. When playing the pentatonic notes they become magical - no wrong notes, every note sounds beautiful. Give it a try. Play around and improvise on the black keys on your piano - Db, Eb, Gb, Ab, Bb, or your magic flute - D, E, G, A, B.



3. Add Music Lessons into Circle Time. Many of us do circle time with our children. When your child learns an instrument like the piano or magic flute - such as a pennywhistle, recorder, or pentatonic flute; add it to your circle time, too. This is a magical ingredient to boost your circle!

4. Celebrate Every Season and Holiday with Music. There's lots of singing around Christmastime, maybe that's why it's the most magical season. If we can sing about the magical season of Christmas, then we can also sing for every season and holiday thereby making life really joyful! Children have such joyful and enthusiastic souls, so let's make each moment magical every day by celebrating with music!



5. Tell a Magic Flute Story. Just about every child loves a made-up story. Adding flute music to your story makes it even better and it is so easy to make up a story about a magic flute. Remember "The Pied Piper?" If you have never made up a story, try it - and watch what your children do.

6. Teach Rhythm Using Familiar Rhymes. Bring back the magic of your childhood by teaching them your old hand claps. Do you remember "Miss Mary Mack, Mack, Mack, all dressed in black, black, black, with silver buttons, buttons, buttons, all down her back, back, back....?" Use Mother Goose rhymes to teach rhythm. For example, say, "One, two, buckle my shoe." Then clap the rhythm of speech, next say, "three, four, shut the door," clap the rhythm, and so on. In rhymes, you should be able to hear a musical rhythm within them all, and children love it!

7. Play Musical Games. Remember those magic ring games you played when you were little like, "The Farmer in the Dell?" Or how about jump rope rhymes? I remember, "Bubblegum, bubblegum in a dish, how many pieces do you wish?, 1, 2, 3," You can also add your favorite rhymes to ball bouncing, by using the Mother Goose rhyme again, "One, two, buckle my shoe," to bounce to the beat of the rhythm. Bean bag tosses and passes are fun, too. You can learn how to use beanbag passes at Taproot Teacher Training, or ask others in your homeschool community how they use them. Having a support group is the best!

8. Add Music to Puppet Shows and Plays. You can turn many fairy tales into puppet shows and easily find songs to match your story. The puppet show becomes even more magical when adding music. You can play a flute intro and ending to start and stop the show. You can make up sound effects using the flute to imitate birds, train whistles, wind,

fast movement, slow movement, a change of scenery, and so much more. This adds an element of reverence, excitement, and of course magic!

9. Draw Pictures of the Songs You Are Learning. I have so many magical memories with my children on our daily walks. We set the intention to come back and draw what we would see on our walks. As we started our walk, we would sing a nature song.

Then, to our magical amazement, we would see the most spectacular bugs, plants, and animals on our walks. We would come back so inspired to draw. Things we saw: a deer, woodpeckers, butterflies, praying mantis, a yellow jacket home, a huge moth,. Once, we even saw a beautiful orange cat, which we later adopted and named "Gato."



10. Gamify It - Earn Rewards. Create incentives and rewards for your children when they complete and master real songs on the magic flute or piano. You can give them stickers, stones, jelly beans, skittles, marbles, conversation hearts, bubblegum, coins, prize eggs, certificates, gift cards, etc, or even make a chart and fill it with stars the old fashioned way! You can put the colorful candy or items in a glass jar by the practice area in you home on display along with an incentive chart. I have a basket full of prizes set up high for when children do something extraordinary. It's amazing to see the magic and excitement come alive in children when they earn things! It's not about getting stuff, it's about the feeling of completion and accomplishment.

These are just some of the magical ways of making music fun to teach. If you would like more fun and magical ways to teach music, then you would love...

The Magic Flute, Volume 1



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- *You get to watch how to make the magic along with the many videos.
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- *You get 5 bonus books with mp3s and sheet music to help you sing throughout the day, that follow each and every season, festival and holiday.
- *You get a Magic Flute Story, already made up, to let your kids listen to before they begin so they can get really excited.
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