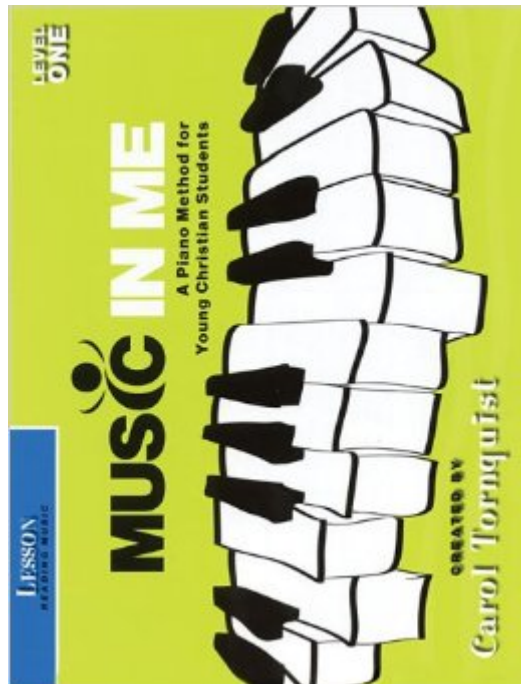


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# Music In Me - A Piano Method For Young Christian Students: Lesson (Reading Music) Level 1



## Synopsis

(Sacred Folio). There is music inside all of us, especially children! That's how God created them, and so making music comes naturally to them. Teaching children to make their own music on a keyboard (and to find joy in it) is what Music in Me is all about. Each book in this unique series is designed to help them understand both musical and Biblical concepts at the same time. Early exposure to music theory especially harmony and ear training plus an understanding of how music "works" will provide today's children with a strong foundation for becoming tomorrow's church musicians. Music in Me includes five levels, and each level includes five coordinating student books: Lesson (Reading Music); Theory & Technique (Understanding Music); Creativity (Writing Your Own Music); Praise & Worship (Solos to Play); and Hymns & Holidays (Solos to Play).

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## Customer Reviews

I am a fairly advanced piano player but have never taught my children how to play. Before starting them on official piano lessons I thought it might be nice to introduce them to the concepts. I was delight to see a beginning level book that encompassed Christian elements. From a Christian perspective this is a delightful book. The author explains a lot of background about the piano and weaves in scripture to teach different things about music. I was very impressed and this aspect of the book deserves five stars. From a teaching perspective however my opinion differs. I don't agree with teaching children to start playing by using finger numbering. To me this reminds me of a toy piano where children are able to play by knowing which number corresponds to which finger. The

first half of the book teaches using this methodology solely. All the way through page 18, the music notes/songs presented have no staff (lines behind the note). Even reading music myself I could not tell what notes these were except in the fact that I could figure out finger 1 corresponded to middle C. I don't agree with this method of teaching. I think once the child gets beyond those first five fingers it will be confusing for them because they haven't truly learned how to read the notes and they are relying on the numbering method which will only get you so far. I could agree with this initial progression if the numbering had been removed for the rest of the lessons once the staff was introduced and explained. However through the remainder of the book the numbering above the notes remains, allowing children to play based on finger number versus reading notes. Yes, your child might be playing some songs quickly. I don't truly believe they will learn properly with this method and it will set them up for disappointment when they try to play easy songs outside of the book.

This book is the easiest to learn from for anyone. It starts off by showing you the hands and how to number your fingers (from 1 - 5). It goes into showing you the keys of the piano and then how to play the simplest songs. My children are now ages 5 and 8 and have been playing in this book for about 6 months. They can now play several songs without even looking at the book. I initially purchased the book to use as a homeschooling tool but with the pressures of regular curriculum I let it go. The kids pick up the book on their own and will play for hours. I have even learned several songs because it's so simple to understand. If you can count to 5 and recognize those same numbers, your child (or you) will be able to learn to play the piano (or in my case, a keyboard).

We've been using these books and have had more success using them than the other methods we tried. The books lay it all out simply and clearly, and I really like the fact that there are 3 books per level - a lesson book, a theory book, and a hymns and songs book so they can begin playing REAL songs right away! Our children enjoy playing the piano because of these books. As well, they give Biblical reasons for playing music and scripture is lightly interspersed throughout, which is great. I highly recommend them.

It has served its purpose. My daughter is learning well off of this book and I like it because it has Christian songs that she is getting familiar with. It is a blessing!

Good instruction book for students.

I am a piano teacher, I find these very easy to use! I even have kindergarteners using this book!  
Very easy to teach from!

Love these piano books!

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