

The Drummer Boy



An Early Years and Primary curriculum-based activity sheet for the whole family

Read

You can read the story here:
penetwork.co.uk/the-drummer-boy

Did you know...

The world's largest drum kit has 813 pieces and it took 36 years to build!

Can you find out about drums from around the world? What do people make drums out of, and what do they use them for?

Rhythm

Find something around the house that you can use as a drum—it could be a saucepan, or a shoebox, for instance. You could also clap.

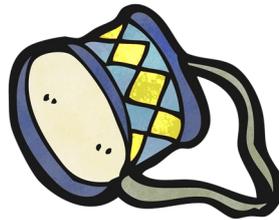
Now play some music (or sing a song) and play the drum along in time to it!

Can you make up a way of recording your rhythms? You could use symbols to show long and short beats, loud and quiet beats. See if you can explain your instructions to someone else.

Talk About

Take turns asking each other things about the story. Here are some questions to start you off.

- How did Ghopal feel when he finally got the drum he wanted?
- What are some of the ways you have helped people in the past?
- How does it make you feel when you help someone?



How are you helping?

- Practising rhythm supports children's intellectual and emotional development
- Crafts help to develop motor skills
- Finding out facts helps children learn independently

Make a Drum

Get crafty and make yourself a drum!
www.activityvillage.co.uk/marching-drum

Can you make a family drum kit, and play different rhythms together?

Try making a shaker out of dried rice or pasta in a jam jar.