

#CONCERTSFORKIDS

Activity Guide



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Ani Cordero

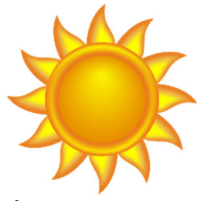
Ani Cordero is a Puerto Rican singer, composer and activist living in NYC. In her concert, Ani will share parts of her life and family through music. Here are some activities to explore!

Suggested Materials



- Any empty container with a lid – an oatmeal container, a water bottle, etc.
- Dried goods like dry beans, rice, lentils or popcorn kernels
- Tape
- Construction paper or stickers to decorate
- Pencils, pens, markers or crayons – any writing or drawing utensil
- Computer, tablet or phone with internet access

Warm Up



Ani Cordero sings a song called “Sale Sol.” This means “Sun Rises!” Let’s start our day by saying good morning to the sun!

With a deep breath IN, raise your arms all the way to the sky!

With a deep breath OUT, greet the sun. “Good Morning, Sun!”

With another deep breath IN, lower your arms and fold your body forward. With a long breath OUT, greet the earth. “Good Morning, Earth!”

Let’s raise and lower our arms like we are flying with the birds!

Now we say “Good Morning, birds!”



Say, “Good Morning!” or wave to anyone or anything around you that you please!

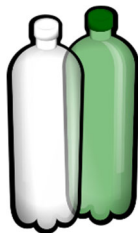


Make a Shaker

During the concert, Ani will show you her shaker from Puerto Rico! She will invite you to grab your own shaker. Get ready to shake along to the music by making your own shaker and exploring rhythm before the concert!

STEP 1

Take your container or bottle. Open it and fill it about halfway with dried beans or rice and close it tightly. You can also make one of beans and one of rice to see how they sound different.



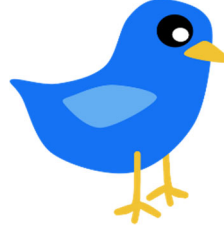
STEP 2

Tape it so that it will stay closed when you shake it!



STEP 3

Using construction paper, stickers, or other decorative materials around you, decorate the shaker to represent you! Include things like your favorite color, favorite animal, or maybe your favorite snack!



Get ready to shake and boogie with Ani when she sings!

Explore Our Shakers

Let's explore our shaker together!



Rhythm is a strong, regular, repeated pattern of movement or sound. We will shake our shakers to different rhythms using the names of fruit!

Peach - 1 shake

Mango (man-go) - 2 shakes

Strawberry (straw-ber-ry) - 3 shakes

Watermelon (wa-ter-mel-on) - 4 shakes



STEP 1

Combine the fruit together to make a unique rhythm of your own.

Here's an example to get started: Watermelon, Peach, Peach, Strawberry, Mango



STEP 2

Now you can explore **tempo** and **dynamics**.

Tempo is how fast or slow the rhythm is.

Dynamics is how loud or soft the rhythm is.

How loud can you make your shaker? How soft? How fast? How slow?



Sending Love

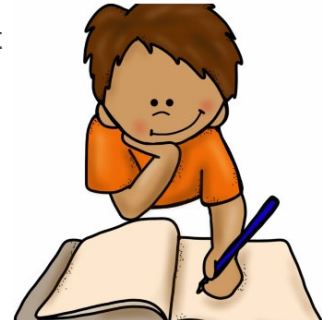


Ani Cordero sings a song called “El Machete” dedicated to her abuelo or grandfather.

Think of someone in your life that you miss because you have not been able to see them or someone you want to let know that you love them. This can be a friend, family member or even a pet!

We are going to write them a letter or draw them a picture!

Write or draw something you love right now. Maybe this is a new activity that you get to do more often now that you are at home.



You can also write or draw something that you and your loved one like to do together!

Send the letter or drawing! You can send it in the mail or take a picture and send it to them digitally.



Party Dance Moves

Ani finishes her concert off with a song called “Quique.” This song is about her family in Puerto Rico having a party and dancing. To prepare for the final song, let’s create some dance moves that we can use while she sings.

STEP 1

First, think of something you love to do at parties. Examples include: eating cake, hitting a piñata, swimming, etc.



Act out this motion over and over again. This will be your first dance move!

STEP 2

Second, what is a greeting you share when you enter a party? Examples: high five, fist bump, hug, wave, etc.



Act this greeting out over and over again. This is your second dance move!

STEP 3

Think of how you feel when you are celebrating something. You may feel excited, or proud! What does that look like in your body?

Your celebration pose is your third dance move!



Family Discussion Questions

Have you ever been the new person somewhere? What was that experience like?

Is there an item in your home that reminds you of a family member? What is it? Why does it remind you of them?

How do you stay connected to family and friends that do not live near you?

Ani's family loves music and dancing at parties. What are celebrations in your family like?

Many of Ani's songs are sung in English and Spanish. How can you tell the emotion and theme of the song even if you do not understand the words?