

## LEARNING ACTIVITIES: ©Gaye Adegbalola

### SONG #14 ~~ WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD

#### FLAVOR: REGGAE RHYTHM

- Louis Armstrong had a hit recording of this song. He was a famous jazz cornet and trumpet player. He also sang with a very gravelly voice. Listen to his version of this song. It is interesting because his voice is so rough sounding and the song is so sweet. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPcgM1MnDnl&feature=related> (In this video, the things that are sung about are being shown. If you want to see Louis Armstrong, he is shown singing on the learning activities with Song #13) Can you imitate Louis Armstrong?

- This song paints wonderful pictures of the wonderful world. Let's think about some of the images:

~ "I see trees of green. . ." Take a closer look at all the different trees around. See if you can collect leaves from 10 different trees. How are they different? Size? Shape? Color? Smell?

~ ". . . red roses, too" Roses come in many colors and sizes, too. Another feature of many roses is the fragrance or smell. Take time to smell some of the flowers in your environment. Some of them smell much stronger than others. Which fragrances do you like? Many kitchen items have strong odors. See if you can find and smell the following: cinnamon, oregano, garlic, onion, olive oil, etc. Which do you like?

~ ". . . the dark sacred night." On a clear night, we can see billions of stars in the sky. Many stars are in patterns called constellations and are given names. We can find some of these constellations with the unaided eye. We can see even more with binoculars. And more, still, with a telescope. There are many explanations and star maps here:

<http://kids.yahoo.com/directory/Science-and-Nature/Astronomy-and-Space/Constellations-and-Stars> Print out some star maps and go outside on a clear night and take a look. The skies are indeed "sacred."

~ "Colors of the rainbow. . ." Rainbows usually form in the late afternoon after a rain shower. Droplets of water in the air separate the sun's light into colors. The colors are Red, Orange, Yellow, Blue, Indigo, and Violet. We can remember these colors with the name "ROY G. BIV" -- each letter is the first letter of the colors in order. To see these colors without rain, you can use a prism. A prism is a piece of glass that is shaped like a triangle. Hold a prism so that the sunlight can pass through it. All 7 colors will show on a white sheet of paper.

~ "I hear babies cry, I watch them grow. . ." With modern technology, we can see how one boy ages 41 years in one minute: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGgd0DUKok4>

You can really "watch him grow."

- The version of this song has a reggae flavor. Reggae was developed in Jamaica, an island in the West Indies. Find Jamaica on a map. Find a picture of Jamaica's flag. What do the colors stand for? Many tourists go to Jamaica. What are some of the things tourists would do and see in Jamaica?

### **SPECIAL LINKS:**

#### **"ONE LOVE"**

Is a famous reggae song written and recorded by BOB MARLEY. In this video, however, it is played and sung by people from all over the world.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xjPODksI08>

This was recorded by an organization called Playing for Change -- it uses music to bring people together to change the world and make it a more loving place.

#### **BOB MARLEY SINGING THE ORIGINAL VERSION OF "ONE LOVE"**

Bob Marley, a Jamaican, is the best known reggae artist and is popular all over the world. Many of his songs are about love and freedom.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cp-6g\\_CdpJs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cp-6g_CdpJs)

### **SPECIAL VOCABULARY WORD: SACRED**

"Sacred" refers to anything that is regarded with great respect. It usually relates to some religious or divine purpose -- it fills one with awe.