

A WORD FROM THE AUTHOR

Several years ago I was asked to give a keynote speech to the Children's Pastors Conference on their theme, "Takin' It to the Streets." In preparing my remarks, I became aware that my musicals have been geared for use within churches or Christian camps or schools. Although I know of people who have taken productions to outside audiences, most of my writing has been used "internally," and that realization challenged me to "externalize" future projects.

In Hans Bronson's Gold Medal Mission Hans Bronson symbolizes the countless people who are open to the Gospel. Some have never heard the story of Jesus. And no matter how big or how small we are, no one is saved without the grace of Jesus Christ.

Using the five colors in the Olympic symbol, the children in *Hans Bronson's Gold Medal Mission* share with Hans the plan of salvation. Maybe you have used a Color Book or Power Band to memorize the specifics of this wonderful message. Now, through the songs in this musical, you can share the colors of His love in song — at home, within the church, and out in the streets!

KATHIE HILL

THE COLORS OF HIS LOVE

BLACK EVERYONE HAS SINNED.

ROMANS 3:23

RED JESUS DIED TO FORGIVE OUR SIN.

ROMANS 5:8

BLUE BAPTISM SHOWS OUR NEW LIFE

IN CHRIST.

ROMANS 6:4

GREEN CHRISTIANS GROW THROUGH BIBLE

STUDY, PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP

AND WITNESSING.

2 PETER 3:18

GOLD GOD GIVES CHRISTIANS A HEAVENLY

HOME ON STREETS OF GOLD.

JOHN 14:3 AND REVELATION 21:18



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SETTING

Hans Bronson's Gold Medal Mission takes place in Anytown (indoors or outdoors). You may wish to personalize your production by inserting the name of your city at any point, either in the drama or the lyrics, where location is mentioned by name. Some of these places have been marked with an asterisk (*) and may or may not have suggestions for line or lyric changes.

CHARACTERS

- MRS. FINCH: The friendly and capable civic coordinator. May be played by an adult or a child dressed as an adult in professional attire. (Speaking only)
- TIMMY THOMPSON: The Cub Scout, dressed in uniform. This part can be changed to Boy Scout, or to TAMMY, the Brownie or Girl Scout. (Speaking only)
- FRANKIE: The Mayor's son, dressed like his father. Wears glasses and navy blazer over his tee-shirt. (Speaking only)
- FRANK LEE: The Mayor. May be played by an adult or by a boy dressed as an adult in glasses and navy blazer. (Speaking only)
- COUNCILPERSONS: Three adults or children dressed as adults in professional attire. (Non-speaking)
- THE OLYMPIC COLOR GUARD: Five children who carry in the five "Olympic" flags. (Non-speaking)
- HANS BRONSON: The muscle-bound Olympic athlete, dressed in padded sweatsuit or athletic clothes. Hans may be played by an adult or by a child singing up the octave. (Speaking and Singing)
- GRACIE, FAITH and HOPE: Student reporters for the local newspaper. GRACIE gets to the heart of the story, HOPE goes for the details and FAITH adds the humor! (Speaking and Singing)
- SOLOS (*Various*): 14 to 17 solos are notated in the score. Some are written for specific characters. Many are optional.

COSTUMES

All children wear shorts or pants and solid color tee-shirts in the following colors: Black, Red, royal Blue, forest Green and Gold (Yellow).

Flag movement, riser choreography and suggested props for choreography are included in **THE DOVETAILOR** (see inside back cover for details).

PLATFORM HANS SUGGESTED STAGING UPSTAGE RISERS POPIUM

DOWNSTAGE

X = MICROPHONES

(The Mayor and Council are onstage, waving to the crowd and "politicking" as the kids noisily file onto the risers. Mrs. Finch addresses the audience from the center stage mic.)

MRS. FINCH: Ladies and gentlemen ... Our Olympic rally is about to begin. Please take your seats, and to those boys and girls on stage ... boys and girls ... (firmly) boys and girls!

(Kids immediately are silent, frozen with attention on Mrs. Finch.)

MRS. FINCH: (in a stage whisper) Quiet!!

(Music begins. Mrs. Finch moves to the podium stage right.)



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*The diagonal lines indicate a "fall" – the singers slide down from the pitch rather than hold the note for its full value.



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(Mrs. Finch and Audience applaud. Timmy Thompson enters with the national flag and stands stage right of Mrs. Finch.)

MRS. FINCH: Thank you children! As Civic Coordinator, I welcome you to this Olympic rally. Our children have organized this event themselves, but have graciously asked me to serve as emcee. So let me begin by introducing Timmy Thompson of Cub Scout Troop #484.

TIMMY: Thank you, Mrs. Finch. Everyone please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

(Children and Audience stand with hands over hearts and recite together.)

ALL: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."*

(*Canadians may substitute the singing of "O Canada.")

(Timmy places the flag in its stand stage right. He remains next to it throughout the musical. Frankie stands to the left of Mrs. Finch, holding a rolled up poster.)

MRS. FINCH: Thank you, Timmy. And now, in honor of our special guest, the children would like to present their Olympic Color Guard.

(Begin drum roll. Color Guard enters and takes its place stage left with flags in order — Black, Red, Blue, Green, Gold.)

MRS. FINCH: Franklin Jefferson Lee IV, the son of our distinguished mayor, Franklin Jefferson Lee III, (nodding to the mayor) will now present the flags. Frankie?

Mrs. Finch steps back; Frankie moves to the podium.

FRANKIE:

(pompously) There are five rings in the Olympic symbol which, linked together, stand for world friendship. Our flags represent the five common colors found in the national flags of each Olympic nation ... black, red, blue, green, and gold.

(Stop drum roll.)

MRS. FINCH: Thank you, Frankie.

FRANKIE:

(quickly unrolling a large campaign poster over the front of the podium) And don't forget to reelect my dad, Frank Lee, for Mayor!

(Mayor gives a "thumbs-up" to Frankie. Kids groan as Frankie rejoins them on the risers. Mrs. Finch moves to podium.)

MRS. FINCH: (clears throat) Thank you. At this time we'd like to welcome the mayor ...

MAYOR:

(standing) Frank Lee, speaking! (He waves to the

applauding audience.)

MRS. FINCH: ... and our councilmen and coucilwomen.

(Council members clear throats loudly.)

MRS. FINCH: Pardon me. Our council..."persons!"

(Council stands to receive audience applause. Then Mayor and Council sit.)

MRS. FINCH: And now I am honored to introduce the person we all came to see. Our special guest for today's rally is a man with a mission ... a gold medal mission!

Although he was born in Europe, this Olympic ahtlete is proud to call the United States his new home ... and we're proud to claim him! So let's have a warm (insert

name of your town) welcome for America's own ...

Hans Bronson!

(Music begins. Crowd cheers. Hans makes a grand entrance from stage left or through the audience and moves to his platform center stage. He can carry barbells or free weights.)

KIDS:

Ya! Ya! Ya! Ya! Ya! Ya! Ya! Ya! Ya!

Hans Bronson



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*Optional lyrics





*Everyone sings the C. Some sustain the C as the others begin the Bb. Some sustain the Bb as the rest sing the G.

(Kids applaud. Gracie, Hope, and Faith enter from risers and stand stage right between Hans and Mrs. Finch. Each girl carries a note pad and pencil.)

GRACIE:

(over applause) Okay, reporters. Here's our chance to

get a great Olympic story for the newspaper!

FAITH:

(staring goo-goo eyed) Oh, Gracie ... it's really him ...

Hans Bronson!!

GRACIE:

That's right, Faith. But remember, don't go for the

"fluff," we want "substance!"

HOPE:

Something to "impact" our readers, right Gracie?

GRACIE:

You got it, Hope ... Hard Copy!

KIDS:

Speech! Speech! Speech!

HANS:

Ya! I vill schpeak today ... about my Olympic

schtrategy — in udder vords, how I plan to vin da

golt!!

(Hans moves stage left to the Black flag.)

KIDS:

Ya! Ya! Ya!

HANS:

Ya! Here ve haf da five Olympic colors; and to me, dis is vat dey symbolize. (With his upstage hand, Hans extends the fabric of each flag as he mentions it.) Da Black

means I vill see every competitor as mine enemy!

KIDS:

Ya! Ya! Ya!

HANS:

Da Red — I vill put all my heart into vinning!

KIDS:

Ya! Ya! Ya!

HANS:

Ya! Da Blue — I vill practice til I'm "blue in da face!"

KIDS:

Ya! Ya! Ya!

(Hans skips the green and moves to the last flag.)

HANS:

Da Golt is for da many medals I vill vin!

KIDS:

Ya! Ya! Ya!

HANS:

Ya! And da Green is for all da money I vill earn!

KIDS:

Ya! Ya! Ya!

HANS: (matter of factly) Dat is my schpeech. Now I vill

answer da questions.

(Kids raise their hands calling out "Hans, over here! Me!" etc. Faith stares at Hans with hand raised as if in a trance.)

HANS: (pointing to Faith) Ya! Dis girl in da vite* blouse. (*You

may change color or refer to hair color or hair style.)

GRACIE: (punching her arm) Faith ... that's you!

FAITH: (snapping out of trance) Me? Uhhh ... Do you have a

girlfriend?

(Girls giggle and boys groan.)

HOPE: (disappointed) Oh, really, Faith!

HANS: Nay! I vas going vit a voman named (thinking)

Vilemena ... (counting on fingers) den Vendy ... den Vonda ... (with a big smile) da twins; Yanice and

Yoody.

FAITH: (confused) Yanice and Yoody?

HOPE: (whispers) That's Janice and Judy.

FAITH: Oh! Janice and Judy! (writing on her pad as she pauses for

audience response) Thanks, Hans!

GRACIE: (sighing) Help us out, Hope!

HOPE: Hans? How many hours a day do you work out, and

what do you do to keep yourself in top physical

condition?

GRACIE: Good question, Hope!

HANS: Ya! I vork out eight hours a day vit valking und veights.

HOPE: (writing down what he says) "Valking und veights?"

FAITH: (whispers) That's "walking and weights."

HOPE: Oh! (she continues writing)

GRACIE: Hans, we can see you're in top physical fitness.

HANS: (flexing his muscles proudly) Ya!

GRACIE: But what about your *spiritual* fitness?

(Council clears throats in unison.)

MAYOR: (standing) Frank Lee, speaking. Mrs. Finch, the

council and I feel that is an inappropriate question.

(He nods to the council and sits.)

MRS. FINCH: (diplomatically) Uh ... Mr. Mayor, you'll have to excuse

Gracie. She and her friends are student reporters for the newspaper. You know these investigative types

... always going for the tough questions!

HANS: Ya! Und Hans Bronson iz nefer afraid of da tough

qvestions!

GRACIE: Good! Then, tell us about your relationship to God.

HANS: Ah! To Gott? Vell ... I'm vorking on dat.

GRACIE: "Vorking on dat?"

HOPE: (whispers) That's "working on ..."

GRACIE: (interrupting) I know what he said I just want to know

what he means.

HANS: Vell, just as I'm vorking to be better azalete, I also am

vorking to be better perzon. Does dat answer da

qvestion?

(Music begins.)

GRACIE: Not really ... but let me reword it.

The Inside Story



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*"I Love to Tell the Story," Words by KATHERINE HANKEY. Music by WILLIAM G. FISCHER.





*"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine," Words by FANNY J. CROSBY. Music by PHOEBE PALMER KNAPP.





MAYOR: (standing) As public servants, the council and I

certainly respect the freedom of the press. But,

frankly speaking, I think we need to move on to other

questions. (He sits.)

HANS: Nay! I vant to hear more from dees girls. Vhat are

your names?

FAITH: Dis is ... (catching her mistake and giggling) I mean, this

is Hope, my name if Faith, and our senior reporter is

Gracie ...

GRACIE: Or Grace. It means "God's unmerited favor"—which

is exactly what we're talking about, Hans. You see, a

relationship with Jesus is God's free gift.

HANS: (with genuine curiosity) You know, Grazie, I haf often

vondered about dis Jesus.

HOPE: Oh, Hans ... Jesus was a strong man, like you — a

carpenter who lifted heavy weights.

HANS: Ya?

FAITH: Ya! (giggling) ... I mean, yes! But Jesus grew not just

physically, but in wisdom and favor with God and

man.

(Color guard members move to their respective flags.)

HANS: (thinking) Visdom and favor vit God? But, how can

you grow in visdom and favor?

GRACIE: Well, Hans, before something can grow, it has to have

life. So before you can grow spiritually, you need a

new life. The Bible calls it being "born again."

HOPE: (pointing to the flags) Here ... we can use the colors in

these Olympic flags to show you God's plan.

(Music begins. With the Black flag leading, Olympic color guard moves centerstage.)

The Colors of His Love



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HANS:

Ya. Dat is a beautiful song. Und I see dat black is like

da heart of a vicked man. (innocently) But Hans is

goot man!

FAITH:

Yes, I'm sure you're "goot." (giggling) I mean ... good!

But even good men sin.

(Council clears throats in unison)

MAYOR:

(standing) Frank Lee, speaking. Did I hear the word

"sin"?

MRS. FINCH:

Now, girls ... (stage whisper) Remember our guests!

HANS:

(with authority) Yust let dem go on ... Remember, I am

de special guest!

(The Mayor sits indignantly)

MRS. FINCH: (relieved) Thank you!

HANS:

So, Face ... you say even Hans is sinner?

FAITH:

Think of it this way, Hans. A great athlete like you

doesn't always rate a perfect score.

HANS:

Nay! Dat is impossible.

FAITH:

Like archers, we often miss the mark ...

HOPE:

Or like discus throwers, we might fall short of the goal ...

GRACIE:

Or like skaters, we may stumble and fall. Everyone sins.

HANS:

Ya, but Hans is Olympic azalete! Vat vould people

zay if I said I vas a sinner?

GRACE:

They'd say you were honest.

HOPE:

It's not hard, Hans.

FAITH:

Yep. People do it every day.

(Music begins.)

I Is Me



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HANS:

So da "I" in da middle is ... "me?"

GRACIE:

Yes. But when you confess your sin, God covers it

with the blood of Jesus.

(Council clears throats in unison.)

MAYOR:

(standing) Frankly speaking, the council and I must

protest the inclusion of religion in a civic event.

GRACIE:

(respectfully) But Mr. Mayor, we pledge our allegiance

to be a "nation under God." Why can't we talk about

being "people under God"?

HOPE:

Gracie's right. Besides, this is our rally, planned and

put on by us kids!

FAITH:

Yeah! So we can talk about anything we like!

(Kids respond enthusiastically [That's right, yeah, check it out, etc.] The Mayor sits contritely.)

HANS:

Ya! Now where vere ve?

HOPE:

We were saying that Jesus' blood forgives our sin.

MRS. FINCH: Girls ... in light of the mayor's concerns, maybe you

could explain this from an historical perspective.

HOPE:

Sure, Mrs. Finch! For many years God's children were

slaves in Egypt. To punish the Egyptians, God sent an

angel of death to kill every firstborn son.

HANS:

(shocked) Ya?!

GRACE:

Yes. But God gave His children a way to be saved. By

placing the blood of a perfect lamb over their doorways, the angel "passed over" every house

covered with the blood.

(Music begins.)



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HANS:

It vas a goot ting da children of Israel had da lamb, ya?

GRACIE:

Yes! And when they continued to disobey Him, God

gave another perfect lamb ... His Son, Jesus.

(Council clears throats in unison.)

MAYOR:

(standing) Thank you, ladies. But frankly speaking,

(firmly) we must move on! (Mayor sits, nodding to

council.)

HANS:

Ya! Ve must move on to da Blue.

FAITH:

(very excited) Blue is for baptism.

HANS:

But tell me, Face, vy do you need da vater vhen da

blood makes you clean?

FAITH:

Well, think of it this way. When you were born, there

were probably only one or two people there. Right,

Hans?

HANS:

Ya! Da midvife und my fadder.

MRS. FINCH: Hans! Don't forget your mother!

(Mrs. Finch and the girls giggle.)

HANS:

(amused) Ya!

FAITH:

But after you were born, your parents showed you off

to everyone, didn't they?

HANS:

Ya! Dey ver very proud to haf a son. "Hans, Yunior!"

FAITH:

Well, when we pray to receive Christ it's very private

... even if there are people all around. But when

we're baptized we're saying publicly that we're proud

to be Christian.

GRACIE:

You see, Hans, baptism shows that just as Christ was

raised from the dead, we're raised to new life!

HANS:

Ahh ... so da "blueness" is ... da "newness!"

(Music begins.)

The Blueness Is Newness







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(Excited crowd noise follows song.)

MAYOR: (over noise)(standing) Frank Lee, speaking. I'm afraid

the council and I have another commitment, so could

we wrap this up? (He sits, smugly.)

HANS: Nay! Hans has heard of da Black, da Red, und da

Blue ... but not da Green. Iz dat vor da growing, Mrs.

Vinch?

MRS. FINCH: (hesitating) Ah ... yes, Hans. (glancing toward the mayor

and council) Well, just as your body needs good food

to grow, the Bible is good food for your soul.

(Council clears their throats in unison.)

MAYOR: (jumping to his feet) Mr. Bronson, frankly speaking, I'm

afraid Mrs. Finch has overstepped her boundaries. Furthermore, I wish to remind her that her job

depends on the approval of the council.

HANS: (with authority) Ya, und I vish to remind you dat your

yob depends on da approval of da voters. Ya? (looking

to kids and audience for support)

(Audience responds approvingly.)

MAYOR: (fidgeting) Well ... the council and I will certainly take

that under advisement.

(The council gathers their things and begins to exit stage right.)

MAYOR: Mrs. Finch, I'll see you in my office tomorrow morning.

MRS. FINCH: Yes, sir.

MAYOR: Frankie, are you coming with us?

FRANKIE: (stepping to the podium mic) Frankly speaking, Dad -1

think I'd rather hang out with Hans!

(Children applaud and pat Frankie on the back. Council clears throats in unison waiting for the mayor.)

MAYOR: (irritated) I'm coming, I'm coming!

(Mayor exits stage right, behind council.)

HANS: Now, Mrs. Vinch. About dis "soul food" ...

MRS FINCH: Well, just as an athlete needs the discipline of

exercise, a Christian needs the discipline of Bible

study, prayer, witnessing and fellowship.

HANS: (Counting off on his fingers) Da Bible, da praying, da

fellowship, und da vitnessing?

MRS. FINCH: That's right, Hans. I like to think of them as the

"Basic Four."

(Music begins)



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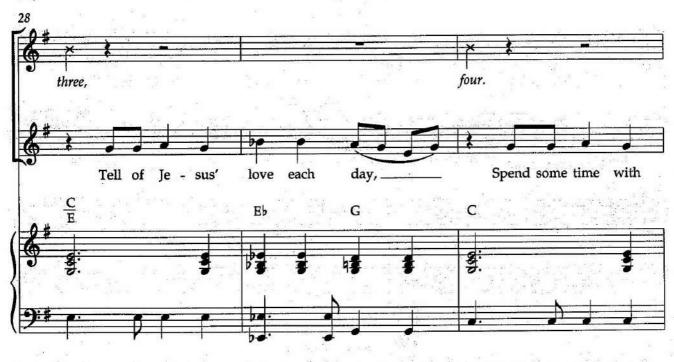


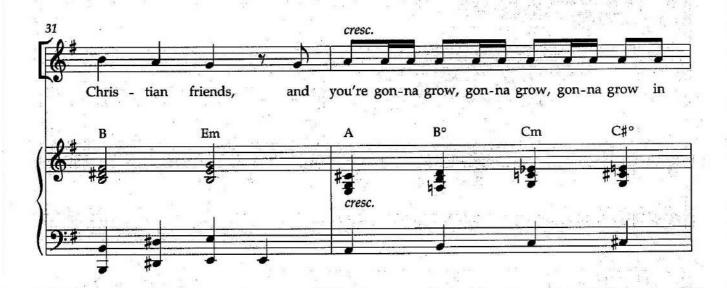


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HANS: Ah ... so vit dees disciplines, Hans vill vin da gold!

MRS. FINCH: No. These things help us develop our "spiritual

fitness," but the streets of gold are given to us by

grace.

HANS: Gott's unmerited favor. Right, Grazie?

GRACIE: Yes, Hans.

HANS: (determined) Den dat is my mission — to receive dis gift!

HOPE: Then pray from your heart, Hans. Just remember

what we've told you.

FAITH: (pointing to the flags) You know ... about the colors!

HANS: (thinking) Ya.

(Hans steps forward several steps and kneels on one knee.)

HANS: Lord ... my sins are black, but I know dat your red

blood can cover my sins und make dem vhite like da snow. Und vit da blue vater, I vill be baptized und grow green in visdom and favor, (music begins) und

vun day valk on da streets of gold.



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HANS: (Turning back to the girls and Mrs. Finch) Vas dat a good

prayer?

MRS. FINCH: It vas a very "goot" prayer! (They all giggle.) Well, this

has been the most memorable rally of my career. And

I guess, the end of my career!

GRACE: (encouraging her) I doubt it, Mrs. Finch.

HOPE: Yeah, maybe you'll become a councilwoman!

FAITH: (clearing her throat) That's council "person"!

(They all laugh.)

GRACE: Well, whatever happens, I hope you realize your

influence today.

FRANKIE: Yeah ... I think seeing stand up for Jesus really made

an impact on everyone. Even my Dad!

HANS: Ya!

MRS. FINCH: Thanks, Frankie!

HANS: Da children say Hans Bronson is American hero, but I

zay Mrs. Vinch is hero. Vor vinning people to Jesus is

even bedder dan vinning medals.

(Kids applaud and cheer.)

FAITH: That's right, Hans. I can see our headline now: (frames

headline in air with her hand) "Olympic Athlete Given

the Gold."

HOPE: In God's mission to save all men, Hans Bronson is the

newest citizen of heaven!

(Kids respond enthusisatically "All right, Hans!" "way to go!" etc.)

(Music begins.)

GRACE: (Grabbing Hope and Faith by the shoulders) Yes, reporters ...

we got just what we needed!

(OPTIONAL: Timmy Thompson may bring a Christian flag onstage at the end of "The Inside Story - Reprise.")

For Curtain Call (individual and group bows): Play from ms. 27 through the end of "The Inside Story - Reprise." An instrumental-only version of Curtain Call appears at the end of the accompaniment tracks (CD and cassette).

The Inside Story Reprise



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SET AND PROPS

Hans Bronson's Gold Medal Mission is designed to be performed either indoors or outdoors with the following set pieces and props:

- Risers for Choir
- Podium or portable lectern for Mrs. Finch
- 6-foot narrow table with 4 chairs for Mayor and Councilpersons
- Platform or box for Hans to stand/sit/kneel on during songs and his prayer
- Flag of the USA with flag stand
- 5 "Olympic" flags and flag stand(s)
- Large roll-up poster reading: REELECT FRANK LEE FOR MAYOR
- · Note pads and pencils for Gracie, Hope and Faith
- Optional: *Sports equipment for "Olympic Fever"
 Snare drum and sticks for drum roll
 - *Barbells or free-weights for Hans

Folders for Councilpersons to hold their scripts (for cues)

*Newspapers/Hymnals for "The Inside Story"

*Straw hat with braids for "I Is Me"

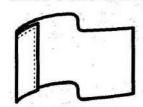
*Red waves for "Pass Over Me"

*Hinged or folding poster for "Basic Four" Christian flag

*Directions follow for making these props

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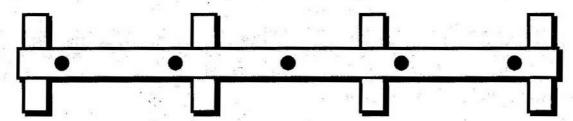
"OLYMPIC" FLAGS Cut out one piece of solid-color material (*nylon*, *cotton or polyester lining*) measuring 60 inches by 36 inches in each of the following five colors: Black, Red, royal Blue, forest Green and Gold (yellow). For a double thickness sew around three sides and turn inside out. A single thickness should be pinked, serged or



topstitched at the selvage edge. Press the left selvage edge over $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch. Fold over $2-\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and topstitch the top of the fold and down the pressed edge to form a pocket for the flagpole.

Optional: Paint, applique or adhere a solid white ring at the center of each side of each flag.

FLAGPOLES Cut five flagpoles from six-foot lengths of $1-\frac{1}{2}$ inch PVC pipe. Create a flag stand for all five poles from a five-foot long 2x6 board nailed to four 30-inch braces. Use a drill bit to auger five $1-\frac{1}{2}$ inch holes, at least 18 inches apart. Insert the flagpoles into the holes and twist gently either to tighten or loosen.

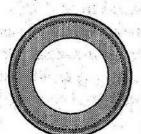


BARBELLS Attach two non-inflatable eight-inch rubber balls to a $9x1-\frac{1}{4}$ inch dowel rod. Optional: Instead of using rubber balls, you may wish to cover large punch

balloons with paper mache. Spray paint the finished barbells black. Create two small barbells, or lengthen the dowel rod to create one large barbell.



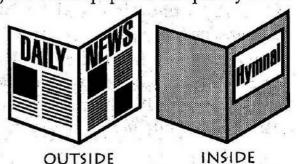
"OLYMPIC" RINGS Purchase an equal number of Black, Red, Royal Blue, Bright Green and Gold (Yellow) plastic disposable dinner plates (in quantity enough to



divide colors evenly among the children in your choir). With a grease pencil trace a 5-1/2 inch circle in the center of each plate. Cut out the circle with scissors. (Children can rehearse using paper plates until these have been made.) Each child should have tee-shirt and ring in contrasting colors (i.e., Black ring/Gold shirt; Red ring/Blue shirt; Blue ring/Red shirt; Green ring/Blue shirt; Gold ring/Black shirt).

NEWSPAPERS/HYMNALS Trim down three file folders to measure 9x12 inches. Cut out a piece of newsprint from the front page of a newspaper to completely cover

one side of each trimmed folder. Glue newspaper to folders. Completely cover the flip side of the folders with construction paper (you may wish to match the color of your hymnal). On top of the construction paper, on the right-hand side of the folders, copy or glue an enlarged photocopy of your hymnal logo.

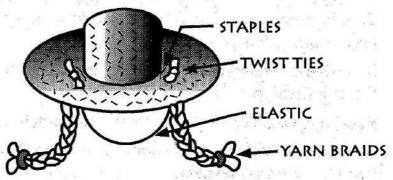


COUNTRY GIRL HATS 1. For each hat, cut out enough ten-inch lengths of yellow yarn to create six sections of "hair" at least two inches thick. Secure one end of each section with a rubber band. Create two braids of three sections each and secure the

2. Cut an eight-inch length of elastic cord to create a chin strap for the hat. With a stapler, attach the ends of the elastic cord to the underside of a straw hat at the base of the crown, one end on

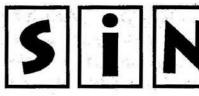
each side. Tie each end of the cord

braided ends with rubber bands.

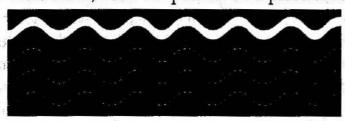


around its staple to prevent the cord from slipping out. **3.** Thread a brown twist tie through the top rubber band on each braid, then punch both ends of the twist ties through the underside of the hat just outside each stapled end of the elastic cord. Twist together the ends of the twist tie on the top of the hat to secure each braid to the hat. **Optional:** Weave a wire craft stem through each braid and bend to form arching braids.

S-I-N CARDS Cut out three 9x12 pieces of cardboard. Cover each piece with colored paper (use the same color on all cards). In bold, capital letters write an "S" on one card and an "N" on another card. On the remaining card, write a lower case "i."



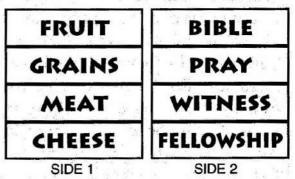
PASSOVER WAVES Make a cardboard pattern, or trace curved bulletin board border to create "waves" 2-1/2 inches wide (at the widest point) and 24 inches long. With chalk, trace the pattern on a piece of red felt to create as many strips as needed.



You will save cutting time and energy if you trace the patterns butting against one another so that one cut simultaneously creates the top of one wave and the bottom of another.

BASIC FOUR POSTER Cut out four 28-inch by 11-inch strips of different colors of poster board. On the front of each strip write one of the food groups listed below.

On the back of each strip, write the corresponding Christian discipline shown. Use wide transparent tape to tape the four strips together in the order shown to make a poster: food groups on Side 1, Christian disciplines on Side 2. Fold the poster accordian-style, and place it behind Mrs. Finch's podium for easy access.



OTHER PROPS

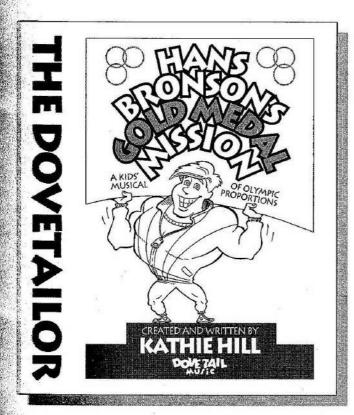
- 1. Trace or buy preprinted color cutouts of footballs, baseballs, soccer balls, etc., from a party or school supply store and adhere these to poster board backing for the children to hold up during "Olympic Fever."
- **2.** Give several or all children small national flags to keep in their back pockets and wave during "Hans Bronson."
- **3.** Have one child dress in Biblical costume and, holding up a stuffed lamb, act out the introduction of "Pass Over Me."
- 4. Use a length of red fabric for the children to dance under for "Pass Over Me."
- **5.** Make clouds and waves for children to hold up and move back and forth during "The Blueness Is Newness."
- **6.** During "Basic Four" have several children jump rope individually or in a group, or do a handclapping routine.
- **7.** Have Timmy Thompson bring a Christian flag onstage at the very end of "The Inside Story (Reprise)."

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