



**(Not) Just for Kids  
The Brass Family  
February 2021**

**VIDEO DETAILS: Each Video is set up for YouTube “Closed Captioning” (“CC”) to present in Spanish.**

- Open the video link; stop the ‘Play’ to set up Closed Captioning
- Click the CC button
- Click the Settings Button
- Choose Subtitles Button
  - Choose English – Default for English Subtitles (for hearing impaired)
  - Choose Spanish – Default for Spanish Subtitles

**VIDEO #1: INTRO:** <https://youtu.be/VkznPqjh4nk>

1. Video Highlights: Introduce the Brass Family, what is a Brass Instrument? STEM Concepts, Early examples (Conch Shell, Shofar), The Brass Family on Parade, by Trisha Speed Shaskan read by the moderator.

**VIDEO #2: TRUMPET:** <https://youtu.be/PPkSQil4mtY>

1. Video Highlights: History of the Trumpet, how it works, Different kinds of Trumpets, Famous Trumpeters, Genres: Jazz, Blues, Folk, Clip from Symphony Brass Quintet.
2. Book Suggestions:
  - a. Ben’s Trumpet by Rachel Isadora <https://youtu.be/Y4IFexKvzPc>
  - b. This Jazz Man by Karen Ehrhardt <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cnzywl8FXXQ>

**VIDEO #3: TROMBONE:** <https://youtu.be/2ZAG52E9NX8>

1. Video Highlights: History of the Trombone, how it works – use other trombones to show differences, Famous Trombonists, Genres: Jazz, Blues, Folk, Clip from Brass Quintet.
2. Book Suggestion:
  - a. Little Melba and her Big Trombone by Katheryn Russell Brown <https://youtu.be/HQ0nWZgLoLy>

**VIDEO #4: FRENCH HORN –** <https://youtu.be/hP0F0wJFn54>

1. Video Highlights: History, how it works, Famous French Horn Players, Genres: Jazz, Blues, Folk, Clip from Brass Quintet concert
2. Book Suggestion:
  - a. I Got the Rhythm by Connie Schofield-Morrison <https://youtu.be/huLe1MTHwQ> or <https://youtu.be/dcEMW4Cx2w>

**VIDEO #5: TUBA –** [https://youtu.be/h6ugLM8ul\\_o](https://youtu.be/h6ugLM8ul_o)

1. Video Highlights: History, how it works – different Tuba’s, Famous Tuba Players, Genres: Jazz, Blues, Folk, Clip from Brass Quintet concert
2. Book Suggestions:
  - a. Because by Mo Willems <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0sZiYaS0gGs>
  - b. Ah! Music by Alike <https://youtu.be/K9louO2xxhM>

**ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES: Ideas for “take-away” bags at the Libraries or craft projects for After-School programs.**

## **ART PROJECT IDEAS**

1. Make your own Coke-bottle Trumpet:  
<https://takelessons.com/blog/homemade-musical-instruments-z15> Use #8 - Coke Bottle Trumpet  
(How can we find the materials for the students to create one of these? Or, do we provide instructions for the art teachers (see link) and they demonstrate/share instructions with the students?).
2. Have different genres of music playing (or suggestions for different musical pieces if done at-home) and have students draw how it makes them feel.
3. Introduce the Digeridoo: The didgeridoo is one of oldest Wooden Brass Instruments in the world. It originated in northern Australia and is played by the Indigenous people of the land. Didgeridoos are traditionally made from eucalyptus trees that are naturally hollowed out by termites. The mouthpiece end can have beeswax applied to make it more comfortable to play and a better size to seal the vibration. Didgeridoos play in different keys or pitches depending on the shape, length, width and wall thickness
  - a. <https://kidactivities.net/homemade-musical-instruments/> Use #31 – Digeridoo
  - b. [https://www.kiwico.com/diy/Arts-and-Crafts-Ideas/1/project/Make-a-Didgeridoo/1668?AID=14382075&utm\\_campaign=100076075&utm\\_source=cj&utm\\_medium=AFF&cjevent=5bb01b5a446811eb832903a60a240614](https://www.kiwico.com/diy/Arts-and-Crafts-Ideas/1/project/Make-a-Didgeridoo/1668?AID=14382075&utm_campaign=100076075&utm_source=cj&utm_medium=AFF&cjevent=5bb01b5a446811eb832903a60a240614) Digeridoo

What questions do the students have for the Symphony Musicians? If you compile them, we will reply to your organization with answers to share in the future!

