

What They Hear Is What They Get... Or *IS IT?*

As a former teacher, I place a premium on the educational content of my material. I also recognize that kids learn best when they enjoy the learning process. Some of the most difficult concepts can be taught through the simplest songs and games.

Every Mister Mark show is packed with interactive games, dance, humor, and easy-to-sing choruses. But just beneath the surface of the songs are lessons – character lessons, science lessons, history lessons, literary lessons – that the kids, whether they realize it or not, will carry with them long after the show is over.

Amazon Rock

What they hear – an interactive dance-song about animals of the rainforest.

What they get – a lesson on the Amazon rainforest, including several animals and layers of the rainforest. They also get a great workout.

Bate, Bate Chocolate

What they hear – a fun song with a Latin groove about one of their favorite treats.

What they get – a multicultural lesson complete with several numbers and words in Spanish and English.

The Penguin and the Flamingo

What they hear – a humorous song about a penguin who sweeps a flamingo off her feet with his excellent dancing.

What they get – character education from two perspectives: from the penguin who focuses on a strength (his ability to dance), rather than a weakness (his inability to fly); and from the flamingo who overlooks the penguin's outward differences and finds a bird with common interests.

Spring Chickens

What they hear – chickens clucking the music of Vivaldi.

What they get – an introduction to classical music that is anything but boring.

The “My Foot Just Fell Asleep” Stomp

What they hear – a highly interactive movement song with a 50s Rock 'n' Roll vibe.

What they get – this is just for fun. It's my show's version of the Seventh Inning Stretch.

If You're Angry and You Know It

What they hear – a wild new twist on a children's classic.

What they get – a lesson in anger management, including a few techniques for expressing anger in healthy ways.

Go Ape!

What they hear – an interactive song with big band swing.

What they get – a song about many different apes and their behaviors.

Vinny Van Gogh

What they hear – a rock ‘n’ roll tribute to a great artist.

What they get – an interactive lesson on one of the world’s great artists, that includes several references to Van Gogh’s techniques and most famous paintings.

The Itsy Bitsy Spider

What they hear – a highly interactive twist on a familiar rhyme.

What they get – character education about a spider who never gives up – “Through the wind and rain, the spider wouldn’t stop climbin’, climbin’, climbin’, till the spider reached the top!”

Bruce Weiner, Zoo Dentist

What they hear – a funky crowd pleaser from Mister Mark’s award-winning first album.

What they get – an unforgettable lesson in good dental hygiene.