

Lesson 4: Uke'an Play F Chords

Lesson Date: Friday, Dec 2nd, 2016

Course: Ukulele Instruction

Lesson Title: Uke'an Play F Chords

Level: Beginner

Arrival: 2:40 (for tuning & set-up)

Lesson Duration: 3:00 - 4:00

Lesson Objectives:

- Review rules of class/handling of ukulele
- Review terms: strumming, frets, Am, and C Chords
- Introduce F Chord
- Members will strum all the way through two performance songs playing chords all except G chord
- Extra time: Members may progress to G chord

Preparation:

- Include requested songs in song binder (Make New Friends)
- Arrive 20 minutes early to tune ukuleles
- Print out F Chord Handout
 - Bring C Chord and Am Chord Handouts

Instruction Outline:

- Introduction:
 - Take roll call
 - Members claim ukulele bags
 - 1# Rule: "Don't touch the tuners"
- Review C and Am Chords
 - Play the C and Am switching game
 - group sing/strum along for 2 songs -> play C & Am chords
- Introduce F chord
 - Show Members the F Chord by playing it yourself
 - Play "Make New Friends" to demonstrate F Chord because it is a song played with only the F Chord
 - Explain verbally where chord is by using terms: fret and strings
 - 1st finger on 3rd string, 1st fret and 2nd finger on 1st string, 2nd fret
 - Then go around individually to help Members who appear to be struggling
 - Use F Chord Handout for visual aid
 - Include F chord when playing Rudolph the Rednose Reindeer
- Practice singing / playing chords in 2 performance songs
 - Focus on Jingle Bells first
 - Then Rudolph
- Extra Time: Introduce G Chords
- Last 15 minutes:
 - Play songs with each other, write songs, or do coloring page
- Members will help clean up

Activities:

- C to Am Chord Switch Game
 - Members switch from C to Am on counts
 - Use same counts as used in strumming game
 - If Members are struggling, use as opportunity to review the C chord and Am chord
- Practice F Chord
 - Strum through “Make New Friends” which only involves F chord
- Play songs
 - Members can play C, Am, And F chords on sheet
 - C Chords = highlighted yellow
 - Am Chords = highlight pink (sometimes green)
 - F Chords = highlighted green

Key Vocab:

- Strumming
- Frets
- Chords
- C, Am, F, G Chords

Materials/Equipment:

- Ukulele Tuner
- 15 Tuned Ukuleles
- Chairs
- Ukulele Song/Handout Binder
- Pencil Bag (#2 pencils)

Additional Information:

- Half of class taught in Learning Center (large room); other half taught outside with extra supervision
- Attendance: 10 Members

Ukulele Tips:

- Sometimes members will need fun incentive
 - For example: say, “If you all are well behaved and are respectful, for the last 10 minutes of the lesson, we can play musical chairs to ukulele music.”