

## **Lesson 5: Uke'an Play G Chords**

**Lesson Date:** Friday, Dec 9th, 2016

**Course:** Ukulele Instruction

**Lesson Title:** Uke'an Play G Chords

**Level:** Intermediate

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

**Lesson Duration:** 3:00 - 4:00

**Lesson Objectives:**

- Review rules of class/handling of ukulele
- Review F, C, Am Chords
- Introduce G Chord (Advanced Chord)
- Members will strum all the way through two performance songs playing chords (if they can't play G, have member play C)
- Practice for Performance

**Preparation:**

- Arrive 20 minutes early to tune ukuleles
- Print out sheet with 4 chords to hang up in front of class
- Print out G Chord Handout
  - Bring C, Am, and F Chord Handouts

**Instruction Outline:**

- Introduction:
  - Take roll call
  - Students claim ukulele bags
  - 1# Rule: "Don't touch the tuners"
- Review C, F, Am Chords:
  - Play the C to Am to F switching game
  - Class sing/strum along for 2 songs -> play C & Am chords
- Introduce G Chord
  - Show Members the G Chord by playing it yourself
  - Explain verbally where chord is by using terms: fret and strings
    - 1st finger on 2nd string, 2nd fret, 2nd finger on 4th string, 2nd fret, and 3rd finger on 3rd string, 3rd fret
  - Use G Chord Handout for visual aid
  - Then go around individually to help Members who appear to be struggling
- Practice singing / playing chords in Jingle Bells
  - Organize members in groups of 3 to perform for the class

- Time: 10 minutes to prepare
  - Go around to help when groups need it
  - Encourage students to play the chords in songs
- Groups of 3 have mini performance together
- Groups come together to perform song as a class
- Practice singing / playing chords in Rudolph
  - Practice playing the chords without singing
  - Add singing when chords sound good
- Extra Time: Play other songs in the song binder
- Last 15 minutes:
  - Play songs with each other, write songs, or coloring page
- Members will help clean up

#### **Activities:**

- C to Am to F Chord Switch Game
  - Use counts to switch between chords
  - If members are struggling, use an opportunity to review certain chords
- Practice F, G, Am, C Chords
  - Members have to show Team Member all 4 chords to choose what song to play next, be leader in ukulele term hangman, choose song to play, or be in charge of music in musical chairs (incentive ideas)
  - One member demonstrates chords at a time
- Play songs
  - Students can play C, Am, F, and G chords on sheet
    - C Chords = highlighted yellow
    - Am Chords = highlight pink (sometimes green)
    - F Chords = highlighted green
    - G Chords = highlighted blue

#### **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:**

- Taught in Learning Center (large room)
- 7-8 Members present

**Ukulele Tips:**

- If some Members are struggling to physically play the G Chord and are getting frustrated, suggest they go and master Am, C, and F Chords instead