

Establishing Virtual Family Memories Through Music & Temple & Family History

There are times when imagination and inspiration work together that can further maintain good relationships within your family even when separated by distance and time. For example with the coronavirus, we are not allowed to go to church and certainly unrealistic to stage our annual 2020 family reunion. However, my family literally mandated that my wife present weekly Kuzmich Family Primary presentation lessons. Consequently, Roslyn, has conducted weekly Sunday Primary meetings for the grandchildren every Sunday since March 22nd. Resulting in good Christian-value instruction through musical activities in which the grandchildren participated willingly in group singing and physical activities via videoconferencing over the Internet even though their households are thousands of miles from Denver. Notice the willing collaboration of the extended family of grandchildren in California, Utah and Colorado. Fortunately, my family members are proficient with technology. Here's one way that we worked together as a family to augment our family relationships through virtual music. To view the results, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcNHIDMZta8> and you will not be disappointed.



Here's a challenge that Roslyn gave to her grandchildren to produce some special musical memories that transcends both distance and time that are indeed precious moments and all thanks to the coronavirus pandemic. Below is a note from my son, Dallin, to the family in following Roslyn's instructions of just two Sundays ago in putting this project into "orbit" action.

"As Mom suggested last Sunday in preparation for "Pioneer Day on July 24th," she'd like to record each family singing the rounds of "*Little Pioneer Children*" (backing track and music attached from Church website). Parents are welcome to sing along if they so choose. The more the merrier."

Special Kuzmich Family Primary Musical instructions:

- (Short Musical Intro)
- Verse 1 - All sing unison

- Verses 1 (repeated) & Verse 2 – Rounds

- 1) Rhys family - sing Verse 1 immediately following the unison verse followed by Verse 2
- 2) Dallin family - rest 4 measures or 8 beats and then sing Verse 1 followed by Verse 2
- 3) Quinn Family - rest 8 measures or 16 beats and then sing Verse 1 followed by Verse 2
- 4) Reva Family - rest 12 measures or 24 beats and then sing Verse 1 followed by Verse 2

When you're done with your part just smile and wait for the music to end :) Remember to just record your family singing and not the backing track but it's not the end of the world if you do, OR IS IT?!?

Please send me your .mp4 recordings by this Sunday if you can. I leave for vacation to Utah next Wed and would like to send the compiled video out before then. Ask any questions that come up.

Thanks,
Dallin

Closing Comments

This wasn't our only first coronavirus pandemic family virtual music featured on this Facebook group. See the previous Facebook posts of [April 26th](#); [May 10th](#) for Mother's Day, [May 9th virtual concert](#) (Colorado Springs Youth Honor Orchestra with grandson on first violin beginning at the 43:43 minute mark). The entire concert program was pre-recorded by cell phones at each member's home (350+ students in eight different orchestras) with everybody in formal concert attire and mixed later for a stellar presentation during the very worst of the coronavirus pandemic, and [June 16th](#) featuring a youth choir from Utah. Note: there will be more Kuzmich musical family contributions to this Facebook group because it will go on for generations.

The two most important factors in our family's development and success for surviving all the trials of life are: 1) music education from primary ages to professional levels and 2) temple & family history activities. With those ingredients, the Kuzmich Extended Family is alive and well despite the coronavirus pandemic restrictions and their many obstacles that each and every family and its members have endured. The magic of it all is we now have future generations involved with family indexing (extracting) for the **Kuzmich Team Extraction Project** for *FamilySearch* that will shortly lead to having our Eastern Europe villages posted in their entirety as historical collections on *FamilySearch* that have entirely been digitized, extracted and indexed and readily available to the general public for free. For the "Rest of the Story," suggest you peruse the [Family History Success Requires Spiritual Motivation: Establishing a Sophisticated Family Extracting/Indexing Project: Here's My Story, Part 5](#); or see December 10 posting. Below are some posted photos from this Facebook group's virtual musical presentations mentioned above.







To: Gamma
From: The fruit of the fruit of your loins

My Mother Dear

Happy 'Virtual' Mothers Day 2020 !!