

Lesson Plan (Violin Lesson)

Student Age: 5 and up

Lesson 1: “Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy”

Objective: Focus on light bowing and articulation.

- **Listening Assignment:** Listen to “*Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy*” and discuss its magical sound.
 - **Activity:** Practice playing short, light notes (spiccato) using small bow strokes.
 - **Violin Practice:** Simple melody using light bowing on the E string.
 - **Creative Activity:** Have students draw a fairy, focusing on how the music feels.
 - **Wrap-up:** Discuss how light bowing creates a delicate sound.
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Lesson 2: “March”

Objective: Explore rhythm and dynamics.

- **Listening Assignment:** Listen to “*March*” and clap to the beat, identifying loud (forte) and soft (piano) sections.
 - **Activity:** Practice playing march-like rhythms using strong bow strokes for forte and lighter ones for piano.
 - **Violin Practice:** Simple march rhythm on open strings, alternating between forte and piano.
 - **Wrap-up:** Discuss how dynamics change the character of the music.
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Lesson 3: “Waltz of the Flowers”

Objective: Introduce 3/4 time and smooth bow transitions.

- **Listening Assignment:** Listen to “*Waltz of the Flowers*” and feel the 3/4 rhythm.
 - **Activity:** Sway to the waltz rhythm while counting “1-2-3.”
 - **Violin Practice:** Play simple arpeggios in 3/4 time, focusing on smooth bow changes.
 - **Wrap-up:** Discuss how the waltz rhythm feels like a dance.
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Lesson 4: “Russian Dance (Trepak)”

Objective: Focus on fast tempos and strong accents.

- **Listening Assignment:** Listen to “*Russian Dance*” and feel the energy of the fast tempo.
 - **Activity:** Play rhythmic clapping games to emphasize accented beats.
 - **Violin Practice:** Fast scales with accents on certain notes, focusing on control and speed.
 - **Wrap-up:** Discuss how fast tempos create excitement in music.
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Lesson 5: “Arabian Dance”

Objective: Develop legato playing and explore mood.

- **Listening Assignment:** Listen to “*Arabian Dance*” and discuss how it feels calm and mysterious.
 - **Activity:** Practice slow, smooth legato bowing, focusing on connecting the notes.
 - **Violin Practice:** Play long, connected notes on the D and G strings, exploring different dynamics.
 - **Wrap-up:** Reflect on how smooth playing creates a calm mood.
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These lessons combine technical development (bowing, rhythm, dynamics) with creative activities to keep younger students engaged while building their violin skills.

LISTENING ASSIGNMENT LIST

Dance of Sugar Plum Fairy:

[Instrumental]: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFjveJ5sgeQ>

[Ballet Performance]: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zV1qLYukTH8>

March:

[Instrumental]: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9t1AeJm7XF0>

[Ballet Performance]: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfCSIE2tQco>

Waltz of Flower:

[Instrumental]: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zp1aDnVySf8>

[Ballet Performance]: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_NWdj8PCdYE

Russian Dance:

[Instrumental]: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TmQjhwsPRDE>

[Ballet Performance]: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-qVbWI5TYg>