



# Welcome Activity: Be a Blessing Beat



## Supplies

- Baobab Blast song CD
- CD player
- Thatched mats
- Drum

Play either "Baobab Blast" or "From East to West" as the kids arrive. Have enough thatched mats so every kid has one. Gather the kids and have them sit in a circle on their mats. This activity will help you learn everyone's names, but try to greet the kids by name.

**In today's Bible story, God tells Abraham that he will be a "blessing to others." I like being a blessing to others. I like saying: "My name is (your name), and I am a blessing to others." Beat a pattern on the drum as you repeat the phrase: "My name is (your name), and I am a blessing to others." Let's all try! I'll play a blessing beat on the drum while you repeat after me: "I am a blessing to others." (*I am a blessing to others.*) Good! Let's try it a little louder. "I am a blessing to others!" (*I am a blessing to others!*) Wonderful!**

Hold up the drum. **When I give you this drum, tell us your name and then say, "I am a blessing to others." Remember to beat a blessing beat while you introduce yourself.** Give every child and adult a turn. **We are all God's blessings. Our smiles are blessings. Our kind words are blessings. Our sharing is a blessing. What are other ways we can be blessings to each other?** (*Being kind. Being patient. Giving food, etc.*)



### Kid Connection

Kids learn to trust God because God knows them by name and loves them. God called Abraham because God loved him. God calls us, too, to be blessings for each other. We love and take care of each other just like God loves and takes care of us.