After reading *Your Name is a Song* create a shaker and make a song with your name.

**Age:** 3-7

**Duration:** 15-20 minutes

**Materials:**

**Included in Kit**
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**Gather:**
- ½ of a Paper Towel Tube
- Tape
- Stapler
- Masking Tape
- Supplies to Decorate (ex. Colored paper, paint, markers, stickers, washi tape)
- Small Items for Sound (ex. Plastic beads, rice, beans)

[Watch the video Here:](https://vimeo.com/513978955)
Background
In the story *Your Name is a Song* by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow, a girl is hurt when her classmates and teacher pronounce her name incorrectly and make fun of her name. Her mother explains that all names are songs and encourages her to teach others to sing her name.

As you read this story, use a shaker or your hand to tap out the rhythm as you sing the names. After reading find the syllables in your name. A syllable is a part of a word – usually with one vowel sound. Sometimes a line, dot, or dash is drawn between the syllables as in Tray/von. Try to clap with the syllables in your name.

After finding the syllables in your name, make a shaker and sing your name.

Teaching Guide and Discussion Questions: [https://www.readacrossamerica.org/your-name-is-a-song/](https://www.readacrossamerica.org/your-name-is-a-song/)

Scaffolding:
For young children, place a tray with a lip under their work, put the small items in a bowl and provide a spoon so they can practice scooping.

### Learning Opportunities

- Cultural understanding & acceptance
- Word Units / Syllables
- Making and Art
### Instructions

1. Decorate your tube and write your name with a dot, dash, or slash between the syllables.

2. Staple your tube 3 times across on one end.

3. Tape over the edge and staples with masking tape.

4. Add small beads, beans, or other items to the inside of the tube.

5. Staple the other side the opposite way or perpendicular to the first side. Tape over the staples and edge.

6. Shake your shaker as you sing your name song!

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### How Was It?

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