

Let's Say Thank You to the Trees

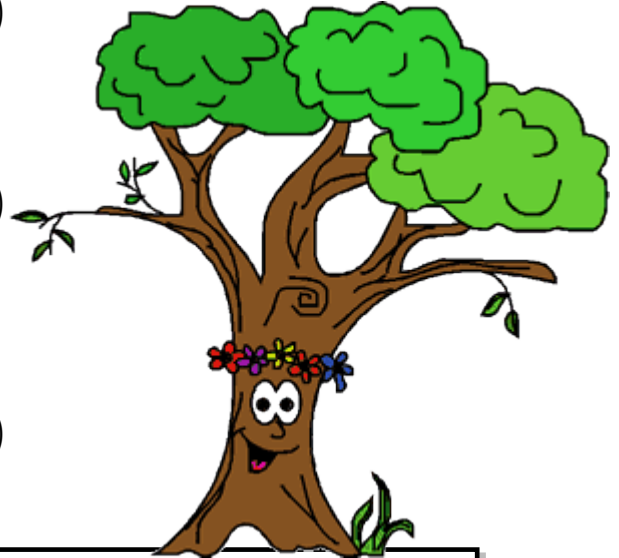
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Chorus:

[C]Let's say thank you to the [G]trees (TODAH RABAH!)
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Let's say thank you, [F]let's say thank you,
[G]Let's say thank you to the [C]trees (TODAH RABAH!)

[C]Trees give us fruit that we [G]eat!
Trees give us air that we [C]breathe!
Trees give us shade on [F]sunny days...
[G]Let's say thank you to the [C]trees (TODAH RABAH!)
(chorus)

[C]Trees give us wood to build [G]houses!
Trees give us wood to make [C]guitars!
Trees give us wood to make [F]paper and books...
[G]Let's say thank you to the [C]trees (TODAH RABAH!)
(chorus)



SUGGESTIONS FOR TEACHING THIS SONG...

- The song teaches the Hebrew words – todah rabah, which mean thank you very much. I like to incorporate the sign language so that there is a movement to do throughout the song: put fingers to your chin, extend hand out in front of you.
- Ask the students to think about what trees do for us and to consider why we are thankful to the trees. They are likely to suggest fruit, and will then probably need guidance.
- Consider using motions for fruit, sun, houses, guitar, books; take a deep breath for air.
- I taught this successfully with PK students.