

## **LEARNING ACTIVITIES:** ©Gaye Adegbalola

### **SONG #5 ~~ PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE**

#### **FLAVOR: DOO-WOP**

- This song is what is known as a Doo-Wop. It has a lead singer with background singers responding to the lead singer. Sway from side to side with the rhythm of the music and sing along with the background singing. The words will be easy to follow. If you listen closely, the background singing has different parts in harmony with each other. Next try to sing with one of the harmony parts.
- Here is another Doo-Wop -- "I Only Have Eyes for You" by the Flamingos. Sing along with the background vocals. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FvzNeh4Mq1o>
- At the end of song #6, "The Thank You Song," the phrase "thank you" is said in 10 different languages. The following terms mean "please" in 6 different languages:

French -- S'il vous plaît

Spanish -- Por favor

Swahili/Kiswhili -- Tafadhali

Italian -- Per favore

Russian -- Pozhaluista

Hebrew -- Bevakasha

Now, the most important thing is to try to say "please" in those languages.

<http://www.surfacelanguages.com/languages/comparison/howtosayplease.html>

- At one point in the song, it is said that "the magic word is please." Magic is the art of producing the result you want by saying words that have special power or through the use of slick, quick hand tricks or deception. In this song, by saying "please," it can be a magic word because it helps you to get the result you want. When hand tricks are used, it is usually for entertainment.

Do you know any magic tricks?

Try one of these: <http://www.activitytv.com/955-vanishing-paper-clip>

#### **SPECIAL LINK:**

**JAMES BROWN & THE FAMOUS FLAMES (the background singers) SINGING THE ORIGINAL VERSION OF THIS SONG**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQdMZ1qrn6k>

**SPECIAL VOCABULARY WORD: HARMONY**

“Harmony” is the combining of different tones to make a sound that is pleasing to the ear. It is different than "rhythm" which is the beat of the song. And it is different than the "melody" which is single notes arranged in a way to make the tune of the song. Harmony is more than one sound at the same time, but the sounds must fit together to sound good.