



THE WORSHIP PATH

Step 2 “Next Steps”

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind
and with all your strength.

MARK 12:30



PRACTICE

Find a practice schedule that works for you. Choose a time every day or at least three times a week that you can block off for practice. Let your family know :) Everyone moves at a different pace so take your time and allow your hands to learn these new skills. **Repetition over time** is your secret weapon. Do the movements while watching a movie...create muscle memory!

CHOPS “SKILL”

Throughout the curriculum you will see different buttons displayed. These will indicate which skill or skills are being developed during the following lessons. Below is a brief description of each ear development skill. For more information about these you can request our “How to Play Piano by Ear” booklet by emailing: mail@pianochops.com



THE
BASICS



SONG & CHORD
PROGRESSIONS



COOL
TRICKS



ROLE OF
HANDS



DIFFERENT
STYLES



MUSIC
THEORY



LEARN
CHORDS



SWEET
PATTERNS

01

MELODY HARMONIZATION

Learn how to take a melody and create harmony around it. This lesson will teach you how to construct a simple arrangement from this timeless song.



DATE:

___/___/___ Away in a Manger (All Videos)

02

PADS AND STRINGS

Now learn how to use pads with fills and by create bigger chords. With bigger chords you can really create a soothing a prayerful atmosphere.



___/___/___ Fills
___/___/___ Bigger Chords

03

SUSTAIN PEDAL TRAINING

*** ONLY Do this in case you are having trouble with the Sustain Pedal



___/___/___ The Basics
___/___/___ Training (Do as much as you can/need)

04

JAM TIME! (CHORDS & TRICKS, ETC.)

Keep it Up! Work hard. Give glory.

Key of D

Before You Start

Note: Understanding the Scale and Diatonic Chords below will help “Connect the Dots” as you go through the lesson. You don’t have to perfect them...just know what is going on :)



___/___/___ Review: D Scale
___/___/___ Review: D Diatonic Chords

Chords Used (D, G, A and Bm)

* Similar to the chords in “Oceans”

Checkpoint 1 – Grounded in Prayer – Basic Chords

Hello! The first thing we need to do is start in prayer. Next I will show you the chords with the Right and Left Hands together. It may take a while to learn them...so be patient...and enjoy!

Prayer and Chords

___/___/___ Prayer and Chords, Basic Jam Track (2 Videos)
___/___/___ Sustain Pedal

Checkpoint 2 – Broken Chords

Breaking up the chords and playing them in a unique pattern will change everything...and give you a new dynamic to play the song in.

Broken Chords

___/___/___ Broken Chords, Jam Track (2 Videos)



Checkpoint 3 – Chord Shapes

Using these shapes with your root chords will change the way you sound forever...and help give you that characteristic worship sound.

—/—/— Chord Shapes 1
—/—/— Chord Shapes 2

Checkpoint 4 – Setting the Mood and Advanced Broken Chords

CAUTION: The Advanced Broken Chords are fairly difficult. If you find it overwhelming I recommend skipping it and coming back later once you have developed your skills a little more.

—/—/— Setting the Mood
—/—/— Advanced Broken Chords

Checkpoint 5 – All Together

When playing a song in worship you will want to change the dynamics to add emotion and energy. In the next example I'm going to use everything shown in this lesson...watch how it changes the feel of the song.

—/—/— All Together

Celebrate all of your hard work...go high five someone!

EXTRA CREDIT – More Songs

Choose one (or all) of the songs below to work through from Wade's free YouTube channel. Notice the different ways to play in the key of D with inversions. Take some time to expand your skills by applying some of the tricks above to the following songs.

—/—/— As The Deer
—/—/— Great Is Thy Faithfulness
—/—/— What a Beautiful Name

*You can find a big list of songs in the key of D at: <https://pianomeditation.com/songs-by-key>

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THEORY UNDERSTANDING

It gets a little deeper here...but don't worry! Remember, when you learn WHY and HOW something works you can start to create new things on your own.



- ___/___/___ Inversions Intermediate (All Videos)
- ___/___/___ 7th Chord Trick (All Videos)
- ___/___/___ 7th Chord Trick with Inversions (All Videos)
- ___/___/___ Major Scale Construction
- ___/___/___ Key Signatures
- ___/___/___ Aug, add9, and sus chords (All Videos)
- ___/___/___ Diminished Chords (All Videos)

* If you need more help learning key signatures you can check out:

___/___/___ [Musictheory.net](https://www.musictheory.net)

06

PLAY AND SING

It already takes a lot of brain power to play the piano...but when you add in singing it takes it to a whole new level. If you are new to singing and playing together you can use this classic hymn to get you going.



___/___/___ [Amazing Grace \(All Videos\)](#)

07 EAR TRAINING

Believe it or not, everything you've done to this point has been developing your ear. Here are a few tricks to some common needs musicians run into.



//_/___ Kind the Key by Chords
 //_/___ Kind the Key by "Home Base"

08 JAM TIME 2 (CHORDS, TRICKS, ETC.)

Keep it Up! Work hard. Give glory.

Key of E

Before You Start

Note: Understanding the Scale and Diatonic Chords below will help "Connect the Dots" as you go through the lesson. You don't have to perfect them...just know what is going on :)



//_/___ Review: E Scale
 //_/___ Review: E Diatonic Chords

Chords Used (E, F#m, A, B and C#m)

* Similar to the chords in songs like "Here I Am to Worship"



Checkpoint 1 – Grounded in Prayer – INTRO and Basic Chords

Hello! The first thing we need to do is start in prayer. Next I will show you an Intro Lick (Signature Lick) and some Right Hand chords.

___/___/___ Prayer and Intro

Chords

___/___/___ Right Hand Chords, Chord Progression, Jam Track (3 Videos)

Checkpoint 2 – Sustain Pedal and Left Hand

Keep working on using the sustain pedal correctly so that the chords are connected smoothly.

___/___/___ Sustain Pedal

Left Hand

___/___/___ Left Hand, Jam Track (2 Videos)

Checkpoint 3 – Rolling Chords and 5125 Fills

These little secrets will really make you sound amazing!

Rolling

___/___/___ Rolling Chords, Jam Track (2 Videos)

5125

___/___/___ 5125 Fills, Jam Track (2 Videos)

Checkpoint 4 – More Fills

CAUTION: These fills are a little more difficult to play...so if they give you trouble...just come back later to work on them.

More Fills

___/___/___ More Fills, Jam Track (2 Videos)



Checkpoint 5 – Other Important Information

- ___/___/___ Setting the Mood
- ___/___/___ Playing with a Band
- ___/___/___ Pads

Celebrate all of your hard work...go get a pizza!

EXTRA CREDIT – More Songs

Choose one (or all) of the songs below to work through from Wade's free YouTube channel. Notice the different ways to play in the key of E with inversions. Take some time to expand your skills by applying some of the tricks above to the following songs.

- ___/___/___ I Can Only Imagine
- ___/___/___ Way Maker
- ___/___/___ Fighting For Me

* You can find a big list of songs in the key of E at: <https://pianomeditation.com/songs-by-key>

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