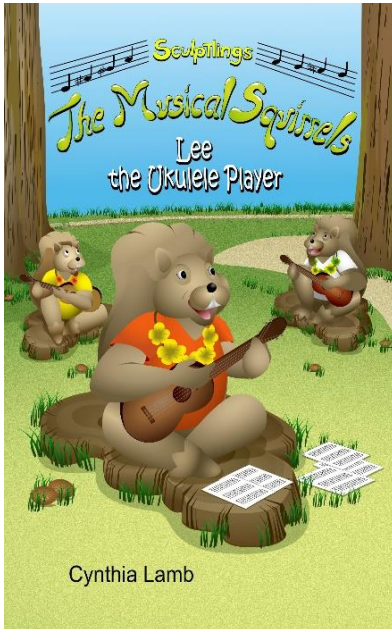


## Lee the Ukulele Player

### The Musical Squirrels Series

**An Educational Book on Music Skills (Teaches The Importance of Listening, The Purpose of Practicing, The Process of Learning to Participate and Follow Directions)**



When Lee gets asked to play in a band. Lee encourages the other players to stay focused, to listen and to pay attention to everyone playing around them. Lee helps a band member who has a hard time participating and wants to be funny. Lee shows him how much fun it is when everyone plays together. He teaches him to listen and to pay attention. He explains why it is important to practice and to be prepared when they all get together to play.

Lee the ukulele player's message is about listening and following directions. Lee teaches kids that being a team player is an important role in making music together.

### Book Topics

- Important Music Skills
- Following Directions
- Social Skills
- Importance of Practicing and studying
- Listening Skills

### Ideas for how to review this book with kids 3-6:

- What was the message of the story? Have the child retell the story in their own words.
- Go back to each page and have the child describe what is going on.
- Questions:
  - How does Lee help his friends?
  - What did one squirrel do that distracted all the other squirrels from playing?
  - When learning to play together:
    - Why is it important to listen?
    - Why is it important to practice?

### Tips on Topics and Discussions for Advanced Readers:

- Discuss the Cause and Effect of what happened.
  - Why do you think that Lee's friend asked him to play in the band?
  - What happened as a result of the squirrel who did not practice?
  - How did it make the other squirrels feel when they kept getting interrupted by the squirrel who was trying to be funny?
  - Why is it important to practice by yourself?
  - Why do you think it is important to practice with friends?

### Compare Books

Try comparing the story Lee the Ukulele Player with other Sculptlings Books, such as Chase the Bass Player and compare the 2 messages.

- Try comparing the characters and their lessons. How are they different? How are they the same? Example: In both stories, the supporting character in Lees story and Chase did not practice and as a result they distracted everyone and couldn't play the music with the others.