



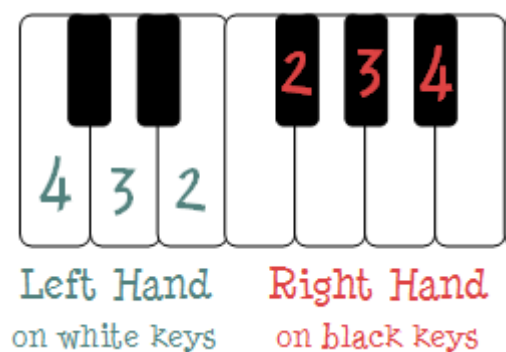
Kids love creating their own songs! When you teach them to create, kids are even more excited about studying the piano and they rapidly internalize the concepts you present.

Even very young students can successfully improvise and compose songs. I have two four year old students who always blow me away with their creations. These kids are confident and much more skilled than I was at that age! They have fun at the keys and take great pride in performing their masterpieces for others.

Here's a simple activity you can use to get kids started. I guarantee that they'll have a blast!

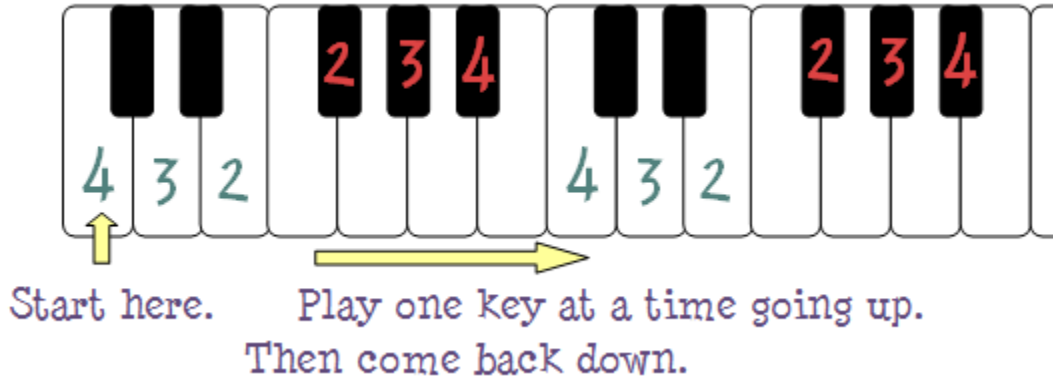
### Step 1: Position the Hands

Use the diagram as a guide to correctly position the hands. You will use the middle three fingers from each hand. Finger numbers are provided for people familiar with the piano.



### Step 2: Play Through the Scale

Begin with the middle finger of the left hand and play each finger in order, going up and then coming back down. If you like, expand the scale by playing the same keys an octave higher.



### Step 3: Improvise!

Improvise! Now that you're familiar with the tones, experiment by playing different keys in different orders. If you like, repeat the pattern an octave higher. Play around with these keys to create a sound that you like.



To develop your child's or student's ability to create music, begin with simple activities which allow for easy mastery and continually add new and more complex techniques. Encourage creativity and experimentation along the way. Before long, your child will have stored up all the skills needed to compose his own impressive music!

Continue building your child's musical ability with another free lesson at [EarTrainingandImprov.com](http://EarTrainingandImprov.com). There you'll also have the chance to sign up for a free newsletter with tips for teaching music to kids.