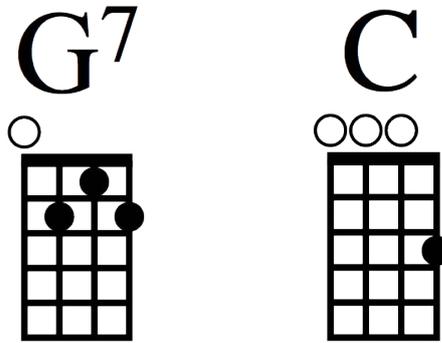


## The G7 Song



G7 is our first 3 fingered chord. This song is designed to teach sliding between G7 and C and the 'Slap'. The middle of this song has a fun section that teaches up/down strumming as well. Ask kids to shake the wrists of their strumming hand loosely - loosey goosey - this is the movement of the wrist for this strumming. Practice the down stroke then roll the wrist in so the thumb nail is connecting with the strings for the up-stroke. Practice very slowly at first then progressively faster So for the up-down-up strumming section I describe it aurally as:

**Da - ka - da,**                      **Da - ka - da,**                      **Da!**  
Down - up - down,                      Up - down - up,                      down

Then for this song we add a slap! (*slap the strings with your whole hand*)

Da - ka - da,                      Da - ka - da,                      Da,  
Down,-up-down,                      Up - down-up,                      down,  
**1**    **2**    **3**                      **1**    **2**    **3**                      **1**    **2**,    **3**.  
/    \    /                      \    /    \                      /    **Slap!**

Kids love it! Practice this slap pattern over n over using the "da-ka-da" words to describe the timing. (Note that the 1st beat of the 1st bar is a downstroke but alternates to an upstroke in the 1st beat of the next bar!)

At the end of the song, the chord changes from G7 to C where it has been the whole song. Use this as a moment to teach sliding the third finger from 2nd fret to 3rd fret on the bottom string to sit on C. Practice this chord transition and one down-up down stroke first :

**G7** *slide third finger to* **C**                      **G7**                      **C**                      **G7**                      **C**  
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## The G7 Song

**G7**

/    /    /    /    /                      /                      /                      /

Ohhhhhh I can play G7                      all the way to heaven

/    /    /    /                      /    /    \    /    \    /    \    /    Slap!

I can play G7    can't you see    (Da-ka-da, da-ka da, Da)

/    /    /    /    /                      /                      /                      /

I can play G7                      all the way to heaven

**C**

/    /    /    /                      /    /    /    / :|| *Repeat 3times*

I can play G7                      slide to C