

The Sound of Music Activities



Austria *The Sound of Music* is set in Salzburg, Austria. Take your residents on a [virtual tour of Salzburg](#). You can also visit iN2L's travel section to learn more about the beautiful country of Austria. Have any of your residents visited Austria? What are their memories?

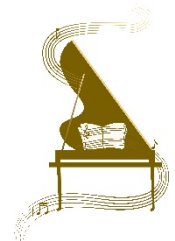
Marionettes Maria and the children entertain guests with "[The Lonely Goatherd](#)," a marionette puppet show. Learn more about this historic form of entertainment: [marionettes](#). Check to see if you have professional marionettes in your neighborhood or town. Invite them to your community for a demonstration.



Climbed Every Mountain *The Sound of Music* is based on the astonishing true story of the von Trapp family. Watch "[Climbed Every Mountain](#)" and go behind the scenes to get the real life tale of the von Trapp family singers.



Classical Music Austria is home to many famous classical musicians, including [Mozart](#), [Haydn](#), [Schubert](#), [Strauss](#), and [Brahms](#). Do you have a local orchestra that performs classical music for the public? Arrange for your residents to attend a performance. If that's not possible, bring in a musician or classical recordings for your residents to enjoy.



Favorite Things Raindrops on roses, whiskers on kittens, door bells, and sleigh bells are a few of the favorite things mentioned in the popular song “My Favorite Things.” Reminisce with your residents about some of their favorite things. You can have a discussion group or create a display wall where residents can add words or pictures of their favorite things.



Edelweiss The Edelweiss is the national flower of Austria. The plant has star-shaped white flowers and silver-green foliage. Edelweiss grows well from seed, but the plant needs a period of cold weather before germinating. Edelweiss is hardy in cold weather in the U.S. Order [Edelweiss seeds](#) for your residents to plant throughout your community.



Sound of Music Game Place between 10-15 objects related to the movie on a tray. For example, items like a whistle, a small toy goat, a pair of mittens, a rose, bells, a piece of blue sash, a plastic snowflake, string, and an Austrian flag are good choices. Have the residents sit around the tray of items. Give them a minute to try to memorize as many items as they can. Have them look away while one item is removed from the tray. Keep that item hidden away and then ask which item is missing.



Aprons Purchase inexpensive [plain white aprons](#) for your residents to decorate. Supply them with fabric paint, iron on patches, and embroidery thread, and have them create their own design. Keep the aprons for use during other crafts or cooking classes.

