



Are You Ready to “Tune Up” With Sparkler?

What is Tune Up?

Tune Up is a short-form **podcast series** that uses the healing power of music to help children (and the adults who love them) tackle challenges of early childhood, from cleaning up to including others on the playground. In each episode, teacher and musician Benjamin Weiner chats with a child (aged 4-8) about a difficult topic, and together, they write a song to help themselves and other children learn from the challenge and grow. Benjamin’s candid conversations with young children can help parents, educators, and children work together as they navigate tricky situations like apologizing for mistakes, being patient, and trying new things. Perfect for ages 3-10 and their parents/caregivers! There is a Tune Up **curriculum guide** that helps educators or others working with young children/families use the Tune Up method and Tune Up podcast with the students in their program or classroom.

Tune Up is Produced by Sparkler Learning

Sparkler Learning is the nonprofit organization that produces Tune Up. Sparkler is also a technology platform that helps early childhood professionals connect families with developmental screening and play-based learning activities to boost children’s early learning and development. Families can access Tune Up on Apple, Spotify, YouTube or wherever they get their favorite podcasts...and also in the Sparkler app, where they can find the podcast, the songs, and activities to play to extend the learning.

About the Host of Tune Up: Benjamin Weiner

Benjamin Weiner is the host of the Tune Up podcast. He worked with the team at Sparkler Learning to create Tune Up. Benjamin Weiner is a **writer, composer, and educator** based in Brooklyn, New York. After being a classroom teacher for 10 years, he became a writer and composer. He writes for shows like Dora the Explorer on Paramount Plus, Rosie’s Rules on PBS, and Vida the Vet on Netflix, and makes kids music as Princess Backpack and Benjamin. His first picture book is in the works with Simon and Schuster. He has worked with Sparkler since 2022, and he regularly composes and performs songs for Sparkler’s Little Kids, Big Hearts podcast.



Each episode contains an original song, written by Benjamin and his kid guests, and produced by GRAMMY®-winning musician Dean Jones. The songs will be released with music videos, and then on an album!



**Watch the first episode
about flexibility released
on March 31, 2026**

Season 1: Episode Lineup

1. Changing Your Mind to Have More Fun
2. How to Wait for Anything
3. Siblings Are Tough...But Also The Best
4. Turn Cleaning Up Into a Dance
5. Saying Sorry So You Can Keep Playing
6. Try Something New. You Might Love It.
7. We Can All Have Fun
8. It's Kind to Say, "I Like You!"
9. Calm Down, Anytime!
10. Cuddling Your Stuffies and Other Bedtime Tricks

Educator and Family Engagement Resources

Sparkler has created a full **curriculum guide**, which can help classroom teachers or other educators use the Tune Up method with students to discuss issues and create music...and to learn how to use each episode to prompt discussion and activity. The curriculum also contains "homework" to help families keep singing, dancing, playing and learning at home. The full guide is available to Sparkler partners. Email us to learn more.

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YouTube: www.youtube.com/@TuneUpSparkler

Apple: podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/tune-up/id1887681278

Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/show/2UfYNbPkBdSA8SCBsLFip5>

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