Top 10 things
8-year olds should know about Les Paul

1. Les was both a famous musician and an inventor. He played music and invented ways to make the sounds that he imagined.

2. He was curious. He wanted to know how things worked and that led him to invent many things.

3. Les used things he found in his house and neighborhood for many of his experiments.

4. When Les couldn’t find something he wanted it, he invented it, even when it took many tries.

5. He was persistent. When something didn’t work or when he experienced a health problem, he looked for another way to do what he wanted to do. Quitting was not an option.

6. Early in his career Les realized that to be a successful musician he needed to play the music his audience wanted to hear.

7. Les asked questions. Even as an adult, he didn’t hesitate to ask about things he wanted to learn.

8. Les Paul is the father of the solid-body electric guitar.

9. Les Paul invented for the 8-track tape machine, which made it possible for musicians to record multiple versions of themselves.

10. Every day musicians use Les’ many recording techniques, such as sound on sound, reverb and echo.