# Dance to Music Ages 1 year—2 years

Objective: The child listens to songs and hears rhythms of different beats and paces while using a ribbon wand to express themselves!

# Materials needed:

Music—Culturally Diverse (you can find a variety of music genres on your TV cable stations or radio)

Long stick

Strands of Ribbon (multiple colors or pieces about 2 feet in length each)

### Procedures:

- 1. First, tie the ribbon to one end of the stick.
  Use multiple colors of ribbon (about 4 strands,
  2 feet in length each). Make one for you too!
- 2. Turn on the music or radio and dance with your child. Give them the ribbon to use as a wand.

  Show child how to wave it around in the air.



- 3. Show child how they can dance and move with the ribbon wand to express themselves.
- 4. Dance with your child.
- 5. Change the music to a variety of cultural genres for free expression and learning!
- 6. Continue dancing and moving with your child until they no longer show interest!

### Milestones to meet:

Child shows a reaction through movement, sounds, or expression when listening to songs. The child can use hold a ribbon wand and wave it around in the air.

## **Evaluation:**

Did this lesson work for your child? Why or why not?