



Character: "If you're happy and you know it"

Ages 1 year to 2 years

Objective: After hearing song and movement, the child will use new language to sing and imitate emotional actions they see in pictures.

Materials needed:

"If you're happy and you know it" Song and Puppets sheet (print from resources page)

Procedures

1. Print the song and 'popsicle puppets' on the printables sheet. Cut each of the pictures out individually, glue each onto a popsicle stick.
2. Let them dry before doing song and activity.
3. What you are going to do is sing the "Happy and you Know it" song to your child while sitting on the floor, or have them sit in their highchair while singing and showing.
4. As you sing the song, hold up the correct "puppet picture" to relay the word to the picture for your child to learn through visual cues while building new language.



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5. For instance, while you sing “if you’re happy and you know it clap your hands.” (you will hold up the picture of the hands for your child to see)
6. Continue doing this and sing the whole song to your child. Do the real actions of “clapping”, and so forth, as you sing and show the pictures, as well.
7. Sing the song more than once for consistency teaching, to increase building new language, and for your child to be able to “catch on” and imitate the actions throughout the song.
8. Watch to see if they try to do what the song is telling them and imitating your actions.

Milestones to meet:

The child shows a willingness to imitate the actions of an adult and through a song. The child shows willingness to sing along during a song they hear.

Evaluation:

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