

12 Tips for Signing Songs and Rhymes with Babies

Here are 12 key points to help you succeed when signing with songs and rhymes from Sign to Speak - Babies Can Talk:

- Have your baby's attention.
- Follow your baby's cues. Be ready to change to any other song or activity that draws your baby's interest.
- Keep the activity simple.
- Keep the activity fun and playful. Be full of enthusiasm.
- Keep songs short. Rhymes are often the best.
- Learn to sing and sign a song or rhyme before introducing it to your baby. Chant or recite songs if it is easier.
- Use exaggerated facial expressions, voices, and signs.
- If necessary, adapt signs so they can be performed with one hand.
- Be tactile and touch your baby with the signs.
- Help your baby to sign the signs, but don't be forceful.
- Praise all of your baby's efforts.
- Be creative. Change the signs and words in the songs and rhymes to fit your baby's interests and try to use the signs at other times during the day.