

Using Singing to Promote **Auditory Listening, Auditory Memory** and **Vocabulary Building** at Home

Singing can provide a wonderful opportunity for increasing your child's listening, auditory memory and vocabulary within your natural home environment. Young children note the change in pitch and rhythm and are alerted to "listen" by these changes in pitch and rhythm. Children love songs and love to be sung to. This is true of children with hearing losses too!

Listed below are some well known children's favorite tunes and ways to use these songs to build oral language skills at home:

- "Old McDonald Had a Farm" change it to "Oh my mommy had a farm....oh my daddy had a farm!" **possessive work**
- "The Wheels on the Bus" change it to "The Popcorn at the Circus...goes pop, pop, pop. The soda goes slurp, slurp, slurp, peanuts go crunch, crunch....**sound/object association**
- "Good Morning to You" change it to good night, good afternoon, providing early **concepts of time**
- "Happy Birthday to You" change it to a different holiday....Happy Halloween, Merry Christmas, Happy Easter, Happy Valentine's Day **and increase concepts of time related to holidays celebrated on the calendar**
- "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" Change the boat to a canoe, drive drive drive your car... and increase your child's **oral vocabulary skills**
- "The Itsy Bitsy Spider" Change the size of the spider to a great big spider, a teeny tiny spider, a very old spider, a very sad spider and increase your child's use of **descriptive adjectives**
- "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes"
- "Oh Do you know the Muffin Man?"
- Sing about the days of the week....this one is sung to the tune of the Addams Family..."Days of the Week, days of the week, days of the week. There's Sunday and there's Monday, There's Tuesday and there's Wednesday, There's Thursday and There's Friday and Saturday. Days of the Week, Days of the Week, Days of the Week."
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