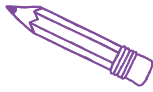


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CLAP HANDS: HERE COME THE KITTENS

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Little kittens are getting out and about! What will they see and who will they meet? Join four playful kittens as they play and explore. The simple text is perfect to share with babies. The touch and feel element on each page will engage your baby's curiosity as there is so much to discover in this book.



Clap, clap and make some noise

You will need:

- You and your baby
- Kitchenware such as a teaspoon, plastic cup and small containers.

What to do:

1. Spend time playing with your baby and make some noisy music
2. Tap a plastic spoon on a plastic cup or container. Show your baby how to tap with their hands, and create sounds on different surfaces, a high chair is perfect!
3. Show your baby how different sounds can be made. For example you can use a metal teaspoon and then a plastic teaspoon – can you hear the difference? You are your baby's favourite play companion so as they attempt to join in, applaud and encourage their efforts. This is a simple activity that will help your baby to develop curiosity.



Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.

More ideas

In this story the reader is guided to clap their hands to applaud the kittens when they try something new. You might like to sing songs that have simple hand actions in them. Songs that have gentle clapping or hand gestures are important to share with babies because while you share songs you are matching actions to the words you are singing or chanting. See words and actions for *Open, Shut Them* on the next page.

Songs to sing

Old MacDonald had a Farm, Open, Shut Them and Incy Wincy Spider.

Key message

Children learn by watching and copying.

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Open, Shut Them

Open, shut them, open, shut them.

Give a little clap.

Open, shut them, open, shut them.

Lay them in your lap.

Creep them, creep them.

Creep them, creep them.

Right up to your chin.

Open wide your little mouth.

But do not let them in!

Shake them, shake them.

Shake them, shake them.

Shake them just like this.

Roll them, roll them.

Roll them, roll them.

Blow a little kiss.

This rhyme helps your child's coordination as they discover what they can do with their arms, hands and fingers.



ACTIONS (1st VERSE):

With your elbows close to your side, open and shut your forearms and hands like you would when clapping.

ACTIONS (2nd VERSE):

Start with your fingers curled into a fist then open and shut your fingers and spread your fingers wide. Then shake your fingers when you sing the second line.

ACTIONS (3rd VERSE):

Stretch your arms wide out to each side & end the song by giving your child a big cuddle.