

# Clapping Songs

## Primary Objectives

15c. Notices and discriminates discrete units of sound

## Why It's Important

Playing with sounds is an effective and fun way to help your child become familiar with the sounds he hears every day.

## Materials

None

## What You Do

1. Think of a few simple rhyming songs that will be easy for your child to learn and remember.
2. Invite your child to sing a few songs with you. Have him listen as you clap out the sounds in the words while singing *Miss Mary Mack, Mack, Mack, all dressed in black, black, black...*
3. Ask your child to join in clapping and chanting along with you. Slow down the tempo of the song as needed so that he can sing and clap along. Experiment with different rhythms and words.
4. Demonstrate how to make up a new song to clap to. Invite him to make up new songs for you both to sing and clap to together.
5. Continue the activity for as long as your child is interested.
6. Use this activity to transition from one activity to another during your day together. Encourage your child to sing one of the songs to other family members.