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Song Card Notebook

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Who Has the Tennis Ball?



Learner Goals

I can practice passing a desirable object.

LYRICS

Acka-lacka-tacka-lacka, Jermemiah Joe!

Everybody's voice sounds different you know.

Acka-lacka-tacka-lacka, Kansas City Stan!

Who has the tennis ball in their hand?

I have the tennis ball in my hand.

ACTIVITY

Passing is a tricky skill for young children! Let's add some passing practice to your day with this simple game. Sing the song as you pass the tennis ball – or bean bag, block, any easily graspable object you have at hand – back and forth. Make a version for the whole family and pass the object in a circle. Whoever is holding the object when it is time to sing the words, "I have the tennis ball in my hand" gets to answer the question by singing all by themselves! Repeat the game until your child decides to stop. Change up the objects you pass. Practice passing s-l-o-w-l-y as demonstrated in our wonderful barbershop quartet performance.

Our music videos provide an opportunity for YOU to learn a new song so that you can sing it face-to-face with your child. Your child likes your voice best, so share your voice as you enjoy this song together.



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Character Song Card

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Our character song cards are a fun and beneficial way to bring music and connection into your family's routine. They empower your child to choose songs for you to sing together, making music a collaborative and joyful experience.



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Making Your Cards Last:

To get started, simply print the cards, trim them, and cover them with packing tape to make them durable for little hands. Storing them in a small bag makes it easy to bring your "Bag of Songs" along in the car, your purse, or a diaper bag.

How They Benefit Your Child:

Boosts Early Literacy:

As your child chooses a card, they begin to connect a picture with a specific song. This is a foundational step in understanding that pictures have meaning, which is a crucial early literacy skill.

Fosters Predictability & Security:

This simple, shared routine of choosing and singing songs offers your child the predictability, structure, and connection they crave. These experiences help to soothe and regulate their feelings, making them feel safe and understood.

Provides a Great Diversion:

Your "Bag of Songs" is a perfect, on-the-go tool to help with tricky moments like car rides or waiting at the doctor's office.





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