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Song Card Notebook

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Learner Goals

I can practice one-to-one correspondence to count objects.

LYRICS

1. Early in the morning at eight o'clock, you can hear the postman knock.
Up jumps **daddy** to open the door. One letter, two letters, three letters, four.
2. Repeat first verse but substitute **mommy** or any other caring adult in your child's life.
3. Early in the morning at eight o'clock, you can hear the postman knock.
Up jumps **doggie** to bark at the door. One bark, two barks, three barks, four!

ACTIVITY

Our video model for this song adds a fun way to include the "knock at the door"—a cutting board! Show your child how to "knock" on the cutting board one time for each number: *one, two, three, four*. You can add a spoon for a drumstick if that feels more comfortable for your child to play the numbers on the cutting board. Your child is practicing an early math skill called one-to-one correspondence. They are learning that each object in a set is matched to a single counting word.

Customize the lyrics to fit your family.

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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