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# **Song Card Notebook**

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# I Have Something in My Pocket



## Learner Goals

I can sing a song about the emotion called HAPPY.

## LYRICS

I have something in my pocket. It belongs upon my face.  
I keep it very close at hand in a most convenient place.  
I'm sure you'll never guess it if you guessed a long, long while.  
So, I'll take it out and put it on. It's my great big happy SMILE!

## ACTIVITY

This song has been a staple of the Girl Scouts since the 1940s. The message is as relevant as ever, with our current prioritization of social-emotional learning to help children prepare for school success. Add actions as you sing the song. Your toddler may take some time to master the lyrics but be able to imitate your motor motions from the start! The song and actions are modeled in our short video.

Real learning happens when we take the time to remind children of new information across the routines and environments of their day. Tell your child that you love their "great big happy smile" when they are happy or offer your smile in response to one of their great choices! "I am smiling because you found your shoes all by yourself."

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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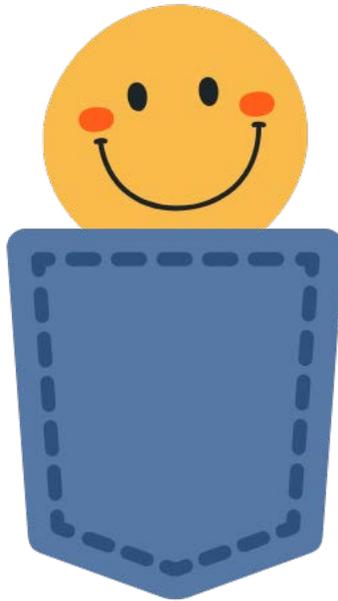
# Character Song Card

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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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