

Where is...? Song

Learning Value:

Simple songs with repeating words encourage language development. This song also addresses the concept of object permanence by showing that even though an infant cannot see something fully, it still exists.

Materials Needed:

- ▶ None needed
- ▶ Scarf (optional to extend experience)

Participants:

This activity is intended for adult/child interaction.

Directions:

- ▶ **Step One:** As you sing the song, exaggerate the movement with your hands and body. You can rotate between using your name and your child's name.
- ▶ **Step Two:** Sing to the tune of "Are You Sleeping?"
Where is _____ (*your child's name*)?
Where is _____ (*your child's name*)?
Here I am,
Here I am,
Do a little wave,
Do a little clapping,
Turn around,
Turn around.
- ▶ **Step Three:** After singing once or twice without the scarf, add in an element of peek-a-boo by using a scarf to cover your face when you say "where is."

Learn More:

Continue singing this song with your child over time. As your child becomes more familiar with it and language continues to develop, the song can be adjusted to different words with the same tune. For example, "turn around" could be "how are you?"