

Up Up Containers

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With 6 plastic containers (with lids) and 5 favorite sound association toys you can have lots of fun listening while playing this great game.

Get ready by hiding a toy in 5 of the six containers. Have the containers out of your child's reach. Pick up a container and say "Wow! What's in here? Shake Shake Shake".. Shake the container and if a toy rattles inside, put your finger to your ear and say "I hear that!". Then sing "OOOPEN!" as you open the lid to peek inside. Say the sound that goes with the toy you see (without showing it to your child. Then put back on the lid and hand the container to your child. They may want to "shake shake shake" (say it for them if after a wait they don't) and then help them to open the container (sing "Open" again). When your child looks inside, wait to see if he says the sound. Make the sound yourself as you take the item out to play with it

When the toy loses its interest, say "Bye Bye *Airplane*" to the airplane or "Bye Bye _____" to other toys. Put it back into the container. and put it aside. Say "Do you want more?" in a sing song voice. Choose another container and repeat the phrases above. If this container is the empty one, look confused and say "Oh Oh! All Gone! It's empty". Sing "Open" and then show your child there is nothing inside.

As you finish with each container, stack it on the others while saying "UP UP UP UP". Let your child try too. Give him a chance to say "UP" and say it for him if after a good pause he doesn't.

At the end pretend to sneeze and knock down your tower. Lots of chances for meaningful phrases, words and sounds. Have Fun!

play time: 12 to 18 months

