

Resources:

Online ASL Dictionaries:

<http://www.aslpro.com>

<http://commtechlab.msu.edu/sites/aslweb/browser.htm>

ASL Video/DVD series

<http://www.signingtime.com>

Animal signs are on Volume 9-Zoo train.

Functional/daily signs are on Volume 1-My First Signs

ASL Clip art software used in creating this booklet:

ASL Clip and Create, Version III

<http://idrt.com>

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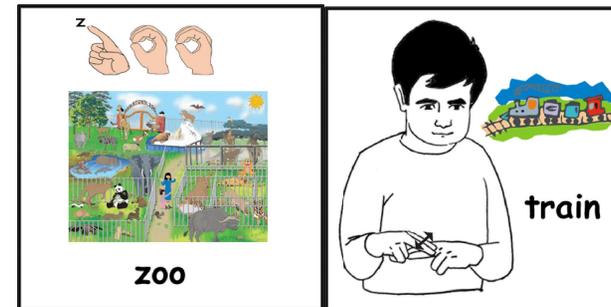
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## *American Sign Language (ASL) with Babies and Toddlers*

We're going to the zoo, zoo, zoo;  
How about you, you, you?  
You can come too, too, too.  
We're going to the zoo, zoo, zoo.

## Signing with toddlers

Signing serves two purposes with the toddler. The first is to provide an additional means of communication for the child who doesn't yet have a given word in their vocabulary or who cannot yet articulate it clearly. Giving a child signs to use can often reduce tantrums and frustration for the child and for you. It can also make early speech more comprehensible as often a child's signs will be clearer than his or her words. Toddlers usually pick up ASL quickly, and can learn signs quite quickly. It is not atypical for a child to have well over 100 signs before age 2. The conceptual nature of ASL and the visual and tactile experience given by signing often makes learning and generalizing concepts easier for the toddler exploring their world, and gives them something concrete for many abstract ideas.

Animals are a natural place to include ASL. Most of the animal signs are very logical and many are ones children will do naturally. I hope you enjoy this extra supplement for Kindermusik Sign and Sing this summer.

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	Monkey- Scratch your sides like a monkey	Monkey See, Monkey Do
	Elephant- Show the elephant's long trunk with your hand.	The Elephant Stomp
	Lion Show the lion's mane	I'm a lion
	Bear- Wrap yourself in a big bear hug, then scratch with the bear's claws.	Polar Bear
	Bird- Show the bird's beak with your thumb and pointer finger.	Parrot Talk Kookaburra 10 little chicks

	Seal- Clap the back of your hands together, like a seal's flippers	Seal in the Sea
	Penguin Put your hands on your sides, and waddle like a penguin	Penguin Wobble-Wobble
	Zebra Show the stripes running all over the Zebra's body	Glide and Gallop
	Giraffe- Show the giraffe's long neck.	Glide and Gallop
	Pony- Using the H handshape, show the horse's ear on your head.	My Pony, Joe Trot, trot, trot

### *Snack time Signs*

	Eat/Food-bring the food to your mouth
	Drink-bring the cup up to your mouth
	More- Bring your fingertips together
	All Done- Swing your hands out like you're holding and then dropping something,
	Please- Your hand circles on your chest

	<p>Thank you- Your hand comes from your mouth, bringing your good thought with it</p>
	<p>Clean- One hand wipes the other clean. To indicate "Clean Up", repeat the motion twice</p>

Other information:

- 1) **Will teaching my child sign language delay his/her speech development?** NO! This is a common misconception. In fact all the research supports it does the complete opposite and enhances your child's speech & language development. Research has also shown that children who sign speak earlier and have larger vocabularies than those children who don't sign!
- 2) **How does signing stimulate the brain development?** Spoken language is stored in the left hemisphere of the brain. Visual information is stored in the right side. When you speak and sign to your baby, he uses both hemispheres, thereby developing a greater portion of his brain..

### 3. How do I sign the ABCs?

Here are the basic Alphabet and number handshapes.



### 4. Where do I learn more?

Visit [Tunes4Tykes.net](http://Tunes4Tykes.net) for Sign and Sing, a 2- part course which introduces basic ASL and strategies for teaching infants and toddlers to sign! There are also additional resources on the back of this booklet. For more information call Darcy Logan at 218-1411 or 355-6108