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Sign With Your Baby: How To Communicate With Infants Before They Can Speak



Synopsis

Trusted by more than 2,500,000 parents, medical professionals, teachers, childcare professionals . . . and babies . . . worldwide! Sign2Me Early Learning's Best Seller, "Sign with your Baby" is truly the Grandfather of all ASL Baby Sign Language programs! This is the program that launched the ASL Baby Sign Language revolution. This book teaches hearing parents how to use simple sign language gestures to communicate with their hearing infants before their infants can speak. Joseph Garcia uses anecdotes, practical guidelines and humor to explain the benefits and method for taking advantage of this unique form of early communication. He will help you recognize when your child is receptive to learning. He recommends which signs to teach first and shares ideas for games that can be fun and useful when introducing new signs. The book is also a useful reference with 145 clearly illustrated signs, enabling you to choose and teach the signs that will be most beneficial to you and your child. This book is also included in a separate "package" edition called the SIGN with your BABY Complete Learning Kit - which is comprised of the book, 60 minute training video and quick reference guide.

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Customer Reviews

I have to disagree with Proudparent's review. I first bought the book Baby Signs and found it to be the equivalent of a long article about why teaching your baby to communicate non-verbally is a good thing with some examples of signs that parents had made up on their own. I was already convinced that signing was a good thing and so while I found the book interesting I didn't find it useful. When I

ran across Garcia's Sign With Your Baby, is was much more of a "How-To" that helped me get started. I really like that he advocates use of American Sign Language, it took some of the pressure off us trying to think up appropriate signs. Plus it's a bonafide, beautiful language. We were even able to take out children's books at the library that had the ASL signs along with the English text. Our baby didn't have a problem with the basic signs, we did adapt some ASL signs to make it easier and on occasion made up our own signs. Like Baby Signs, the Garcia book is a bit light, I would have preferred something more comprehensive, but of the two books about signing with your baby, I found it to be the more useful. Our playgroup all taught our babies how to sign in ASL and it's made babysitting each other's children so much easier. Whichever book you use (or neither, you don't really need a book), do try signing with your baby. It's so much fun for parents, grandparents and babies. Our daughter is talking now, but still uses her signs sometimes. It opened up her world to us so much earlier than we would have thought possible.

This book is a wonderful tool for parents wishing to teach their baby to sign. Much of the frustration of the toddler years results from a child's inability to communicate with others. I only wish that I had started earlier with my children. I began teaching my twins to sign at 16 months. Within 3 weeks, my son was signing "more" spontaneously. My daughter was resistant to signing at first and then finally would sign when she thought no one was looking. Now she does it openly and with a big smile since she realizes the power of communication! At 18 months now, they both sign "more", "milk", "please" and "mama". We have also made up a few signs like "blankie" that they are learning to use. It has really reduced some of the frustration in my home, and I plan to continue to use sign with them for as long as it remains useful. I do have a background in sign (I am an audiologist), but this book is simple enough for anyone without any knowledge of sign language to use. A must for every parent of an infant or toddler.

Amazing results. My wife and I started to sign to our daughter at 3 months, Milk, Dog, Mom, Dad, Bright Light, and sleep. At 6 months old she was asking to be nursed without crying, at 8 months old she was communicating with us for food, drink, play, naps, diaper change, dog etc.. At one year she was using over 50 signs. Now that she is two, she speaks like a 6 year old, complete sentences, coherent conversations about a single topic, and is beginning to work out written words. Stick with the signing in the book for 3-4 months and watch your child's vocabulary explode before she's one. We also believe we avoided a very frustrating time for both us and our daughter by being able to communicate with her so early and telling us her needs and wants. Invest the \$15, and stick with

the program, it will amaze you and your family.

I saw the author speak and bought the book from him. My son was about 11 months when we started and his first sign was "milk" which we used for "I want to nurse." He was learning to talk at the same time, but signing was initially much easier and quicker. It let him tell us things that we weren't always thinking about, like that he was thirsty, or saw the moon. It really added another dimension to our lives. Our son was an early verbal child, which suggests that signing may have helped him along. Signing is very fun and you don't have to learn a lot of signs. I would heartily suggest it for every parent and baby.

Sign With Your Baby is an easy to understand and excellent resource to begin teaching your baby sign language; however, it should not be your only resource. I purchased Sign With Your Baby when my child was 3 months old -- much earlier than the author recommends. Though my child is now 5 months and still too young to make the signs himself, he is becoming increasingly familiar with the signs and does tend to focus on the increased activity of my hands. On the other hand, I feel that the signs offered are limited. Signs included in the text cover family members, pets and animals, feelings (i.e. happy, hurt, scared, etc . . .) and food. However, they do not cover things as simple as the alphabet, colors or toys. Often, I find myself referring to the book for a sign I would like to use and am disappointed that it isn't covered in the text. I definitely recommend purchasing Sign With Your Baby; however, I would supplement it with a Dictionary of American Sign Language.

This was the first book I read about baby sign language. It is a great introduction, but doesn't go much further past "why to sign" and to sign every time you say the word. Parents are busy and yes consistency is nice, but it didn't give you many tips on how to share the signs with your baby. It gave you some ideas for what signs to introduce first and a few games to play to reinforce the signs, but did not give much info on how to easily integrate the signs into your daily activities with your child. This book has a great sign dictionary in the back though with signs commonly used by the little ones and that is part of the reason why I gave it 4 stars instead of 3. Another bonus for this book is that it lists and recommends only ASL signs. I have signed with my own children and my daycare children and ASL is not too hard for the children and has so many benefits for them. For a book full of activities and strategies for introducing signs very easily in everyday interactions with your baby I would recommend Signing Smart with Babies and Toddlers which also uses ASL signs. What is handy from Sign with Your Baby though and I would recommend is their quick reference card which

is great to pop into the diaper bag.

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