

Everybody Gather 'Round

Primary Objectives

1b. Follows limits and expectations

Why It's Important

Providing verbal direction and adult modeling helps your child learn to follow daily routines. Singing a song about the transition gets his attention and helps him focus on what you are doing.

Materials

None

What You Do

1. During a transition time when you would like your child to come to where you are, sing the following song (to the tune of "London Bridge"): *Everybody gather 'round, gather 'round, gather 'round. Everybody gather 'round on the carpet.*
2. Substitute different locations as necessary (e.g., in the kitchen, on the porch, in the bathroom, or by the front door).
3. Use hand gestures as you sing to provide visual cues for your child.
4. Notice when your child joins you. *You came when you saw me wave my hands like this.*
5. Explain the transition so he knows what is going to happen next.