

BusyBugs Play and Talk Program

Beginner Bug Activity 6. This Little Piggy



Your BB will love to play this game lots of times - especially when he knows there's a tickle coming!

Adult's job:

Do it
again...
and again

By repeating rhymes, songs and stories over and over again, your baby learns to anticipate what is going to happen next.

Baby's job:

Be
ready
for the
end

With repetition, your BB will begin to show you that he is ready for the end i.e. the tickle!

What you need:

- This Little Piggy puppet mitt.

What you do:

1. Put the mitt on and show your baby each piggy finger as you say the rhyme.
2. **Wait** a few seconds on the last finger, to see if your baby starts to giggle when he knows the last tickle is coming up!
3. **With enough repetition your baby will learn this rhyme ends in a tickle.** He will show this by giggling or trying to squirm away when you pause before the last piggy.
4. You can vary this game, by doing it without the mitt on your baby's hands or feet. See if he tries to reverse it by playing on your hands, or if he begins the game by bringing the book to you. These skills show great learning.



"This little piggy went to market"



More ways to play:

"Round and round the garden" is another great rhyme that you can play on baby's hands or feet, and it ends with a tickle too!

