



Fun Games to play

Imitating Baby

- **Non-verbal:** Do what baby does (e.g. If he waves his arm, you wave your arm; if he makes smacking noises with his mouth, you make smacking noises).
- **Verbal:** Say what baby says (e.g. If he says “ah”, you say “ah”; if he says “ga ga”, say “ga ga” back).

Mirror

Stand in front of a mirror with your baby. Imitate his sounds, facial expressions, and movements. Talk about the baby he sees in the mirror.

The Exaggerated Sneeze

Fake a sneeze that takes a long time to arrive. Be sure to exaggerate (ex: say “Ah-ah-ah--ah....choo!!”)

Stinky Feet

Put your nose close to baby’s feet and make a face while saying “pee-you, stinky feet”.

Bubble Fun

- Sit baby in his chair or car seat. Use a simple bubble-blowing toy to blow bubbles around him.
- Watch how he follows the bubbles with his eyes as they fall to the ground. Watch as your baby learns to reach out and “pop” the bubbles.

Choosing books for babies

Try sturdy board books with simple pictures, cloth books, “Indestructibles” books, bath books, bedtime books, peek a boo/lift the flap books, and books with photos of real items and photos of other babies.

Two Little Eyes

Two little eyes to look around.
(point to either your eyes or your baby’s eyes)
Two little ears to hear a sound.
(point to your ears or your baby’s ears)
One little nose to smell what’s sweet.
(point to your nose or your baby’s nose)
One little mouth that likes to eat.
(touch baby’s mouth)

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom

Zoom, zoom, zoom, we’re going to the moon.
Zoom, zoom, zoom, we’re going very soon.
(rub hands)
If you want to take the trip,
(move your hands upwards)
Climb aboard my rocket ship.
(pretend to climb a ladder)
5, 4, 3, 2, 1... Blast off!
(count down on fingers, then lift baby into the air)

