

Let's Talk About Touch & Feel Animal Kisses

Let your child handle this book. A young child will want to spend time both looking at and feeling the pictures. Your child may need help to squeak the nose of the pig.



What sounds do these animals make?

Can your child talk like a pig, a cow, a dog or a cat?

Can your child follow the outline of the bear's head with her finger? Can she follow the smaller circular outlines of the fish's eyes?

Look for circular shapes around the house.



Have your child trace around the outside of his plate or bowl.



Let's Play With Rhymes



Smooth Road

(Have your child face you for this bouncing rhyme.)

A smooth road, a smooth road, a smooth road, a smooth road. (*Move your knees smoothly up and down and from side to side.*)

A bumpy road, a bumpy road, a bumpy road, a bumpy road. (*Bounce fairly gently.*)

A rough road, a rough road, a rough road, a rough road. (*Bounce as vigorously as your child likes.*)

..... A hole! (*Open your knees and drop him gently into the "hole."*)

Note to Parents & Caregivers

Books with bright colours and distinct outlines are attractive to young children. Clear pictures with few details help a very young child develop pathways in the brain that help organize what he sees. Books that stimulate both a child's sense of sight and touch help him learn in two different ways at the same time.

I Love You

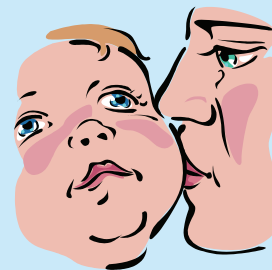
(To tune of "Skip to My Lou". Change "Sammy" to the name of your own child.)

Sammy, Sammy I love you.

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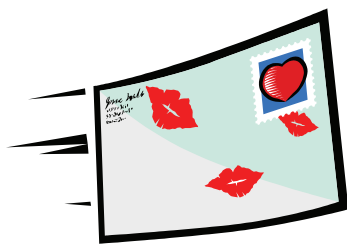
Sammy, Sammy I love you.

Here's a kiss from me to you.



Use books with simple pictures for very young children.

Let's Create



Touch and Find Kisses

Apply bright lipstick to your lips. Create "kisses" on several small pieces of paper (cut in heart shapes, if you like.)



Show your child what they look like and how you made them.

Place the kisses around the room. Encourage your child to look for them. Be sure the kisses can be at least partially seen. As your child finds them describe where they were hidden.



Let's Be Together

In this book, the animals give different kinds of kisses.
What type of kisses does your child like to give?
What type of kisses does your child like to get?

Use stuffed animals to pretend to give different types of kisses to each other.



We can
show our
love in
different
ways.



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