

# Talking Tips For Tiny Tots

## BY 3 MONTHS

### UNDERSTANDS

- Likes to listen to your voice
- Is comforted by cuddles
- Is scared by loud, angry voices
- Likes to watch your face
- Stops to listen to new sounds
- Is startled by loud noises

### EXPRESSES

- Makes different sounds: squeals, coos and cries
- Makes different cries for different needs: "I'm hungry," "I'm tired."
- Smiles at faces
- Likes singing and tickling games; takes a turn by looking, smiling and moving

### THINGS TO TRY

- Singing and tickling games, e.g. "This Little Piggy"
- When your baby coos, get face to face, smile and coo back.
- Copy the sounds your baby makes. Use a fun and lively voice and wait to see what he does next.
- Look into your baby's eyes, and speak to him softly in a sing-song voice. Smile and wait (up to 10 seconds) to see if he will try to copy your sounds.

### PLAY

- Likes face to face play with an adult
- Enjoys simple songs with silly sounds and facial expressions

### WATCH OUT FOR

- A child who is not responding to voices
- A child who is not startled by loud sounds
- A child who avoids eye contact

### TEACHABLE MOMENTS

- Talk to your baby during regular routines throughout the day such as diaper time, bath time, and dressing.
- Talk about what you are doing and use your baby's name frequently. Use real words (e.g., "give me..." not "Ta-ta").

## DON'T WAIT AND SEE!

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