



BEYOND THE BOOK GUIDE 2-3 YEARS

Happy and You Know It! by Vanja Kragulj

Book Summary

"If You're Happy and You Know It" is a classic song that parents, babies, and children love to sing together. It is filled with vocabulary to teach terms like body parts, emotions, and action words. Now your child can read or sing along to this song, while observing the beautiful illustrations in this book. Read the story again in the future to reinforce vocabulary and concepts!

Target Vocabulary

- **stomp:** to walk or trample heavily
- **shout:** to call out loudly; yell
- **hooray:** used as a way to show joy, approval, triumph, or encouragement

Before Reading the Story

- Discuss what you see on the cover of the book.
- Make predictions on what the story may be about and the setting.
- Discuss how you can use your faces to act out different emotions (ex. excitement, anger, etc.). Talk about the emotions you feel right now.
- Point and identify body parts with your child.

Sign Language

- Teach your child basic signs such as "more," "please," "thank you," "eat," and "drink." You can use the signs while singing, "If You're Happy and You Know It," which helps your child to associate the signs with the song.
- Ex. "If you're happy and you know it, say please (sign please). If you're happy and you know it, take a drink (sign drink)."
- You can also practice signing words from the book like "happy", "feet", "shout", "play" and "face" and sign colors.



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During the Story

- Read the book aloud with the pictures facing your child.
- Make predictions about the story based on the pictures.
- Provide definitions and connections for any of the target vocabulary words that may be unfamiliar.
- Have your child repeat the words that they do not know.
- Relate the details in the story to events and experiences in your everyday life.
- Ask questions throughout the story to help your child understand what's being read.

After Reading the Story

- Have your child retell the story in their own words using the pictures.
- Watch the Super Simple Songs video on YouTube of the song "If You're Happy and You Know It". Discuss what other emotions you sang about.
- Different instruments can be seen throughout this book. Find these instruments on YouTube and discuss.
- There is a picture of a child's artwork on the classroom wall. The child is smiling. Using a piece of paper and crayons, create artwork displaying different emotions.

Example Questions and Discussion Points

- What instruments are being played while the children are singing along?
- Let's name all the items in the classroom. I see a blue dresser and a cup of crayons. What do you see?
- Finish the sentence: If you're happy and you know it, stomp your _____!
- Let's touch each person in the book and talk about the colors of their clothes. Some of their clothes have shapes and food on them.
- Now let's talk about the differences in what they are wearing on their feet.
- The children are shouting "Hooray!" and there is confetti falling around them. Let's count all of the confetti together, touching each one as we count.
- Now let's say the different colors of the confetti that we see falling around the children.