



# 5 BEST WAYS TO TEACH TODDLERS TO IMITATE

*From Podcast #372 Best Ways to Teach Nonverbal Toddlers to Imitate*

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## **Social Games and Songs with Simple Hand Motions like...**

Peek a Boo

Give Me 5

Ah Boom! (Details in show)

Patty Cake

Jingle Bells

If Your Happy And You Know It

The Wheels On The Bus

Itsy Bitsy Spider

## **Deliberate Body Movements During Play like...**

Clapping

Jumping

Kicking

Karate Chop

Stomping

Dancing

Knocking

## **Routine Household Activities like...**

Wash a table

Dust Furniture

Sweep the floor

Stir with a spoon

Toast or "cheers" with cups

Vocalizing in a large pot or bowl

## **Music Toys such as...**

Bells

Shakers

Drums

Xylophone

Piano

Lollipop Drum

## **Quick One Turn Toys with a Simple Action such as...**

Electronic Toy with a SHORT song

See N Say

Easy Ball Toy

In/Out Toys

Xylophone

Piano

Lollipop Drum

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### **Resources from [teachmetotalk.com](http://teachmetotalk.com) to teach imitation:**

[Building Verbal Imitation in Toddlers](#)

[Steps to Building Verbal Imitation in Toddlers](#)

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