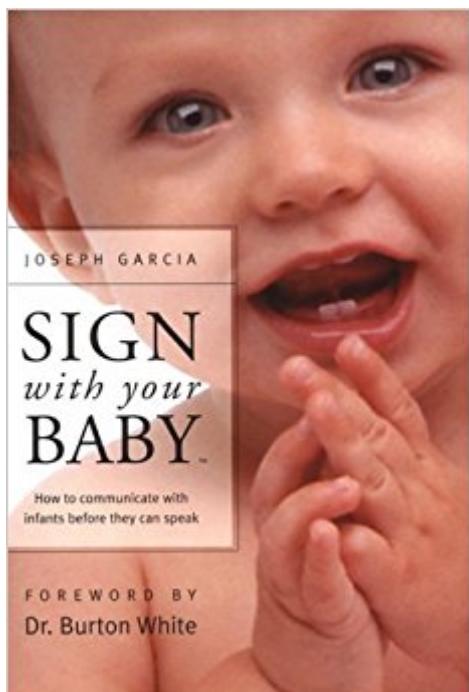


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Sign With Your Baby: How To Communicate With Infants Before They Can Speak



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Trusted by more than 2,500,000 parents, medical professionals, teachers, childcare professionals . . . and babies . . . worldwide! Sign2Me Early Learning's Best Seller, "Sign with your Baby" is truly the Grandfather of all ASL Baby Sign Language programs! This is the program that launched the ASL Baby Sign Language revolution. This book teaches hearing parents how to use simple sign language gestures to communicate with their hearing infants before their infants can speak. Joseph Garcia uses anecdotes, practical guidelines and humor to explain the benefits and method for taking advantage of this unique form of early communication. He will help you recognize when your child is receptive to learning. He recommends which signs to teach first and shares ideas for games that can be fun and useful when introducing new signs. The book is also a useful reference with 145 clearly illustrated signs, enabling you to choose and teach the signs that will be most beneficial to you and your child. This book is also included in a separate "package" edition called the SIGN with your BABY Complete Learning Kit - which is comprised of the book, 60 minute training video and quick reference guide.

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Though no one in his family is Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Dr. Joseph Garcia has always been interested in gestural language and began studying American Sign Language (ASL) in 1975. He soon began using it extensively in his personal and professional life, and eventually became a Certified Interpreter. As he became more involved with the Deaf community, he soon noticed that hearing children of deaf parents started communicating with sign language at an earlier age than hearing children did with spoken language. Intrigued by this observation, he decided to research early childhood language acquisition and the part that sign language might be able to play in the process. He chose this topic for his graduate thesis in 1986. As his research proceeded, he uncovered a great deal of information about deaf children and their language development, but could find little on hearing children using ASL signs (i.e. hearing children of deaf parents, children with deaf siblings, etc..) He began investigating the results of using ASL signs as a method of early communication between hearing children and their hearing parents, and how signing affected the onset of expressive language in preverbal infants. What he learned was that babies who are exposed to ASL signs regularly and consistently, starting at six to seven months of age, can begin using signs effectively for meaningful two-way communication by the eighth or ninth month. They will also clearly understand the meaning of the signs quite some time before they actually initiate them on their own. During the last 30 years, Joseph was principal investigator for 109 private research grants. He has developed teaching and training materials for youth-related projects in the health care industry. He was appointed to and served two years on the Alaska Governor's Committee on Employment of The Disabled. He has continued to be active in the Deaf community.

Dr. Joseph Garcia is the author of the definitive book on signing with your baby and baby sign language using ASL signs, called, "Sign with your Baby."

we started at 6 months and it took a couple of months to get started but now at 18 months he signs away!!!He uses the signs: milk, eat, more, help, please, water, read, again, all done, thank you.....On a consistent daily bases!!!!!! Highly Highly recommend!

My father had a couple friends who were deaf, so I grew up seeing sign language used, so when I heard about teaching babies how to sign, I bought this book. I started using ASL with my son at 9mo, and at 4yo we still sign! I've seen other books that use non-ASL sign language, and that seems quite silly to teach your child a language that isn't official, especially seeing that my son still uses some of the signs he's learned. This book was very easy to read and use, and is perfect for anyone who hasn't had any experience with signing. I've given this book to 4 couples as baby shower presents, and they've loved it. I firmly believe that using sign language with my son before he could speak reduced the "terrible twos," because it gave him a way to communicate his needs and wants to us. We used signing in conjunction with speaking, and signing didn't hinder his speech development at all. In fact, I think it helped him start talking sooner. A friend of mine started signing with her daughter at 2yo who DID have speech development problems, and this actually helped reduce her daughter's frustration while they did speech development "exercises."

We used this with our son, and I have recommended it to many pregnant friends. The book teaches you real ASL signs for the types of things you are most likely to use with a baby or toddler (ex. more, milk, eat, help, where, etc). Our son was signing well by a year, and was able to ask for things before he could speak - this cuts down on sooo much frustration on both ends! When he started talking it was helpful because sometimes I couldn't understand the word he was saying, so I would ask for the sign. Even now that he is a 2 year old who never stops talking, he still occasionally signs. It's fun and easy, very rewarding, and the book explains the simple signs very well.

I don't usually write reviews but I really feel this book deserves it! I started signing "milk" with my daughter when she was 6 months old, and by 7 months she's got it down and asks every time she wants to nurse. It's so cool to watch her face when I acknowledge what she's asking for - she's clearly very happy and satisfied to be able to tell me what she wants and get it. I can't wait to teach her more. Excellent book!!

I brought this when my first child was 1 year old. We used the video a lot, but the book and other materials in the set were not used that much. The video is great, because it helps to give direction of what signs to teach first. Also, since it has babies and parents in the video, my son just liked to watch the video. This helped me to learn the signs faster. The only problem that we had with the whole system was my ability to learn the signs, so I could teach them to my child. I was able to teach all of the signs presented in the video, but I did not advance beyond that. Even though our family signing vocabulary was only about 20 words, since they were the 20 most important words in my child's life, the video was still very beneficial to our family. Definitely buy the video. As for the book, as other people suggested, look into other ASL sources.

The whole concept of being able to have meaningful communication with your baby before language develops is so important. A parent longs to be capable of understanding needs and observing the environment with their baby/toddler. How rewarding to find something simple that really helps that social interchange take place early.

We bought this for a library book because I think our dog chewed up the original. Anyways...lol....we got the book because we taught our then 6 month old to sign simple things and then kept at it. It really helped us understand him. He would (and still does, he's now 2 and a half) be frustrated because he couldn't get a point across or say what he needed. Sign helps this immensely.

This is a great intro book if you are interested in signing with your baby. I did this with both my kids and honestly don't understand why EVERYBODY doesn't do it. You get to "see" what your child is thinking months before your child can talk. The book gives some good ideas on when to do signs (when you see baby look at something they are interested, and then look at you, etc.) For the signs I chose, if they weren't in the book, sometimes I would just look them up online, and/or after baby gets the idea, they often make up their own signs of things they like. Even after your toddler is talking, signs help support their communication because sometimes it is hard to understand a toddler's speech!

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