

Skidamarink- a-Dink-a- Dink

This song is fun. It plays with language, and it is short. You can find it on YouTube: [Skidamarink A Dink A Dink | Nursery Rhyme | Super Simple Songs - YouTube](#)

Skidamarink lyrics and fingerplays

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 I love you in the morning (palm-up flat hand on the right hand to represent the sun rising up from beneath the horizon. The wrist of the right hand contacts the left hand's fingers.)

And in the afternoon. (right flat hand at a "2 o'clock" position pointing ahead and somewhat up.)
 I love you in the evening (Hold your hand horizontally across your stomach; arch the other hand up and over it)
 Underneath the moon. (make your thumb and index finger into a C-shape, while keeping your other fingers curled. Start with the C-shape around your eye level or forehead, and move it up and away from your body.)

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At-Home Activities:

1. The hand motions help develop language. Babies and toddlers acquire motor skills before speech, and practicing signs in songs can move that along. Practice the gestures and hand motions yourself until they feel pretty natural. Encourage imitation with hand over hand support.
2. Read books about love!

Counting Kisses by Karen Katz
Llama, Llama I Love You by Anna Dewdney
Hugs and Kisses for the Grouchy LadyBug by Eric Carle
The Day It Rained Hearts by Felicia Bond

Tips for Making Music with Toddlers:

1. Make music with your little one every day!
2. If you can't sing well, sing loud.

Adaptations: If the signs/hand movements are too much, young musicians appreciate shaker instruments. You could go to artsymomma.com/egg-carton-maracas-our-cinco-de-mayo-crafts.html for directions to make egg carton maracas. No eggs? Put some rice or beans in a lidded container or use an old rattle. Music is everywhere.

