

Let's talk about Mama, Do You Love Me?

By Barbara M. Joosse

Mama, Do You Love Me? is a universal story of a child testing the limits of her independence. There is a very special love between parent and child. It is a bond that transcends all boundaries of time and place. The beautiful illustrations follow the text allowing you



and your child to imagine things as the daughter imagines them. One of the principles for reading with your deaf child offered by the Le Clerc Centre's Shared Reading Project is to **"adjust signing style to fit the story."** The pacing of *Mama, Do You Love Me?* is slow and steady. Move your body so that you are signing on one side or the other encouraging your child to follow the rhythm of the story. You can slow your signing down to reflect how the story would be voiced if read aloud.

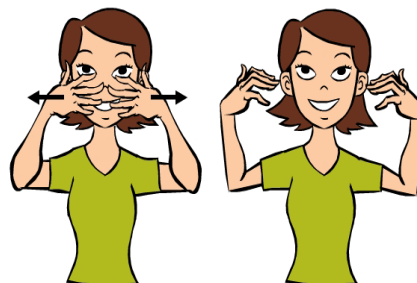
Let's Play with Rhymes

In this ASL rhyme the "5" handshape is repeated in all the ASL animal words. The location of the ASL words is in the order from top (head) to waist level. Start by covering your face for the "peek-a-boo". Follow the "peek-a-boo" with the ASL animal sign. After a few tries your child will anticipate the final animal and the tickles that follow.

Peek-a-boo LION



Peek-a-boo TIGER



WHERE DID YOU GO?

Peek-a-boo is a fun game to play with your infant or toddler. Even your preschooler will enjoy anticipating what comes next!

Like the daughter in *Mama, Do You Love Me?* your child wants to know that you will be there for him as he learns and grows. You will see the excitement in your child's eyes as you 'reappear'.

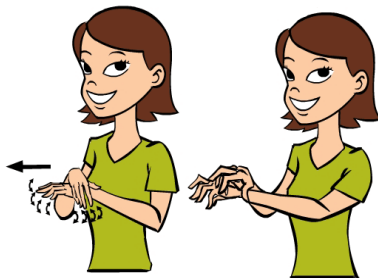
Peek-a-boo BEAR



Peek-a-boo MONKEY

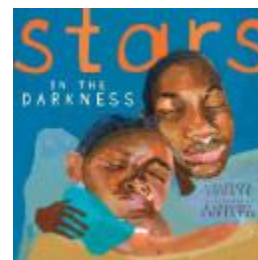
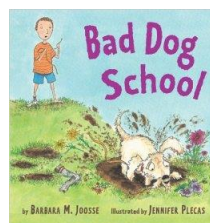
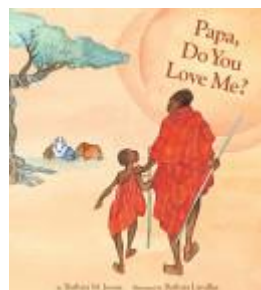
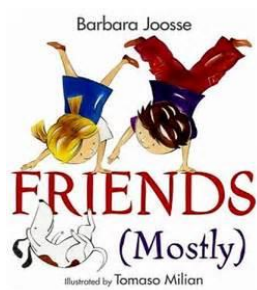


Peek-a-boo SPIDER (the spider reaches over and tickles your child)



Read More About It!

Here are 4 other books by Barbara M. Josse for you to enjoy.





Let's Create

A paper plate, some cotton balls and markers is all you need to create a paper plate self-portrait. Your child can imagine herself wearing a parka like the daughter in the book. What if she ran away and sang with the wolves and slept in a cave? Would you be worried? Would you love her still?

Let's Play Together

Some arctic animals live on land and some live in the sea. Some live both on land and in the sea! Included in this tip sheet is a page with the land and the sea as well as a page of arctic animals. Print these pages. Colour and cut out the arctic animals—these are the same animals that are in the story. Place the animals where they belong—on the land or in the sea. Practice the ASL signs for each animal. You and your child can talk about where you belong. At home? At school? With family? With friends?

