

1 Sit by me

RESOURCES ▶ CD track 3 ▶ Children's book

☐ Choose this song

- To gather people together.
- To signal the start of a singing or music time.
- To allow children to join in when they're ready.

☐ Get ready

- Place yourself where there is room for others to join you, e.g. on the carpet.
- Have props or instruments to hand.
- Think of actions the children can join in with as they gather to you.
- Adapt the words of the song to suit your situation, e.g. 'if you want to clap your hands', 'if you want to play a drum'.

☐ Sing this song

- Sing the song through as many times as it takes to gather the children together.
- Encourage the children to join in with singing and the actions as they gather.

☐ Ideas

Listening and movement

1. In a larger space, change the words of the song to encourage the children to use bigger movements, e.g. 'if you want to swing your arms, swing with me'.
2. Repeat Idea 1, but this time play a drum to help support your singing, the beat, and the movement.

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Melody: London Bridge
Words: Alison Street

Happily



1. If you want to sing a song, sing a song, sing a song.
2. If you want to play a drum, play a drum, play a drum.



If you want to sing a song, sit by me.
If you want to play a drum, sit by me.