

Cloverbuds: Good Vibrations: The Science of Sound

Things to Try at Home

Silent Finger Spelling

Materials:

Clean hands

Book: *Moses Goes to a Concert* or *Moses Sees a Play* by Isaac Millman

Optional: Children's video or DVD on sign language from your local library

What to do:

- Read together *Moses Goes to a Concert* or *Moses Sees a Play* by Isaac Millman.
- In *Moses Goes to a Concert*, Moses and his classmates feel the sound vibrations from the music. In *Moses Sees a Play*, Moses and his classmates see a play done in American Sign Language and English. Discuss different ways people communicate with each other besides talking (phone, sign language, writing, email, pictures, symbols). How do we communicate with sound and how do we communicate without sounds?
- Talk about how you would introduce yourself to someone who could not hear you or did not know your language.
- Look at the chart below and see if you can spell the names of each family member using your hands. Look at *Moses Goes to a Concert* or *Moses Sees a Play*. What other words can you sign using the pictures in the book?
- Optional: borrow a children's video or DVD on sign language from your local library and view it together. Try doing some of the signs together.

American Manual Alphabet

Along with sign language and lip reading, many deaf people also communicate with the manual alphabet, which uses finger positions that correspond to the letters of the alphabet to spell out words and names.

