

# Story Time with Signs & Rhymes

## Activities for Older Children



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# How to Use This Guide

## In this packet you will find:

- an alphabet poster with ASL fingerspelling illustrations
- Crack the Secret Code! worksheets and answer keys
- a numbers poster with ASL fingerspelling illustrations
- flashcards featuring ASL fingerspelling illustrations and simple math equations using the numbers 1–10
- flashcards featuring ASL signs for feelings

## Letters

The alphabet poster is a colorful visual reference that can be used throughout your alphabet learning activities and fingerspelling practice with older children. You can sing “The Alphabet Song” and practice each gesture as it’s sung, following along with the poster if needed. Focus on helping each child learn to fingerspell his or her own name. Also use the poster to aid children as they attempt to solve the Crack the Secret Code! worksheets.

## Crack the Secret Codes! worksheets

Start by reviewing the fingerspelling gestures illustrated on the alphabet poster. Let the children solve the puzzle by recalling gestures from memory, matching the illustrations from the poster, or both. After the worksheets are completed successfully, guide students to [www.asl.ms](http://www.asl.ms), where they can continue to practice their fingerspelling. Download an ASL fingerspelling font onto school or library computers from <http://www.lifeprint.com/asl101/pages-layout/gallaudettruetypefont.htm>, – then encourage students to use it to create their own secret messages to exchange with their friends.

## Numbers

The numbers poster is a colorful visual reference that can be used throughout your number learning activities and fingerspelling numbers practice with older children. You can start by singing “Ten Little Monkeys” and practice each gesture as it’s sung, following along with the poster. Work your way up to “99 Bottles of Pop on the Wall” if students feel confident enough! Focus especially on any numbers that are important to each student, such as their birthdays or ages. And, use the poster as a gentle aid as they attempt to practice with the math flashcards.

## Math Flashcards

These can be used traditionally, to practice each number sign over and over, or they can be used more playfully. For instance, instead of using the printable to make flashcards, print and attach the pieces to cardstock to create a matching game. Turn all the cards over and help children match the math equation card to the card with the sign for the correct answer. If this is too advanced for your play group, print two copies of the hand signs and create a game of memory.

## Feelings Flashcards

These can be used traditionally, to practice each color sign over and over, or they can be used more playfully. For instance, instead of using the printable to make flashcards, print and attach the pieces to cardstock to create a matching game. Turn all the cards over and help children match the color card to the card with the right sign. If this is too advanced for your play group, print two copies of the hand signs and create a game of memory.



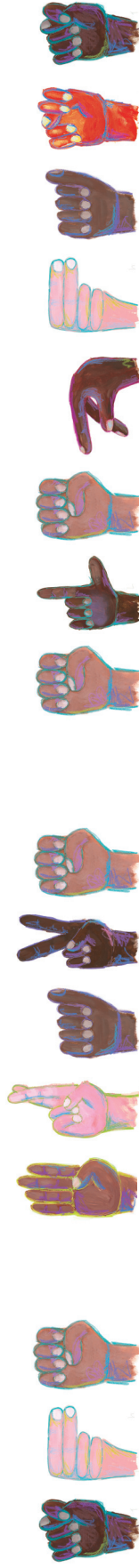
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Use your fingerspelling skills to decode the hidden message!

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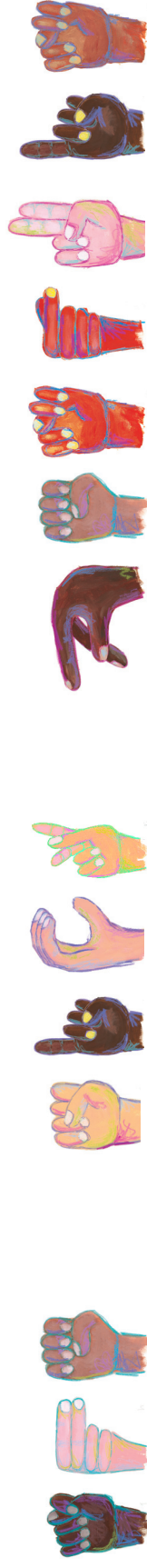
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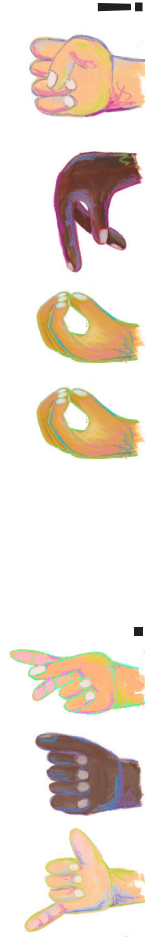
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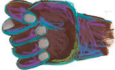




























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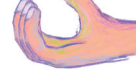





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T H E S I C K P E N G U I N



S N E Z E D O N T H E



Y A K O O P S !



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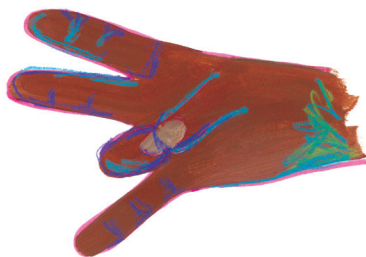
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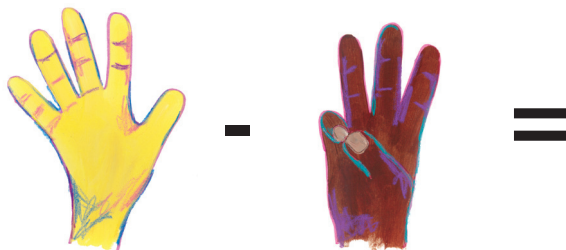
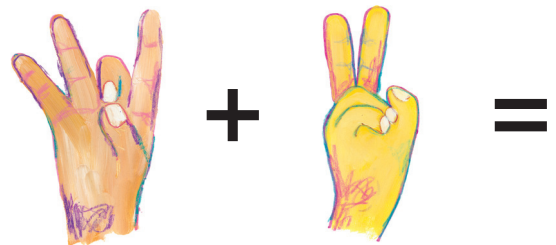
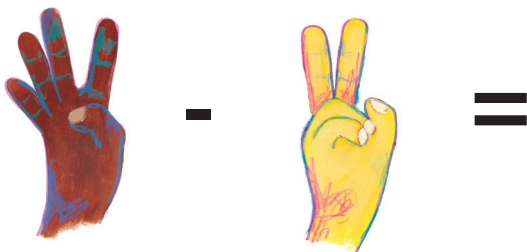
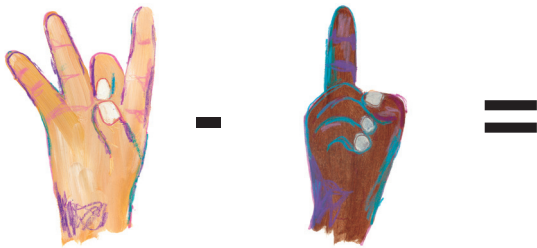
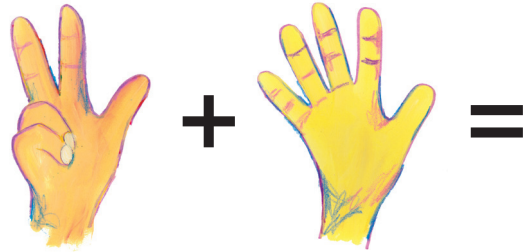
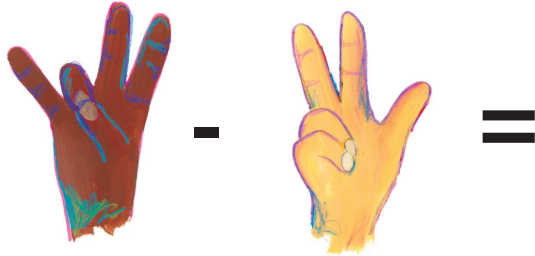
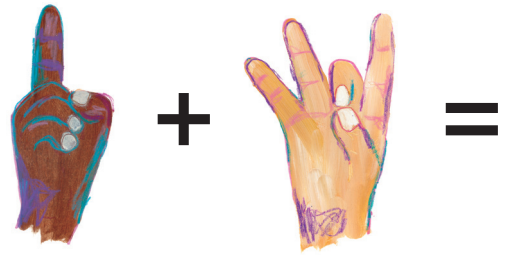
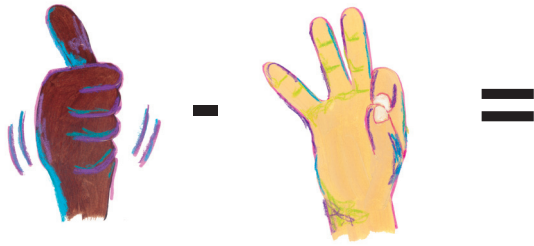
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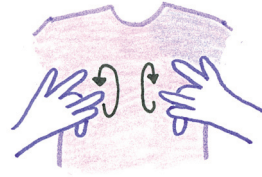
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Nervous

Excited

Proud

Guilty

Sad

Happy

Scary

Lonely

Sorry

Mad