

# Story Time with Signs & Rhymes

## Activities for Young 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 for the numbers 1–10
- flashcards featuring ASL signs for colors

## Letters

The alphabet poster is a colorful visual reference that can be used throughout your alphabet learning activities and fingerspelling practice with younger children. You can sing “The Alphabet Song” and practice each gesture as it’s sung, following along with the poster. Help teach a child to fingerspell his or her own name by pointing out each illustration in the correct order. And, use it to aid children as they attempt to solve the Crack the Secret Code! worksheets.

## Crack the Secret Code! 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. You can give them helpful clues by pointing out places where gestures repeat in the phrase. Once they have completed a worksheet, help them sound out the words to the secret message!

## Numbers

The numbers poster is a colorful visual reference that can be used throughout your number learning activities and fingerspelling numbers practice with younger children. You can sing “Ten Little Monkeys” or “Ten Little Numbers” and practice each gesture as it’s sung, following along with the poster. Focus especially on any numbers that are important to each child, such as their birthdays or ages. And, use the poster as a gentle aid as children attempt to practice with the number flashcards.

## Number 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 numeral 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.

## Colors 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.



# Crack the Secret Codes! (Infant to Grade 1)

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

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

What do the hands say? Use your fingerspelling skills to find out!

1.



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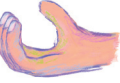
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

What do the hands say? Use your fingerspelling skills to find out!

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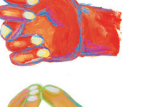
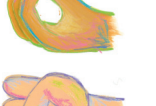
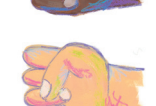
# Crack the Secret Codes! (Infant to Grade 1)

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

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

What do the hands say? Use your fingerspelling skills to find out!

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# Crack the Secret Codes! (Infant to Grade 1)

## ANSWER KEY

What do the hands say? Use your fingerspelling skills to find out!

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<u>I</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>U</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>!</u>

# Crack the Secret Codes! (Infant to Grade 1)

## ANSWER KEY

What do the hands say? Use your fingerspelling skills to find out!

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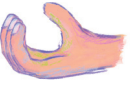
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## ANSWER KEY

What do the hands say? Use your fingerspelling skills to find out!

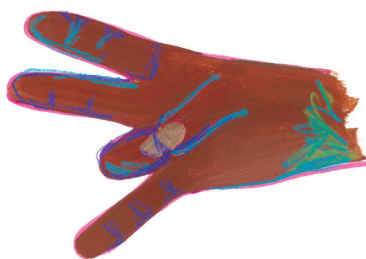
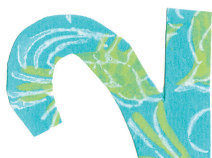
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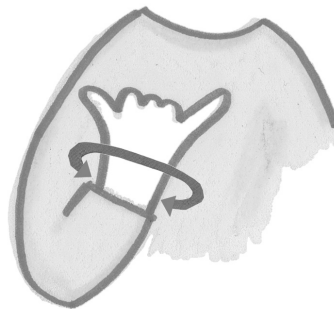
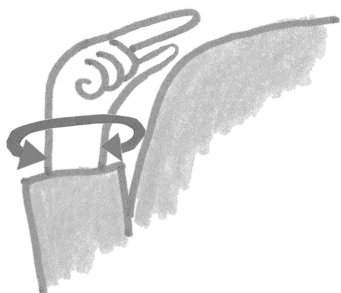
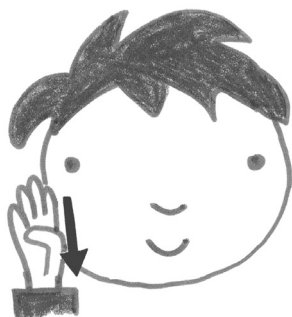
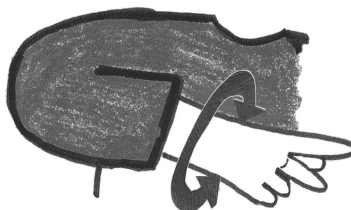
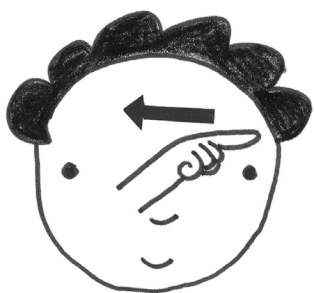
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**Pink**

**Black**

**Purple**

**Blue**

**Red**

**Brown**

**White**

**Green**

**Yellow**

**Orange**