



HOW DO I LOVE YOU?

BY MARION DANE BAUER



TIPS FOR THE READER

In this kit, you will find a wonderful children's book and practical resources you can use to help a child develop important lifelong skills. Use these tips to engage the child in talking about the story, further developing vocabulary, comprehension and a love of reading. Finally, use the provided materials and **Activity Instructions** to extend and practice new skills.

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A rhyming story about a parent's unlimited love for a child.

Themes covered: love, relationships

Skills developed: rhyming, vocabulary, cutting, singing, sign language

Verbal Prompts

Before reading...

- * Ask what they see on the cover of the book.
- * What is the little girl holding? What is on the flower?

While reading...

- * Ask questions about images in the book: What's in the tree in the picture? What else can you find in trees? Who lives in a nest? What lives in the sea? What have you seen in the sky?

After reading, ask...

- * Who do you love? Who loves you?
- * How do you show love?



PROP/PUZZLE/GAME 1 PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

COTTON BALL PAINTING

Help young children be creative and learn about colors with cotton ball painting!

Supplies You'll Need

- Enough paper for each child to have 2-3 pieces
- Muffin pan, brownie pan, or little bowls (5 muffin pans for a classroom)
- Kids washable paint
- Cotton balls
- Wooden clothes pins (optional)
- Newspaper to use as table covers
- Large plastic bag(s) or other container

Kit Assembly Instructions

Include the book and **Tips for the Reader** in the kit.





PROP/PUZZLE/GAME 1 **ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS**

COTTON BALL PAINTING

Help young children be creative and learn about colors with cotton ball painting!

Follow These Steps

1. Cover each table or work space with newspaper.
2. Attach wooden clothes pins to cotton balls (this is not necessary but children like it and it helps keep the mess down).
3. Put paint in your muffin pan with different colors in each space.
4. If working in a classroom, put one muffin tin, 3 pieces of paper, and cotton balls on each table or work space.
5. Ask children to find a seat and let them go at it!! Suggest they make pictures inspired by the book (e.g. the sun, bright blue sky, a bee, a flower, a rain shower, the sea, the sandy shore).
6. Comment and ask questions about their pictures. Talk about the colors and shapes. Let them tell you about their painting and remember, it doesn't have to look like anything particular to be beautiful.



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY KIT 1

PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

SONGS ABOUT LOVE (AGES 0-2)

Help children sing and move by sharing this song with them!

Kit Assembly Instructions

1. Make copies of lyrics from the two songs to send home with the children.
2. Include the book and [Tips for the Reader](#) in the kit.



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY KIT 1

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

SONGS ABOUT LOVE (AGES 0-2)

Help children sing and move by sharing this song with them!

Follow These Steps

1. Find the tunes to the songs on YouTube or through these addresses:
 - a. “I love you”, sung by Barney — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DUvBJXpo4ow>
 - b. Skidamarink — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OlysosWRGA>
2. Use the lyrics to sing the songs to and with your children, acting out the gestures in the songs.

I Love You

I love you,
You love me,
We’re a happy family!
With a smile and a kiss,
A hug from me to you,
Won’t you say you love me too?

Skidamarink

Skidamarink-a-dink-a-dink
Skidamarink-a-do
I love you (point to eyes, hands
over
heart, then point to someone else)

Skidamarink-a-dink-a-dink
Skidamarink-a-do
I love you.

I love you in the morning,
and in the afternoon.
I love you in the evening,
and underneath the moon.

Skidamarink-a-dink-a-dink
Skidamarink-a-do
I love you.



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY KIT 2

PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

SKY DRAWING (AGES 3-5)

Help children build fine motor skills and creativity with this drawing activity!

Supplies You'll Need

- Construction paper: black, white, and sky blue
- Crayons
- Children's scissors
- Glue stick
- Star stickers
- Large plastic bag(s) or other container

Kit Assembly Instructions

1. Put the glue stick, children's scissors, crayons, a sheet of star stickers and one piece of each color of construction paper in the plastic bag.
2. Include the book and **Tips for the Reader** in the kit.



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY KIT 2

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

SKY DRAWING (AGES 3-5)

Help children build fine motor skills and creativity with this drawing activity!

Follow These Steps

Have children:

1. Draw and color the sun and the moon on the white paper.
2. Cut them out.
3. Glue the moon on the black paper and add stars.
4. Glue the sun on the blue paper and add birds or trees or anything they want to draw.