



### Activity 3

## GUESSING GAME

### Here is the Box

Mike and Mary talked about how music is made of different elements. Rhythmic chants are an excellent way to develop oral fluency. It also helps the young learner to stay focused and build anticipation and excitement. The “Here is the Box” guessing game sets the stage for listening and thinking and engaging.

### VA Unified Early Learning and Development Standards

- ✓ APL1.1 Being curious learners
- ✓ APL1.2 Being active explorers
- ✓ APL3.2 Building working memory
- ✓ APL3.3 Thinking flexibly
- ✓ APL3.5 Persisting and problem-solving
- ✓ HPD3.1 Using eyes and hands together
- ✓ HPD3.2 Developing small muscle control
- ✓ SED1.2 Developing self-esteem and confidence
- ✓ CLLD2.1 Paying attention to print as meaningful
- ✓ CD4.2 Learning about and through music
- ✓ CD4.4 Using visual arts media to develop skills and express thoughts and feelings

### Materials Needed

- A small box with a removable lid, such as a cookie tin or a small jewelry box.
- A few small, familiar objects for guessing (mini toys, jewelry, key, crayons, etc...)

### *Chant*

Here is the Box.  
*(Point to the box.)*  
And here is the lid.  
*(Point to the lid.)*  
I wonder what inside is hid?  
*(Lift the lid and peek inside.)*

## Directions

Visit [Here is a Box](#).

Practice reciting the chant with your child.

- Fill the box with a couple of objects.
- Tap the rhythm on the box and chant the rhyme.
- Lift the lid and peek inside. Provide one clue at a time about one of the objects inside. Be sure to repeat each clue before giving another one so that your child can process the information before guessing.
- Repeat the game by reciting the chant and giving clues until the box is empty.

## For an Extra Challenge

Let your child be the leader. Have them put an object or two inside the box. Tap the rhythm on the box and chant. Let them peek inside and give clues to you. This is an excellent way for your child to organize their thoughts and develop communication skills. If necessary, you may rephrase or restate the clue to model proper language. Doing this also reinforces to your child that you are listening to them.