

# Family All Around Me

## Level 1: Family All Around Me

### Lesson Focus: Building Vocabulary

Do you remember the first time your child said your name (or something that closely resembled your name)? Your heart melted a little bit, didn't it? Then, you probably encouraged your child to say your name again and again, while repeating your name and pointing to yourself—all while holding a camera inches from your baby's face. You instinctively created a contextual learning experience for your child when you supported the use of your baby's new word in this way.

Now, as a toddler, your little one has probably moved beyond just saying your name. However, contextual learning—talking about and naming an object during an interaction with that object—remains a key way your child learns new words. In Kindermusik, we intentionally include contextual learning activities that support your child's language development skills. So, when we talk about our hands or fingers, move them in different ways, gaze into mirrors and talk about what we see, or even sing about shaking out our tummies, your toddler builds vocabulary in a meaningful—and personal—way.

***Everyday Connection:*** *Rub-a-Dub-Dub, Washing Knees in the Tub!* During bath time, label your child's body parts as you bathe your little one. For older toddlers, try mixing up the names. "I'm washing your toes" (while you scrub your little one's belly). Your child will love correcting your "mistake." Plus, all this fun helps your child learn new words.