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<u>What to do</u>

- 1. Cut out each individual song card.
- 2. To make them last longer you can either laminate each one individually or stick them on some cardboard and cut round each circle again.
- 3. Make a song board by either laminating a piece of paper or using a piece of cardboard
- 4. Stick the song board label (above) on the top of the paper / carboard.
- 5. Attach the individual song cards to your board using Velcro or blu tack.
- 6. Say, 'it's time for songs!'. Tell your child to pick a song card. Name the song and sing it!
- 7. Encourage your child to join in with singing and actions. You could pause during a song to give your child an opportunity to fill in any words if they can. If your child is not yet able to use words, then they can show you that they want you to carry on singing by using a gesture or moving their body.
- 8. With lots of repetition your child will start to understand which song card links to which song and can make a choice to request which song they want.
- 9. You may want to start with just a few song cards to choose from initially. You can then gradually increase the number of cards to choose from.