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# **SIGN With Your BABY Complete Learning Kit - Includes: Book, How-to Tutorial DVD, And Quick Reference Guide**



## **Synopsis**

Trusted by more than 2,500,000 parents, medical professionals, teachers, childcare professionals . . . and babies . . . worldwide! This Complete Learning Kit provides beginners with THE easiest way to get you started fast with American Sign Language (ASL) baby signing! 's Best Seller, "Sign with your Baby" is truly the Grandaddy of all ASL Baby Sign Language programs! This is THE program that launched the worldwide baby signing revolution. The most award-winning and respected product of its kind for introducing ASL signs to all youngsters, this powerful resource package will help you understand and meet the needs of infants and toddlers long before they can speak. Author/researcher, Dr. Joseph Garcia offers a straightforward, light-hearted approach to teaching infants how to communicate with simple ASL signs. The Complete Learning Kit-US DVD Version - includes the SIGN with your BABY Book, Training Video (DVD), and Quick Reference Guide (total of 3 products) bundled together into one, money-saving package.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

We began using signs with our son off and on since he performed his very first sign at 7 mos, "waving bye-bye," and thus demonstrated that he was ready to begin learning sign language. There are basically 2 different methods for signing with your baby: Joseph Garcia's (you're teaching American Sign Language) & "Baby Signs" (you're making up your own sign language). Through the first - Joseph Garcia's system - your little one is actually learning a second language. The advantages to his method are:-ASL signs are nearly universal-many childcare centers are teaching ASL and will reinforce at the center what you are already teaching at home. In other words, you

won't have to teach every teacher or different caregiver, relative, etc. the special "Baby Signs" that you and your baby have created to communicate.-There are a lot of supplemental materials with this system as well -like videos to watch with your baby, cute little posters at teacher-supply stores, books to read and practice signing with your baby, and even flashcards (I highly recommend using supplemental materials).On the other hand, the disadvantages are:-You, the parent, are also learning a new language and it is very time-consuming to study these signs (you really have to dedicate yourself).-Also, some ASL signs are simply too complex for babies to learn...Which is why "Baby Signs" was created. This is a method where you basically "wing it." You can either use the suggestions for signs offered in the book, create your own, or follow your baby's lead when he invents a sign, but you're supposed to be consistent. The advantages to this method are:-They are much easier for baby to learn - so you wind up communicating faster with them.

Review Update: This set goes well with the "Signing Time" video series. There's also a "Signing Time" website, which may have products similar to Garcia's. I still have the handy 3-fold sign reference card from Garcia's set. It is marked with the dates of when a sign was introduced & when it was actually used by each child (I have 2 kids). It was handy for babysitters & relatives & is now a cherished momento of my kids' babyhood. The "Signing Time" series is great for kids, and Garcia's is good for adults as an 'all-in-one' reference with 'just the facts'. I think he even has an alphabetical sign list in the back of the book & the signs are listed @ the end of the video as well. Hope he has a DVD version - VCRs are so outdated these days... 10/12/2010Well, I tried Baby Signs and found it to be full of talk about using Baby Signs and short on instruction on when, where, how and why to use Baby Signs. Making signs up was very frustrating - I'm not a creative-type person. I want a system that's proven and works. Then I found Joseph Garcia's book here at .com. Garcia's book is excellent!Garcia's book is clearly written. It tells you exactly why, when, where and how to use American Sign Language with your baby. Garcia also reviews several studies reporting the benefits of sign language for hearing children. The instructions on how to teach the signs and how to make the signs are quite detailed and specific, so you'll know exactly what to do. (But not so detailed that you're lost!) Garcia also discusses how children sign differently than adults and how their signs may change as their signing ability improves. This is useful in "detecting" a child's first attempts to use a sign. If you're not watching carefully, you'll miss them!

Teaches PARENTS how to START signing with their hearing children, ages 6 months to 2 or 3 years. Based on American Sign Language. For children who already know a few signs or who

already possess a healthy speaking vocabulary, allow me to suggest "Baby See n Sign" and "Signing Time" instead (click on "see more about me" above for my reviews on these two products). When my son was 11 months old, I received Joseph Garcia's "Sign with your Baby" complete learning kit as a gift; it included a video, book, and laminated quick reference guide. We even ordered an additional quick reference guide for Grandma and Grandpa. After viewing the video a couple of times and reading the book, my husband and I felt informed on the research that supported signing with hearing children; we felt equipped to correctly model the first three signs that we were to introduce (eat, milk, and more); and we knew, in general, how long it would take for our son to reciprocate those first signs. After what seemed like two long months of repetitive signing on Mom and Dad's part, our son began to crudely reproduce the signs on his own. It was so cool to watch!! Again, I turned to Joseph Garcia's "Sign with your Baby" video to choose the next signs I'd introduce (we chose bath, banana, apple, telephone, and juice). It was at this time that I became disappointed with what the product offered. The alphabetical "Sign with your Baby" vocabulary on the video was tedious to fast forward and rewind through, and I felt the vocabulary would've been better presented in categories such as food, animals, everyday verbs, opposites (i.e. big/small, hot/cold), etc.; the alphabetical listing was virtually useless to me and entirely useless to my son because there were no pictures to go along with the signs.

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