Infant & Toddler Language: I’m a Little Teapot

Learning Value:
This activity promotes development and learning by encouraging children to demonstrate phonemic awareness.

Materials Needed:
- “I’m a Little Teapot” lyrics

Participants:
This activity is intended for adult/child interaction:

Directions:

Step 1: Watch the video to become familiar with the lyrics and melody if needed.

Step 2: Sit on the floor with your child and sing the song. Add some actions, e.g., put one hand on your hip as a handle, the other hand up as a spout. Pretend to tip over at the end of the song.

Simple nursery rhymes and songs build language and relationships, and strengthen early literacy skills like sound recognition and rhyming.

Lyrics:

I’m a little teapot,
Short and stout.
Here is my handle,
(one hand on hip)
Here is my spout.
(other arm out straight)

When I get all steamed up,
Hear me shout,
“Tip me over
and pour me out!”
(lean over toward spout)

I’m a clever teapot,
Yes it’s true.
Here let me show you,
What I can do.
I can change my handle,
And my spout,
(switch arm positions)
Just tip me over and pour me out!
(lean over toward spout)