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## Toys in a Bag

### Materials:

Your child's favorite small toys (Such as matchbox cars, trains, airplanes, animal figurines, puzzles) and a few plastic bags or clear storage boxes.

### Great for a child who:

Is learning to sign or speak to make requests

Is learning to use phrases or sentences to make requests

Is learning to point or gesture to make choices

### How to play:

Take a few of your child's favorite toys and place them in a sealed plastic bag or clear box with the lid on. Put a few items in each bag. For example, place trains in one bag, matchbox cars in another.

Hold up the two bags or boxes and ask, do you want \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_? **PAUSE** and **WAIT** for response. If no response, and the child reaches for a bag, model desired response. "Trucks! Want Trucks?" Pause and wait. Open the bag and give one of the toys in the bag. Close the bag back and use this time to target goals. If he is working on saying two word phrases, model phrases such as "Want car" or "more train". If your child is learning to sign to request, model the target sign (such as more, car, open) **by showing them, telling them, and helping them sign on their own.** If your child is learning to point, model pointing to the desired bag of toys. Then, play and have FUN together! After a few minutes of play, put the toys away and do it all again, if your child is still interested.

Rotate new toys in the bags every few days to keep it interesting and fun!

Make noise as you play! If playing with cars or trains, target words such as beep beep, vroom, choo choo, and crash! If playing with animals, model animal sounds!