



BOOK TITLE: If You're Happy and You Know It!
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SUMMARY OF BOOK: This popular movement song follows children around the globe as they clap their hands, stretch their arms, and point their toes. Ultimately, they “shout hello” in many different languages, and we get to “meet” the children and identify the countries they’re from.

***BEFORE READING** (Ask questions and use what the child already knows to add to the discussion, assisting the child in understanding and enjoying the book):

Try questions such as these:

1. Try singing the song with your child so she’s familiar with the melody.
2. Talk about the world – different countries, different languages, different customs. Relate it to your

child’s experience of travel, movies, or books about other countries.

3. Explain that this is going to be a walk all around the world, that you can look for things the same and different from your experience.

DURING READING (ask these questions):

1. Spend time with the pictures, encouraging your child to find details he wants to pay attention to. “What’s happening here? What are they doing? What animals do you see?”
2. Do the movements! Point out how the children in the pictures are doing them, too.
3. Compare the plants, animals, and weather you see in the pictures to

what’s around you. Help your child look around and notice his surroundings.

4. Can you “shout hello” in another language?
5. Relate to your child’s experience: “Remember when we saw a reindeer? Went in a kayak? Saw a seal?” “Which things would you like to see or do?”

AFTER READING (activity to extend book experience):

1. When you see the names of the children at the very end, go on a hunt through the panels with your child to find them on their pages. How did they say hello? What were they doing on their page?

2. When you’re with friends from another country or who speak another language, ask them how they say hello and relate it back to the book.
3. Invent your own movements for when you’re happy.

