

Do You Hear the ABC's?

Book: chicka chicka ho ho ho

A holiday spin on a favorite children's book! We hope you enjoy this one!

What is a Whisper Phone?

A whisper phone is a small device, often resembling a toy phone, that allows a person to speak softly into it while clearly hearing their own voice amplified through the receiver. This is a great way to help children practice sounding out letters or to read and receive instant feedback because they can hear themselves.

- **Ideas: Have the little say their name into the phone. Can they say the alphabet? Read a story? What does it sound like if they whisper very quietly vs a bit louder?**

What is a Recording

This is an engaging way for kids to practice speaking and listening! They can record themselves speaking and hear it back. OR you can record the letter and sound of the week and they can hear it repeated as many times as needed.

- **Ideas: Record the letter/ sound of the week. The kids can take turns pushing and repeating the letter/sound. Use it to record a snippet of a song for the child to learn.**

Felt Christmas Tree:

There are so many possibilities with this tree!

- Decorate it with the pieces that come with it to make it look like a regular Christmas tree.
- Add the letters to the tree as you read Chicka Chicka Ho Ho Ho
- Use the recording button to record 3 letters at a time and have the kids find those letters and add them to the tree.
- Let a child hold a book and match the felt letters to the letters on the page of the book
- Talk about the colors/shapes of the ornaments on the tree

Early Learning Standards (may meet other standards not listed):

ELA 2.1: Demonstrate awareness of the alphabet

ELA 2.2: Demonstrate phonological awareness

ELA 2.3: Demonstrate awareness and understanding of concepts of print

ELA 2.4: Demonstrate comprehension

