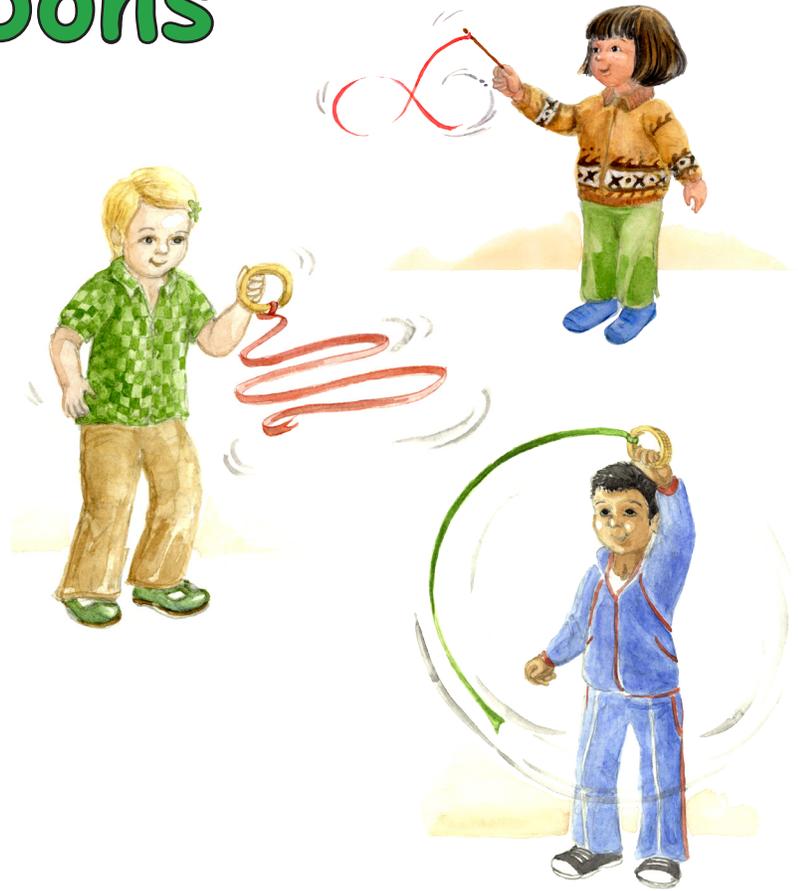


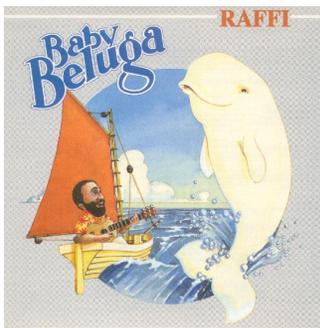
Wriggly ribbons

Let's play and talk together

- ❖ Give your child a length of ribbon fastened to a stick or a canning ring.
- ❖ Show your child how to hold the end of the stick or the canning ring and move his or her arm to make patterns with the ribbon.
- ❖ Encourage your child to move the ribbon around in different ways, e.g. with the whole arm, just from the elbow or just from the wrist. Change hands and try moving the ribbon with the other arm.
- ❖ Invite your child to make the ribbon move like different objects, e.g. a windshield wiper, a tornado, a bicycle wheel, a wiggly snake, etc.



A good read-together book



Baby Beluga by Raffi

You will need some pieces of ribbon about 1 m (1 yard) long, and some smooth sticks or old canning rings.

This activity helps children develop body and space awareness, rhythm and timing, and helps them learn to describe movements with words. It also encourages imagination and creativity.

Hints for success

- ❖ Encourage your child to experiment with the ribbon before making suggestions.
- ❖ Join the fun with your own wriggly ribbon.

Let's pretend we're inside a washing machine swishing back and forth.

Look! I can make a BIG circle by using my whole arm.

Ways to say it

More ideas for Wriggly ribbons

Try this way

- ❖ Play "Copy Cat." Make a pattern with your ribbon and invite your child to copy it. Then let your child make a pattern for you to follow. Take turns inventing new patterns for one another to try.
- ❖ Read **Baby Beluga** or listen to the song sung by Raffi. Make up actions with your ribbons to show different parts of the story, e.g. a wave action for "swim so wild and swim so free" or a spiral above your head for "the water squirtin' out of your spout."

Language development

Read the poem "Washing Machine" out loud together. Learn the words and create the movements with your wriggly ribbons.

Imagination

Pretend the ribbon has magic powers if it is used in certain ways, e.g. if it never touches the ground, or never stops moving, or if the person holding it stands on tiptoe. Imagine what you could do with a ribbon that had magic powers, and act out the possibilities.



The Washing Machine

Washing in the washing machine,
going round and round.

Washing in the washing machine,
moving up and down.

Round and round and up and down,
it makes a noisy sound.

Faster, faster, faster,
round and round and round.

Anonymous