

Magic sounds box - Christmas

You will need: a small box with a (flap) lid – eg washing powder tablet or teabag box; Christmas-y objects, such as Santa, robin, bells, cracker, scrunched wrapping paper.

Playing with a magic sounds box helps young children to:

- ✧ listen carefully
- ✧ enjoy waiting for something to happen
- ✧ experience different sounds and rhythms
- ✧ enjoy making different sounds with you.

What to do:

1. Sit down opposite your child, holding the box.
2. The box becomes 'magic' when you turn it around in your hand, saying the rhyme:
'Turn turn turn the box round
Lift the lid and *listen* for the sound!
Point to your ear as you say 'listen'.
3. As you open the lid (without letting your child/ren see inside) make a sound that matches one of the objects – and keep going until you shut the lid.
4. Show them the object after they've guessed.
5. Encourage your child to get involved and make the sounds with you.



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