

Our Precious Children Song

Song and Facilitator Notes adapted to Barkley dialect by ḥaweeḥtuʔis and weemṭis

Facilitator Notes (nuučaaḥuṭ phrases in bold, *English notes in italics below*).

While taking your drum out:

ʔuṭyaapaḥ muqumṭ: *I brought a drum*

ʔaḥʔaaʔaḷ nasqʔak: *and a drum stick*

ʔuuḥwataḥʔaala nasqʔak naasqnaasqa: *I (always) use the drum stick to drum. Slowly enunciate “naasqnaasqa” as you drum a few beats.*

waaʔaaqʔiis siiḥiṭ ʕimṭyak: *I will say to y'all the ʕimṭyak (the chorus)*

yaaʔakukin siiwa *(We love you all) yaaʔakukin siiwa*

ʔaaʔaasmaʔakin siiwa *(You are all our precious children)*

Repeat the ʕimṭyak loudly and clearly, as many times as your group's patience will allow before they begin singing (usually 2-4 repeats).

nuuʔiiʔin: *Let's sing!*

Sing the song all together for 4 rounds.

If you have a second facilitator with nuučaaḥuṭ singing background, have that person call out “ʕumṭšiʔi” (Sing the chorus, “name it”) or “ʔačiʔi” (end the song, “let it go”) at the appropriate times.

kašsaapʔaaqʔaḥ nasqʔak ʔaḥʔaaʔaḷ muqumṭ: *I will put away the drum stick and the drum.*

Learn the song on YouTube: [click here](#)

Permissions: Please DO sing and teach this song with your children.