

Subject: Synopsis for January 20th talk  
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We'll begin by discussing the benefits of using sign language with babies, followed by facts about children who use sign language. I will introduce the research ideas of Joseph Garcia, a pioneer in the field of signing with babies, and discuss his findings. We will then talk about uses later in childhood, especially in the classroom. I will give information on why signing works, citing examples and research.

We will then hold a mini-version of the class I teach to parents of infants, covering some basic vocabulary, times to introduce new signs, positioning for signing with a book, and incorporating signing into songs. I will share ways to use signing with games and daily activities. Then we'll hold a Q&A session.