

Keep the Commandments – First Letters

How to Play:

- Cut out each of the first letter strips out individually, so they can be moved around and flipped over.
- Post the first letter strips on the board. You can put them in order or have them scrambled.
- Ask the kids: What do you notice? What patterns do you see? What might the letters represent?
- As they start to uncrack the code, sing through the song again to see how the code “fits” their guesses.
- When the puzzle is solved, again point out what’s the same and what’s different. Do they notice the repeating letter phrases? How about the slightly different ones like ITTIS / ITTIP?
- Let the kids flip upside down 2 of the letter strips. Sing through the song singing only the words from the face-up letter strips! Continue flipping additional word strips upside down and singing through the song again.

Extension Activities:

- Hide the letter strips around the room and have the kids find them first, then rearrange them in order.
- Sing only certain verses, such as:
 - Skip sing every other letter strip.
 - Now try singing every 3rd strip.
 - Sing every other word.
 - Sing only the first word of each letter strip.
 - Say/sing the letters instead of the words.
 - Sing only the ones that have a “match”.
 - Sing only the ones that are different (no match).

KTC KTC

ITTIS ITTIP

HWSB HWSB

WOAP KTC

ITTISAP

WAHC WAHC

AWMBT

TSWAT

HTHP HTHP

HTP KTC

ITTISAP