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Same and Different Song

In our song we have the words “same” and “different.” Let’s talk about these words. Do you know what “same” means?

Listen. If it’s the same, it’s a match. If it’s different, it’s not. Now you try it. Show matching hands again. Ask your child to put her hands together like this. Now let’s practice this until your child can do it with you.

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