Partner Clapping

Recite the poem and act out the story.

For example:

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man, Bake me a cake as fast as you can, Roll it and pat it and mark it with a "B," And put it in the oven for baby and me.

Encourage pairs of children to clap their partner's hands while singing. Simplify by clapping partner's hands without the song.

More Support: Encourage children to pat a drum or box together while you recite the poem.

Narrate Problems and Solutions

"You are trying to clap hands with your friend, but you missed and hit their arm. If you both move a little slower, you can make sure you clap hands. You did it!"

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