Lesson Plan

# Nita's First Signs

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## Book Information

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| **Run Time** | 5:39 |
| **Author** | Kathy MacMillan |
| **Illustrator** | Sara Brezzi |
| **Narrator** | Mara Junot |
| **Publisher** | Familius |
| **Ages** | 2–9 |
| **Genre** | Fiction with nonfiction signing directions for key words in the story. |
| **Text Structure** | Dialogue, sequence, description, illustrations, problem/solution, cause/effect, compare, contrast |
| **Themes & Ideas** | American Sign Language, manners |
| **Language & Literary Features** | Directions for signing key words in the story. Dialogue. Third person narrative. |
| **Sentence Complexity** | Simple sentences with dialogue. |
| **Vocabulary** | eat, more, hungry, milk, all done, ball, play, love, please, thank you |
| **Special Vocabulary** | American Sign Language. manners |
| **Illustrations** | Directions for signing key words are animated. |

## Story Summary

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**Lesson Focus**
American Sign Language

## Activity Ideas

**Research**
Research sign language and make flashcards for 5 words or phrases to teach a friend.

**Drawing/Writing**
Draw a picture and write a story about a character who uses manners.

***Additional activities can be found in the following pages of this document.***

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Discuss the story and write your answers together.

## What is *Nita's First Signs* about?

## Why do people use sign language?

## Do you know anyone who uses sign language?

## Did you learn any words that you can sign?

## Why is it always important to use good manners?

Vooks Pause & Ponder

# Nita's First Signs

Pause at the indicated time stamps and discuss the story

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| **0:15** | What do you think *Nita's First Signs* is about? |
| **0:45** | Practice signing "all done". |
| **1:03** | Practice signing "eat". |
| **1:14** | Practice signing "more". |
| **1:39** | Practice signing "please". |
| **2:11** | Practice signing "thank you". |
| **2:42** | Practice signing "hungry". |
| **3:09** | Practice signing "milk". |
| **3:31** | How do you think Nita feels here?<br>Why do you think that? |
| **3:48** | Practice signing "ball". |

## After viewing the Book:

1. What words can you sign now?
2. Discuss times when you need to use good manners.

# Coloring Sheet

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# Drawing and Writing

NAME _____

What sign did you like the best in *Nita's First Signs*? Draw a picture of yourself using the sign and finish the sentences below.

**My favorite sign was** _____ .

**I can use the sign when** _____ .

# Sign Dice




## How to play

1. Cut the pattern out, fold on the solid lines and add glue to the angled tabs. Fold into a cube and let it dry.
2. Roll the dice.
3. Make the sign that is face up.

# Sign Flashcards

**Instructions**

1. Cut out the Flashcards.
2. Fold them in half so that the sign and word are both on the outside.
3. Use the flashcards to help memorize the signs in *Nita's First Signs*.



## PLAY

Extent the thumb and pinky of each hand and twist wrists back and forth.



## LOVE

Cross fists over your chest as if giving yourself a hug.



## THANK YOU

Touch the fingertips of a flat hand to your chin and then move them in the direction of the person you are addressing.



## HUNGRY

Hold a C-handshape at the chest with the palm facing you. Move the C down your chest once.



## ALL DONE

Hold flat hands facing you then turn them to face outward.



## PLEASE

Move flat hand in circle over your chest.



## MORE

Tap gathered fingertips and thumb of each hand together.



## EAT

Tap gathered fingertips and thumb to mouth.