

Kids Teaching Kids

Why It Works:

- kids naturally enjoy playing teacher for the day, having responsibilities, and being role models
- kids working with kids disguise learning with play!
- older children will thrive from the added attention and feelings of importance and appreciation

What Kids Can Do

- create playlists of popular songs with accompanying printed lyrics; the more practice the child has listening at home, the better the chances that he/she will be able to recognize the song and sing along outside the home
- turn on the captioning when watching tv and movies, even YouTube videos if available (for DVDs and Blu-ray go to menu-> setup -> languages-> subtitles)
- alert child with hearing loss to familiar songs when in the car, at a restaurant, or at parties ("Listen- do you hear that? We know this song!")
- read books together, and talk about the story. Act it out afterward!

Sophie's Tales

Sophie's Tales makes it fun and easy for young friends and family to get involved. In the first picture book, [Sophie's Tales: Learning to Listen](#), Sophie's big sister plays a big role in Sophie's hearing journey. Candie Lou is happy to help Sophie learn to use her "new ears." Together, they listen to their squeaky toys and later go outside to see what other sounds they can now recognize, like birds, planes, and cars. Because Candie is such a supportive big sister, she is the first person Sophie wants to share her new hearing aids with. Learning together makes their relationship even more special!

[Sophie's Tales](#) is a great book for siblings to read together. Older children can also visit the www.sophiestales.com to see cool videos of kids with hearing loss. They can watch the videos, sing the songs, even create their own acts with the children with hearing loss in their lives.



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