

Core Skills Analysis

Music and Emotional Development

- Learned to recognize melody and rhythm through singing songs from a familiar movie, enhancing auditory skills.
- Developed memory and sequencing by recalling lyrics and song structures during the activity.
- Built emotional connection and bonding through shared musical experience with his mother.
- Practiced vocal expression and modulation by mimicking different tones and emotions in the songs.

Cultural Awareness

- Gained exposure to Polynesian culture embedded in the music and themes of the movie 'Moana'.
- Developed curiosity about storytelling traditions represented in the songs' lyrics and themes.
- Practiced understanding cultural values like bravery, exploration, and respect for nature portrayed through the songs.
- Experience with songs in English (and potentially some Polynesian words) fostering language diversity awareness.

Tips

Encourage the child to explore more about Polynesian culture by reading stories or watching documentaries related to Moana's themes. Introduce simple musical instruments to accompany singing, enhancing rhythm and coordination skills. Try writing a short song or poem inspired by Moana's themes to develop creative writing and composition abilities. Organize a small family performance or recording session to boost confidence and presentation skills through music.

Book Recommendations

- [Moana: The Junior Novel](#) by RH Disney: An age-appropriate adaptation of the Moana story that introduces children to Polynesian culture and the movie's themes.
- [Song of the Whale: Moana's Journey](#) by Tania M. Hucks: A beautifully illustrated book that connects ocean themes with cultural stories similar to those in Moana.
- [Music Around the World: Pacific Islands](#) by John P. Harris: Explores the musical traditions of Pacific cultures, offering context to the styles heard in Moana's soundtrack.

Try This Next

- Create a lyric-matching worksheet where the child matches lines of Moana's songs to their meanings or themes.
- Draw a comic strip or storyboard illustrating a favorite scene or song from Moana to connect visual arts with music.