





Can you play this game—in Hebrew? Of course you can!

Grandma Cooked Hot Cereal (סבתא בישלה דיסה)

Rules

This is a finger game, similar to This Little Piggy. In the game, a story is told and acted out by the narrator's fingers on the listener's arm. This is the story:

What you say	What it means	What you do
סבתא בישלה דיסה.	Grandma cooked hot cereal.	Swirl your pointer finger around and around the open palm of your family member's cupped hand, as if you were stirring a pot. 
נתנה לאבא,	She gave [some] to _____,	Stop stirring, name 4 close family members, and as you do so, use your hand to gently squeeze the tip of each of the family member's 4 fingers.
נתנה לאמא,	She gave [some] to _____,	
נתנה לחנה,	She gave [some] to _____,	
נתנה ללוסי,	She gave [some] to _____,	
וליצחק לא נשאר.	And there was none left for _____.	When you squeeze the tip of the family member's 5 th finger, say their name.
אז הלך, הלך, הלך, הלך, הלך, הלך, הלך, הלך...	So he went, he went, he went, he went, he went, he went, he went...	Use your pointer and middle fingers to "walk" away from your family member's palm, up their arm, in a playful, tickling manner. 
ומצא!	And he found [some]!	And now you tickle their armpit (or neck, or tummy) and the game ends in eruptions of laughter.



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Language Used

grandma	<i>sav.ta</i>	סבתא
cooked	<i>bish.la</i>	בישלה
hot cereal (porridge)	<i>dai.sa</i>	דייסה
she gave	<i>nat.na</i>	נתנה
to _____	<i>le _____</i>	ל _____
and to _____	<i>ve.le _____</i>	ול _____
none	<i>lo</i>	לא
was left	<i>nish.ar</i>	נשאר
so	<i>az</i>	אז
he went ♂	<i>ha.lakh</i>	הלך
she went ♀	<i>hal.kha</i>	הלכה
and found ♂	<i>u.ma.tsa</i>	ומצא
and found ♀	<i>u.mats.a</i>	ומצאה