MOTHER: Khe Sara why is your child crying?

SARA: Mother, he doesn’t want to be carried at the back, I am trying to do the washing but he is disturbing me.

MOTHER: Let him play while you are washing.

SARA: He is just a troublemaker that he also want to wash.

MOTHER: That’s a good thing! It’s because he’s smart and wants to learn. Babies learn by copying what you are doing.

SARA: So playing with 8 month old baby is a good thing?

MOTHER: Yes, and you can do it even while you’re working. Why don’t you give him a can of water to play with while you are doing the washing. It will help him.

SARA: Really?

MOTHER: Yes, now my grandson take this can and play with it – are you going to do some washing too?

[Sound of the can and a voice of a happy baby]

MOTHER: Don’t you see how he is happy and confident.

SARA: Is that the secret of having a smart baby?

MOTHER: It’s part of the secret. You also have to talk, sing and play with him to build his intelligence.

SARA: Now I have understood, my child will be as intelligent as his grandmother.

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Parents and caregivers, start talking, playing, singing and showing affection to your child right from birth. You help them develop their intelligence and you will have a smart child.