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JOE: Hi! My name's Joe.
And I work in a
Button factory.
I've got a wife...

WIFE: That's me!

JOE: And one kid.

CHILD 1: Hi Dad!

JOE: One day my boss came to me and said,

BOSS: "Joe! Are you busy?"

JOE: I said, "No."
He said,

BOSS: "Push this button with your right hand!"

JOE: And I did.

WIFE: Help your father, dear!

(JOE REACHES OUT WITH PALM OF RIGHT HAND AND BEGINS TO PUSH IMAGINARY BUTTON IN FRONT. JOE PUSHES ONCE TO EACH BEAT OF THE POEM'S 4/4 COUNT RHYTHM. HE COUNTS OUT LOUD AS HE PUSHES).

JOE: One...two...three...four,

(CHILD 1 AND WIFE JOIN IN, PUSHING WITH RIGHT HANDS. THEY JOIN JOE AS HE COUNTS OUT LOUD).

JOE, WIFE, 1: Five...six...seven...eight.

(BOSS DOES NOT JOIN IN ON THE BUTTON PUSHING. INSTEAD, SHAKES FINGER IN AIR AS THOUGH DIRECTING THE COUNTING. HE DOES THIS FOUR TIMES TO THE PROPER BEAT AND COUNTS OUT LOUD).

BOSS: Nine...ten...eleven...twelve!

(JOE, WIFE, AND CHILD 1 CONTINUE PUSHING IN TIME AS JOE READS):

JOE: Hi! My name's Joe.
And I work in a
Button factory.
I've got a wife...

WIFE: Sure thing!

JOE: And two kids.

CHILD 1,2: Hi Dad!

JOE: One day my boss came to me and said,