Happy Birthday to the Trees

to the tune of Shabbat Hop, adapted by Lisa Baydush © 1/16/2019

Chorus:
Happy [**C**]birthday, happy [**F**]birthday
Happy [**G**]birthday to the [**C**]trees (repeat)

On [**C**]Tu B'shvat, we plant a [**G**]seed
And watch it grow into a [**C**]tree;
We eat some fruit and then we [**G**]say:
Happy [**F**]birthday to the [**G**]trees to[**C**]day!
(chorus with clapping)

On [**C**]Tu B'shvat, we cele[**G**]brate,
We eat some fruit, we eat some [**C**]cake;
We have a party and we [**G**]say:
Happy [**F**]birthday to the [**G**]trees to[**C**]day!
(chorus with clapping)

On [**C**]Tu B'shvat, we thank the [**G**]trees
For all they do for you and [**C**]me;
We give them hugs and then we [**G**]say:
Happy [**F**]birthday to the [**G**]trees to[**C**]day!
(chorus with clapping)

SUGGESTIONS FOR TEACHING THIS SONG…

- The song has two parts, which is helpful for teaching differentiation (the ability to distinguish between two different things, an important pre-literacy skill). There is a fast part (the chorus) and a slow part (the verses); there is a part where we clap (the chorus), and a part where we do hand motions (the verses).
- The chorus is very fast, so slow it down at the beginning.
- Clap hands on the chorus, putting arms up like a tree on the word 'tree.'
- Do hand motions for the verses for planting, growing, eating, saying, celebrating, thanking, hugging.
- I taught this successfully with 2's-PK.