

Storytime Songs and Rhymes

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1,2,3,4,5

1,2,3,4,5, once I caught a fish alive, (point to baby's fingers on one hand)

6,7,8,9,10 then I let him go again. (point to fingers on other hand)

Why did you let him go? (shrug shoulders)

Because he bit my finger so! Which finger did he bite? This little finger on my right. (wiggle little finger, then kiss finger better)

Baa baa black sheep

Baa baa, black sheep,
Have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full.
One for the master,
One for the dame,
And one for the little boy who lives
down the lane.

Bananas in pyjamas

Bananas in pyjamas are coming down the stairs,
Bananas in pyjamas are coming down in pairs,
Bananas in pyjamas are chasing teddy bears,
'Cos on Tuesday they all like to catch them unawares!

Big mack truck

A big mack truck, a big mack truck;
A little mini minor and a big mack truck;
A racing car, a racing car;
A little mini minor and a racing car;
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Bouncing, bouncing

Bouncing, bouncing, baby on my knee, Bouncing, bouncing 123! (lift or big bounce)

Clapping, clapping with baby on my knee, Clapping, clapping 123! Hugging, hugging baby on my knee, Hugging, hugging 123!

Bumping up and down in my little red wagon

Bumping up and down in my little red wagon,

(bounce baby up and down on your knees for whole verse)

Bumping up and down in my little red wagon,

Bumping up and down in my little red wagon,

Going to the library.

One wheel's off and the axle's dragging,

(rock baby back and forth, side to side for whole verse)

One wheel's off and the axle's dragging,

One wheel's off and the axle's dragging,

Going to the library.



Hammer the wheel that's on the wagon,

(clap with baby for the whole verse)

Hammer the wheel that's on the wagon,

Hammer the wheel that's on the wagon,

Going to the library.

Bumping up and down in my little red wagon,

(bounce baby up and down on your knees for whole verse)

Bumping up and down in my little red wagon,

Bumping up and down in my little red wagon,

Going to the library.

Dingle dangle scarecrow

When all the cows were sleeping, and the sun had gone to bed. Up jumped the scarecrow and this is what he said, "I'm a dingle, dangle scarecrow with a flippy, floppy hat, I can shake my hands like this and kick my feet like that." When all the hens were roosting and the moon behind a cloud, Up jumped the scarecrow and shouted very loud, "I'm a dingle, dangle scarecrow with a flippy, floppy hat, I can shake my hands like this and kick my feet like that."

Everybody do this

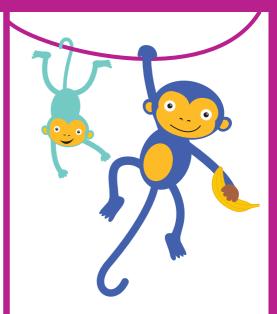
Everybody clapping, clapping, clapping, (clap hands) Everybody clapping, just like me. Everybody shaking, shaking, shaking,

(wriggle baby on lap)

Everybody shaking, just like me.
Everybody rolling, rolling, rolling,
(roll baby's arms around each other)
Everybody rolling, just like me.
Everybody nodding, nodding,
nodding,

(nod baby's head)

Everybody nodding, just like me.



Five cheeky monkeys

Five cheeky monkeys jumping on the bed,

(hold up 5 fingers and bounce baby)
One fell off and bumped his head!
(rock baby side to side and then touch head)

Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said,

(pretend to talk on phone)

"No more monkeys jumping on the bed."

(repeat counting down until there are no more monkeys jumping on the bed)

Five little ducks

Five little ducks went out one day, Over the hill and far away. Mother duck said,

"Quack, quack, quack, quack" But only four little ducks came back.

Four little ducks

Three little ducks

One little duck

went out one day,

Over the hill and far away.

Mother duck said.

"Quack, quack, quack, quack" But none of the five little ducks came back.

Sad mother duck went out one day, Over the hill and far away. Sad mother duck said. "Quack, quack, quack, quack"

Two little ducks

Galumph went the little green frog

Galumph, went the little green frog one day.

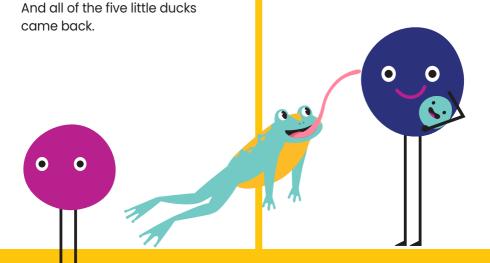
(Start with closed fists. Open and shut them when saying "Galumph")

Galumph, went the little green frog. Galumph, went the little green frog one day, And the frog went galumph, galumph, galumph. But we all know frogs go, (Clap) La-de-da-de-da,

(Clap) La-de-da-de-da, (Clap) La-de-da-de-da.

We all know frogs go (Clap) la-de-da-de-da:

They don't go galumph, galumph, galumph.



Giddy up horsey

(Bounce baby/child up and down on knee)

Giddy up, giddy up, giddy up horsey, Giddy up, giddy up, Go! Go! Go! Giddy up, giddy up, giddy up horsey, Giddy up, giddy up

WOAH!
(Lean child backwards)

Grand old Duke of York

(older children can march on the spot)

Oh, the Grand old Duke of York,
He had ten thousand men.
He marched them up to
the top of the hill,
(lift child or hands up)

And he marched them down again. (move child/hands down)

And when they were up, they were up,

(lift child/hands up)

And when they were down, they were down,

(move child/hands down)

And when they were only half-way up, They were neither up nor down! (lift child/hands up then down)

Heads, shoulders, knees and toes

Heads and shoulders, knees and toes,

Knees and toes, Knees and toes.

Heads and shoulders, knees and toes,

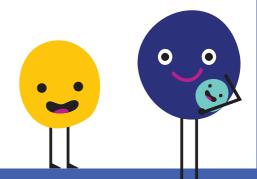
We all clap hands together.

Eyes and ears and mouth and nose,

Mouth and nose,

Eyes and ears and mouth and nose,

We all clap hands together.



Here is the beehive

(start with closed fist)

Here is the beehive. Where are all the bees? Hiding away where nobody sees. Watch them come creeping, Out of their hive.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5... buzzzzzz! (open out fingers as you count)

Here is the sea

Here is the sea, the wavy sea. (make big waves with arm)

Here is a boat, (cup hand and pretend to bob on waves)

And here is me.

(place a finger into cupped hand)

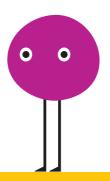
And little fishes, way down below. (wiggle fingers sideways like fish)

Wiggle their tails,

(wave hands sideways like fish tails)

And away they go.

(hide hands behind back)



The hokey pokey

You put your right foot in. You put your right foot out. You put your right foot in and you shake it all about.

You do the hokey pokey and you turn around,

And that's what it's all about!

Other verses:

You put your left foot in... You put your right hand in... You put your left hand in... You put your whole self in...

Woah! The Hokey Pokey! Woah! The Hokey Pokey! Woah! The Hokey Pokey! And that's what it's all about!

Hickory dickory dock

Hickory dickory dock (Rock closed fist back and forth, like a pendulum)

The mouse ran up the clock, (Run fingers of other hand up your arm)

The clock struck one, "BOING!" (Fist opens)

The mouse ran down, (Run fingers back down arm)

Hickory Dickory dock.

(Rock closed fist back and forth, like a pendulum)

Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall. (Bounce baby on lap)

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.

(Lean back with baby or let baby "drop" between knees)

All the King's horses and all the King's men,

(Bounce baby on lap)

Couldn't put Humpty together again.

If you're happy and you know it

If you're happy and you know it clap your hands (clap, clap)
If you're happy and you know it clap your hands (clap, clap)
If you're happy and you know it and you really want to show it,
If you're happy and you know it clap your hands. (clap, clap)

Other Verses:

If you're happy and you know it stomp your feet (kick baby's feet)

If you're happy and you know it jump up high (lift baby into air – "whee!")

I'm a little teapot

I'm a little teapot short and stout, Here is my handle, Here is my spout. When I get all steamed up hear me shout! Tip me over and pour me out.

Incy wincy spider

Incy Wincy spider climbed up the water spout,

(Walk fingers up child's arm)

Down came the rain and washed poor Incy out.

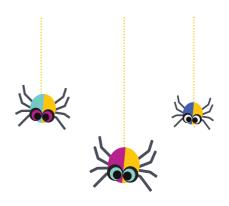
(Make raindrops action with fingers. Wave hands palms down)

Out came the sunshine and dried up all the rain.

(Fan arms up and out, like sun's rays)

So Incy Wincy spider climbed up the spout again.

(Walk fingers up child's arm)



Jelly on a plate

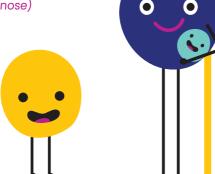
Jelly on a plate, Jelly on a plate, Wibble wobble, Wibble wobble. Jelly on a plate.

Lollies in a jar, Lollies in a jar, Shake them up. Shake them up, Lollies in a jar.

Little Peter Rabbit

Little Peter rabbit had a fly upon his nose, Little Peter rabbit had a fly upon his nose, Little Peter rabbit had a fly upon his nose, So he flipped it and he flopped it, And the fly flew away.

(stand hands upright on top of head, touch nose, shoo fly away from nose)



Miss Polly had a dolly

Miss Polly had a dolly who was sick, sick, sick.

So she called for the doctor to come quick, quick, quick.

The doctor came with his bag and his hat,

And he knocked on the door with a rat-a-tat-tat.

He looked at the dolly and he shook his head,

And he said "Miss Polly, put her straight to bed!"

He wrote on a paper for some pills, pills, pills, "I'll be back in the morning with my bill, bill, bill."

Mr Frog jumped out of the pond

Mr Frog jumped out of the pond one day.

And found himself in the rain. Said he, "I'll get wet and I might catch a cold."

So he jumped in the pond again.

Old MacDonald had a farm

Old MacDonald had a farm,
E-I-E-I-O,
And on his farm he had a cow,
E-I-E-I-O,
With a moo moo here,
And a moo moo there,
Here a moo, there a moo,
Everywhere a moo moo,
Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O.

Other Verses:

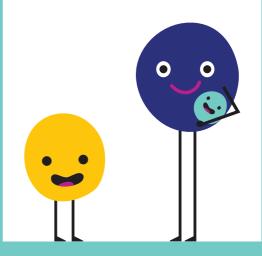
Duck	Quack
Sheep	
Pig	Oink
Horse	Neigh
Dog	Woof
Cat	Meow

On my foot there is a flea

On my foot there is a flea,
Now he's climbing up on me,
Past my belly, past my nose,
On my head where my hair grows.
On my head there is a flea,
Now he's climbing down on me,
Past my belly, past my knee,
On my foot,
(clap hands together)
Take that, you flea!

Open shut them

Open, shut them, Open, shut them, Give a little clap. Open, shut them, Open, shut them, Lay them in your lap. Creep them, creep them, Creep them, creep them, Right up to your chin. Open wide your little mouth, But do not let them in! Shake them, shake them, Shake them, shake them, Shake them just like this. Roll them, roll them, Roll them, roll them, Blow a little kiss - Mwah!



Pat a cake

Pat a cake, pat a cake, baker's man. Bake me a cake as fast as you can. Pat it and prick it, and mark it with "B". And put it in the oven for baby and me.

Peekaboo!

Peekaboo, peekaboo Who is hiding there? Peekaboo, peekaboo I am hiding there... Or Teddy is hiding there.

Put a spot over here

Put a spot over here, And a spot over there, Put a spot on your ear, And a spot on your hair, And a lot of little spots in the air, everywhere! It's a spotty kind of day.

Other verses:

 Stripe
 Blob
 Squiggle

A ram sam sam,

(clap hands on thighs)

a ram sam sam

(clap hands on thighs)

Guli guli guli guli guli

(roll hands over each other)

ram sam sam

(clap hands on thighs)

A ram sam sam

(repeat actions) a ram sam sam

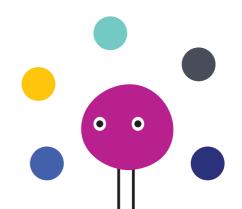
Guli guli guli guli ram sam sam

A ra-vi A ra-vi (pretend to go to sleep)

Guli guli guli guli guli Ram sam sam

A ra-vi A ra-vi (pretend to go to sleep)

Guli guli guli guli guli Ram sam sam.



Round and round the garden

Round and round the garden, (circle finger around child's open hand or tummy)
Like a teddy bear.
One step, two step, (walk fingers up child's arm)
And tickle you under there! (tickle!)

Row, row, row your boat

(with child on lap facing you, hold hands and rock back and forth in rowing motion)

Row, row, row your boat,
Gently down the stream.
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,
Life is but a dream.
Row, row, row your boat,
Gently down the stream.
If you see a crocodile,
Don't forget to SCREAM!
Row, row, row your boat,
Safely to the shore.



Shake My Sillies Out

I've gotta shake, shake, shake my sillies out Shake, shake, shake my sillies out Shake, shake, shake my sillies out And wiggle my waggles away

I've gotta clap, clap, clap my crazies out Clap, clap, clap my crazies out Clap, clap, clap my crazies out And wiggle my waggles away

I've gotta jump, jump, jump my jiggles out Jump, jump, jump my jiggles out Jump, jump, jump my jiggles out And wiggle my waggles away

I've gotta yawn, yawn, yawn my sleepies out Yawn, yawn, yawn my sleepies out Yawn, yawn, yawn my sleepies out And wiggle my waggles away

I've gotta shake, shake, shake my sillies out Shake, shake, shake my sillies out

Sing a Rainbow

Red and yellow and pink and green Purple and orange and blue I can sing a rainbow, sing a rainbow Sing a rainbow too

Slippery snake

A long snake, (Run finger down baby's back from neck to hip)

A short snake, (Run finger down baby's back from neck to halfway)

A fat snake, (Run palm of hand down baby's back)

A thin snake, (Run finger down baby's back from neck to hip)

A wiggly snake, (Wiggle finger down baby's back, side to side)

A straight snake, (Run finger down baby's back from neck to hip)

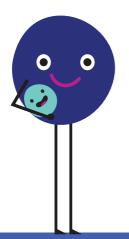
And the worst are the ones that BITE! (Tickle baby's neck when you say "BITE!")

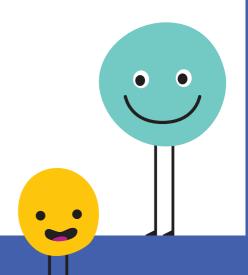
Take you riding in my car

Take you riding in my car, car, Take you riding in my car, car, Take you riding in my car, car, Take you riding in my car. The horn in my car goes beep beep, The horn in my car goes beep, beep, The horn in my car goes beep, beep, Take you riding in my car. Wipers on the car go swoosh, swoosh, Wipers on the car go swoosh, swoosh, Wipers on the car go swoosh, swoosh, Take you riding in my car.

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear Turn Around

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear Turn around, Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear Touch the ground, Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Dance on your toes, Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Touch your nose, Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Stand on your head, Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Go to bed, Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear Switch off the light, Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Say goodnight.





Ten little fingers

I have ten little fingers, (hold fingers out and wiggle them)

And they all belong to me, I can make them do things, Would you like to see? I can shut them up tight, (close hands)

I can open them wide, (open hands)

I can put them together, (clap hands)

I can make them all hide. (hide hands)

I can make them jump high, (reaching hands up high) I can make them jump low, (reaching hands down low) I can fold them quietly, (folding hands in lap)

Ten little fingers dancing

One little, two little, three little fingers, (count out baby's fingers)

And hold them just so.

Four little, five little, six little fingers, Seven little, eight little, nine little fingers,

Ten little fingers dancing. Dancing, dancing on your knees, (dance fingers on baby's knee)

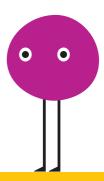
Dancing, dancing on your knees, Dancing, dancing on your knees, Ten little fingers dancing. One little, two little, three little fingers, (count out baby's fingers)

Four little, five little, six little fingers, Seven little, eight little, nine little fingers, Ten little fingers dancing.

This little piggy

(Start with thumb or bia toe)

This little piggy went to market, This little piggy stayed home, This little piggy had roast beef, This little piggy had none, And this little piggy went whee, whee, whee all the way home.



The wheels on the bus

The wheels on the bus go round and round,

(Move arms around in circles by your side)

Round and round, Round and round, The wheels on the bus go round and round, All day long.

Other Verses:

The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish....

(Move arms back and forward like windscreen wipers)

The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep...
(Pretend to honk horn)

The babies on the bus go waa, waa, waa...

(Pretend to rub eyes)

The mummies/daddies on the bus go shh, shh, shh...

(Hold finger up to lips)

The children on the bus go up and down...

(Lift child up and down – or lift arms up and down)

Tiny Tim

I know a little turtle,
His name is Tiny Tim.
I put him in the bathtub,
To see if he could swim.
He drank up all the water,
He ate up all the soap,
And now he has big bubbles
Deep down his throat.

Twinkle twinkle

Twinkle twinkle little star, (both hands in front and wiggle fingers)

How I wonder what you are. Up above the world so high, (raise hands up, wiggle fingers)

Like a diamond in the sky. (make a diamond shape with fingers)

Twinkle twinkle little star, (both hands in front and wiggle fingers)

How I wonder what you are.

Two little dickie birds

Two little dickie birds sitting on a wall.

One named Peter, One named Paul. Fly away, Peter. Fly away, Paul.

Come back Peter, Come back Paul.

Warm Kitty

Warm kitty, soft kitty, Little ball of fur. Pretty kitty, happy kitty, Purr, purr, purr.

Where is Thumbkin?

Where is thumbkin?
Where is thumbkin?
Here I am,
Here I am.
How are you this morning?
Very well I thank you.
Run away,
Run away.

Zoom, zoom, zoom

(Clap/rub hands together – back and forth)

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom,
We're going to the moon.
Zoom, zoom, zoom,
We're going very soon.
If you want to take a trip,
Climb aboard my rocket ship.
Zoom, zoom, zoom,
We're going to the moon.
(Pretend to get into rocket –
hands together over head)

Reading with your child

Reading aloud and sharing stories, songs and rhymes with your baby and toddler is one of the most important and enjoyable things you can do together. It's also a great time for you to bond with your child. Reading to your child from a young age gives them a head start; they often learn to speak, read and write more easily.

Some Recommended Books for Tiny Tots 0-2 years:

- Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell
- Where is the Green Sheep?
 by Mem Fox
- Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes by Mem Fox
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear by Eric Carle
- Yawn by Sally Symes
- Fuzzy Yellow Ducklings by Matthew Van Fleet
- · Spot by Eric Hill

Some Recommended Books for Pre-schoolers 2-5 years:

- Where Is the Green Sheep?
 by Mem Fox
- The Bad-Tempered Ladybird by Eric Carle
- The Cat in the Hat by Dr Seuss
- Wombat Stew by Marcia K Vaughan
- Diary of a Wombat by Jackie French
- · Hairy Maclary by Lynley Dodd



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