

NURSERY RHYMES, FINGERPLAYS & SONGS FOR CIRCLE TIME



HICKORY DICKORY DOCK

Hickory, dickory, dock
The mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck one
The mouse ran down
Hickory, dickory, dock.

Hickory, dickory, dock
The mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck two
And down he flew
Hickory, dickory, dock.



HEY DIDDLE DIDDLE

Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle
The cow jumped over the moon
The little dog laughed to see such fun
And the dish ran away with the spoon!

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HOT CROSS BUNS

Hot cross buns!
Hot cross buns!
One a penny, two a penny.
Hot cross buns!
If you have no daughters,
Give them to your sons!
One a penny, two a penny.
Hot cross buns!



JACK & JILL

Jack and Jill went up a hill,
To fetch a pail of water;
Jack fell down and broke his crown,
And Jill came tumbling after.



MUFFIN MAN

Oh, do you know the muffin man,
The muffin man, the muffin man?
Oh, do you know the muffin man,
Who lives on Dury lane?
Oh, yes we know the muffin man,
The muffin man, the muffin man.
Oh, yes we know the muffin man,
Who lives on Dury lane.



LITTLE MISS MUFFET

Little Miss Muffet sat on her tuffet
Eating her curds and whey
Along came a spider
Sat down beside her
And frightened Miss Muffet away.



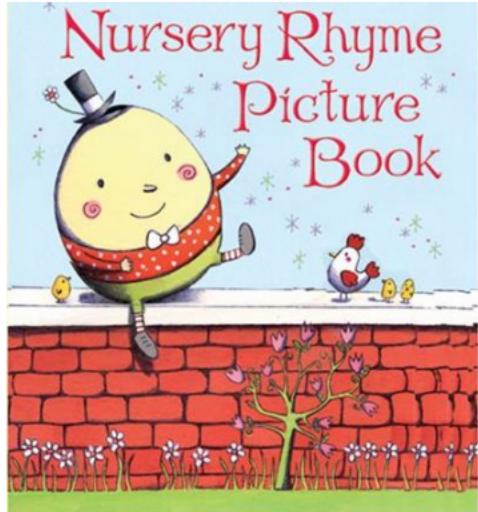
BAA BAA BLACK SHEEP

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



HUMPTY DUMPTY

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king's horses and all the King's men
Could not put Humpty together again.



ONE, TWO, BUCKLE MY SHOE

One, two
Buckle my shoe,
Three, four
Open on the door,
Five, six
Pick up sticks,
Seven, eight
Lay them straight,
Nine, ten
A good fat hen,



Eleven, twelve
Dig and delve,
Thirteen, fourteen
Maids a-courting,
Fifteen, sixteen
Maids in the kitchen,
Seventeen, eighteen
Maids a-waiting,
Nineteen, twenty
My plate's empty.

OLD MOTHER HUBBARD

Old Mother Hubbard
Went to the cupboard
To get her poor dog a bone.
When she got there
The cupboard was bare
So the poor little dog had none.



LITTLE BOY BLUE

Little boy blue come blow up your horn.
The sheep's in the meadow,
The cow's in the corn.
But where is the boy who looks after the sheep?
He's under the haystack,
Fast asleep.



PETER PETER PUMPKIN EATER

Peter Peter pumpkin eater,
Had a wife and couldn't keep her!
He put her in a pumpkin shell,
And there he kept her very well!



JACK BE NIMBLE

Jack be nimble,
Jack be quick,
Jack jump over
The candlestick.



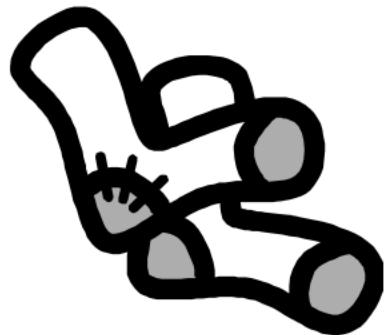
LITTLE BO PEEP

Little Bo-Peep has lost her sheep,
And can't tell where to find them;
Leave them alone, and they'll come home,
And bring their tails behind them.



DIDDLE DIDDLE DUMPLING

Diddle diddle dumpling, my son John
Went to bed with his breeches on;
One sock off, and one sock on,
Diddle diddle dumpling, my son John.



LITTLE JACK HORNER

Little Jack Horner sat in the corner
Eating his Christmas pie,
He put in his thumb and pulled out a plum
And said "What a good boy am I!"



OLD KING COLE

Old King Cole was a merry old soul, and a merry old soul was he;
He called for his pipe in the middle of the night
And he called for his fiddlers three.
Every fiddler had a fine fiddle, and a very fine fiddle had he;
Oh there's none so rare as can compare
With King Cole and his fiddlers three.



MARY MARY QUITE CONTRARY

Mary Mary quite contrary,
How does your garden grow?
With silver bells and cockle shells
And pretty maids all in a row.



GEORGIE PORGIE PUDDING PIE

Georgie porgie pudding pie,
Kissed the girls and made them cry.
When the boys came out to play,
Georgie porgie ran away.



SING A SONG OF SIXPENCE

Sing a song of sixpence a pocket full of rye,
Four and twenty blackbirds baked in a pie.

When the pie was opened the birds began to sing,
Oh wasn't that a dainty dish to set before the king?

The king was in his counting house counting out his money,
The queen was in the parlour eating bread and honey
The maid was in the garden hanging out the clothes,
When down came a blackbird and pecked off her nose!



TISKET, A TASKET

A tisket, a tasket, a green and yellow basket.

I wrote a letter to my love,

and on the way I lost it,

I lost it, I lost it,

And on the way I lost it.

A little boy picked it up,

And put it in his pocket,

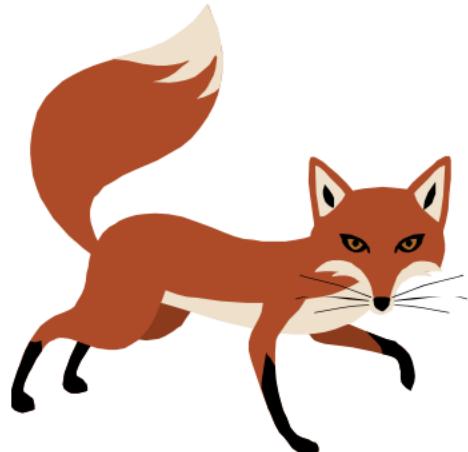
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he put it in his pocket.



A HUNTING WE WILL GO

Oh a-hunting we will go,
A-hunting we will go,
We'll catch a little fox,
And put him in a box
And then we'll let him go



LONDON BRIDGE

London Bridge is falling down,
Falling down, Falling down.
London Bridge is falling down,
My fair lady.



MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB

Mary had a little lamb,
little lamb, little lamb,
Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was white
as snow.

And everywhere that Mary went,
Mary went, Mary went,
and everywhere that Mary went, the lamb
was sure to go.

It followed her to school one day
school one day, school one day,
It followed her to school one day, which
was against the rules.

It made the children laugh and play,
laugh and play, laugh and play,
it made the children laugh and play to see



a lamb at school.

And so the teacher turned it out,
turned it out, turned it out,
And so the teacher turned it out, but still it
lingered near,

And waited patiently about,
patiently about, patiently about,
And waited patiently about till Mary did
appear.

"Why does the lamb love Mary so?"
Love Mary so? Love Mary so?
"Why does the lamb love Mary so," the
eager children cry.

"Why, Mary loves the lamb, you know."
The lamb, you know, the lamb, you know,
"Why, Mary loves the lamb, you know," the
teacher did reply.

RAIN RAIN GO AWAY

Rain, rain, go away,
Come again another day
Rain, rain, go away,
Little (Bobby) wants to play.



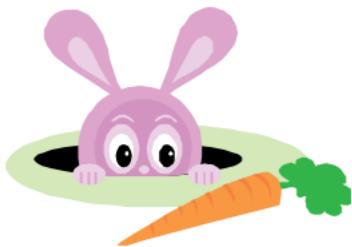
LITTLE BUNNY FOO FOO

Little Bunny Foo Foo,
Hoping through the forest,
Scooping up the field mice,
And Bopping' 'em on the head.
(Spoken)

And down came the good fairy
and she said:

"Little Bunny Foo Foo,
I don't want to see you
Scooping up the field mice
And Bopping' 'em on the head.
I'll give you three chances,
And if you don't behave

I'll turn you into a GOON!
The next day same as before
except
Two chances...
One chance...
Last verse say:
'Little Bunny Foo Foo, I gave you
three chances,
POOF Now your a GOON!'



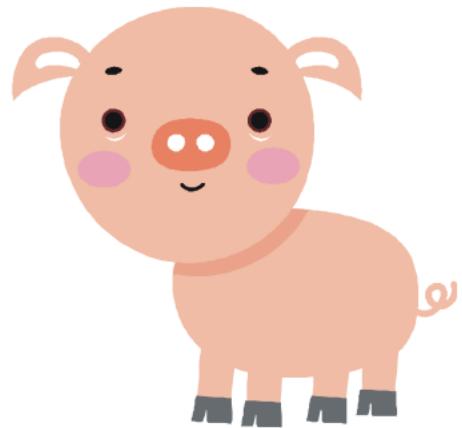
I'M A LITTLE ACORN BROWN

I'm a little acorn brown,
Lying on the cold, hard ground,
Some one came and stepped on
me,
Now I'm as as cracked as I can be.
I'm a nut. (Clap, clap)
I'm a nut. (Clap, clap)



THIS LITTLE PIGGY

This Little Piggy, went to market
This Little Piggy, stayed home
This Little Piggy, had roast beef
This Little Piggy, had none
But this little Piggy, cried wee wee wee
All the way home



LAVENDER'S BLUE

Lavender's blue, dilly dilly, lavender's green,
When I am king, dilly, dilly, you shall be queen.
Who told you so, dilly, dilly, who told you so?
'Twas my own heart, dilly, dilly, that told me so.
Call up your men, dilly, dilly, set them to work
Some with a rake, dilly, dilly, some with a fork.
Some to make hay, dilly, dilly, some to thresh corn.
While you and I, dilly, dilly, keep



ourselves warm.
Lavender's green, dilly, dilly, Lavender's blue,
If you love me, dilly, dilly, I will love you.
Let the birds sing, dilly, dilly, And the lambs play;
We shall be safe, dilly, dilly, out of harm's way.
I love to dance, dilly, dilly, I love to sing;
When I am queen, dilly, dilly, You'll be my king.
Who told me so, dilly, dilly, Who told me so?
I told myself, dilly, dilly, I told me so.

FUZZY WUZZY

Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear
Fuzzy Wuzzy had no hair!
Fuzzy Wuzzy
Wasn't very fuzzy was he?



DO YOUR EARS HANG LOW

Do your ears hang low? Do they wobble to and fro?
Can you tie them in a knot? Can you tie them in a bow?
Can you throw them o'er your shoulder like a Continental Soldier?
Do your ears hang low?



Does your tongue hang down? Does it flop all around?
Can you tie it in a knot? Can you tie it in a bow?
Can you throw it o'er your shoulder like a Continental Soldier?
Does your tongue hang down?
Does your nose hang low? Does it wiggle to and fro?
Can you tie it in a knot? Can you tie it in a bow?
Can you throw it o'er your shoulder like a Continental Soldier?
Does your nose hang low?
Do your eyes pop out? Do they bounce all about?
Can you tie them in a knot? Can you tie them in a bow?
Can you throw them o'er your shoulder like a Continental Soldier?
Do your eyes pop out?

HUSH LITTLE BABY

Hush, little baby, don't say a word,
Mama's going to buy you a mockingbird.

If that mockingbird won't sing,
Mama's going to buy you a diamond ring.

If that diamond ring turns brass,
Mama's going to buy you a looking glass.

If that looking glass gets broke,
Mama's going to buy you a billy goat.

If that dog named Rover won't bark,
Mama's going to buy you a horse and cart.

If that horse and cart fall down,
You'll still be the sweetest little boy in town.

If that billy goat won't pull,
Mama's going to buy you a cart & bull.

If that cart and bull turn over,
Mama's going to buy you a dog named
Rover.

So hush little baby, don't you cry,
Daddy loves you and so do I.

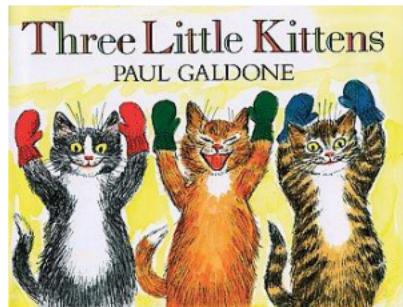


3 LITTLE KITTENS

Listen to the song, [Kittens and Mittens](#). Ask the children questions about the song (What did the kittens lose? Who found the mittens? Where were the mittens?).

Using Kittens and Mittens, create movements to go with each section of the song. The minor section should have some type of ponderous, heavy movement and the chorus needs light and gentle movements.

Have children act out the story.



from <http://www.thelittlebeethovens.com/2012/01/three-little-kittens.html>

THIS OLD MAN

This old man, he played one,
He played knickknack on my
thumb

With a knickknack patty whack,
give a dog a bone

This old man came rolling home

This old man, he played two,
He played knickknack on my
shoe

With a knickknack patty whack,
give the dog a bone



This old man came rolling home
...three...on my knee...
...four...on my door...
...five...on my hive...
...six...on my sticks...
...seven...up to heaven...
...eight...on my gate...
...nine...all the time...
...ten...once again...

THREE BLIND MICE

Three blind mice, three blind mice
See how they run, see how they run
They all ran after the farmer's wife
She cut off their tails with a carving knife
Did ever see such a sight in your life
As three blind mice



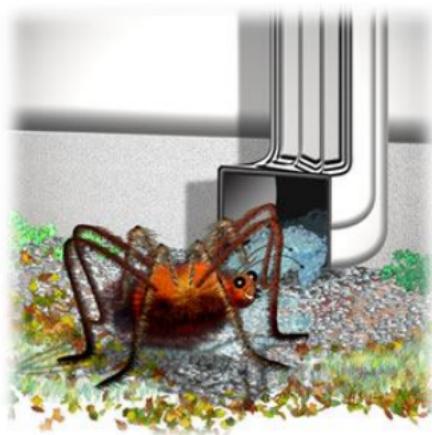
BROTHER JOHN

Are you sleeping, are you sleeping,
Brother John, brother John
Morning bells are ringing,
Morning bells are ringing,
Ding-dang-dong, ding-dang-dong.



ITSY BITSY SPIDER

The Itsy Bitsy spider climbed up the water spout
Down came the rain and washed the spider out
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain
and the Itsy Bitsy spider went up the spout again!



I HEAR THUNDER

Tune of Where is Thumbkin?

I hear thunder!
I hear thunder!
Oh! don't you? Oh! don't you?
Pitter, patter raindrops,
Pitter, patter raindrops,
I'm wet through!
I'm wet through !



TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE STAR

Twinkle twinkle little star,
how I wonder what you are
Up above the world so high,
like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle twinkle little star,
how I wonder what you are!



THREE JELLY FISH

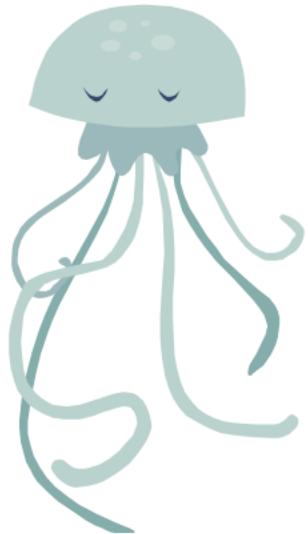
Three jelly fish,
Three jelly fish,
Three jelly fish sitting on a rock.
One jumped off!

Splash!
Two jelly fish...

One jelly fish...
No jelly fish,
No jelly fish,

No jelly fish sitting on a rock.
One climbed up!
Horray!

One jelly fish...
Two jelly fish...
Three jelly fish...



Optional – make finger/stick puppets or felt board pieces

OPEN SHUT THEM

Open, shut them, open shut
them, give a little clap.
Open, shut them, open shut
them,
put them in your lap.
Creep them, crawl them, creep
them, crawl them,
Right up to your chin.
Open wide your little mouth,
But do not let them in!



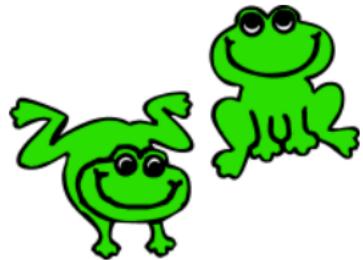
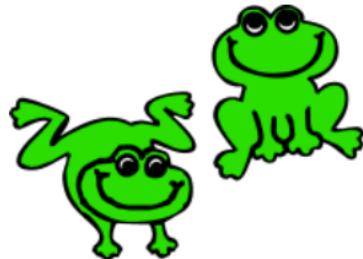
Creep them, crawl them, creep
them, crawl them,
Right down to your toes.
Let them fly up in the air and,
Bop you on the nose.
Open, shut them, open shut
them,
give a little clap.
Open, shut them, open shut
them,
put them in your lap.

5 GREEN & SPECKLED FROGS

Optional – make finger/stick puppets or felt board pieces

Five green and speckled frogs,
Sat on a mossy log,
Eating some most delicious bugs.
Yum! Yum!

One jumped into the pool,
Where it was nice and cool,
Now there are four green speckled frogs!



5 LITTLE LADYBUGS

Five little ladybugs climbing up a door
One flew away then there were four
Four little ladybugs sitting on a tree
One flew away then there were three
Three little ladybugs landed on a shoe
One flew away then there were two
Two little ladybugs looking for some fun
One flew away and then there was one
One little ladybug sitting in the sun
She flew away and then there were none.



Optional – make finger/stick puppets or felt board pieces

GRANDMOTHER'S GLASSES

Recite this first verse of this chant in a high-pitched voice:

These are Grandma's glasses. Make "glasses" over eyes with fingers.
This is Grandma's hat. Place hands close together over head.
And this is the way she folds her hands Clasp hands together.
And lays them in her lap. Place hands in lap.

Recite this second verse in a deep, low voice:

These are Grandpa's glasses. Make "glasses" over eyes with fingers.
This is Grandpa's hat. Place hands farther apart over head.
And this is the way he folds his arms Cross arms.
And takes a little nap. Place head on arms, as if sleeping.



THE LITTLE TURTLE

I had a little turtle.

Cup your hand slightly to make a shell.

He lived inside a box.

Cover the shell with your other hand.

He swam in the water.

Move both arms as if swimming.

He climbed on the rocks.

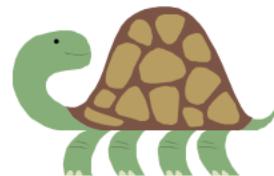
Move arms as if climbing.

He snapped at a mosquito.

Make a snapping motion with one hand.

He snapped at a flea.

Snap again.



He snapped at a minnow.

Snap again.

And he snapped at me.

Snap again.

He caught the mosquito.

Snatch the imaginary bug and eat it.

He caught the flea.

Same as above.

He caught the minnow.

Again.

But he didn't catch me.

Shake your head and wag your finger.

APPLE TREE

Way up high in the apple tree

Stretch both arms above your head, hands open.

Two little apples smiled at me

Keep arms above head, close hands into fists.

I shook that tree as hard as I could

Keep arms above head, "shake" tree.

Down came the apples

Bring fists down toward stomach.

Mmmm, they were good!

Rub stomach.



GROUNDHOG

Sung to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot". Can use with stick puppets.

**I'm a little groundhog
Furry and brown
I'm popping up to look around**

*Squat and jump up.
If I see my shadow down I go*

*Look around with their hand over their eyes.
6 more weeks of winter.....*

***Hold up number of fingers.
Oh No!
Hand to forehead.***



I WIGGLE

I wiggle my fingers

Wiggle fingers.

I wiggle my toes

Wiggle toes or feet.

I wiggle my shoulders

Shrug shoulders.

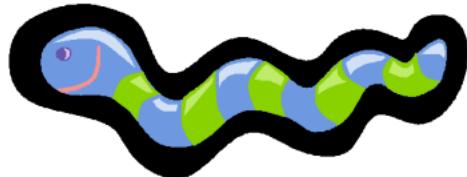
I wiggle my nose

Scrunch nose.

Now the wiggles are out of me

And I am as still as still can be

Sit still.



FIVE LITTLE MONKEYS

Five little monkeys swinging on a tree

Fingers extended swing your hand back and forth.

Teasing Mr. Alligator, "can't catch me, can't catch me

Shaking your head, wag your finger like you're saying "no, no".

Along came Mr. Alligator quiet as can be and

Say this in a whisper, making a SSSHHH motion.

SNAP!

Clap hands together like the mouth of an alligator.

Four little monkeys swinging on a tree...

Three little monkeys swinging on a tree...

Two little monkeys swinging on a tree...

One little monkey swinging on a tree...



IF YOU'RE WEARING RED TODAY

Tune: Muffin Man

If you're wearing red today,
Red today, red today,
If you're wearing red today,
Stand up and say "Hoo-ray!"

Repeat: for other colors



TWO LITTLE FEET

Two little feet go stamp, stamp, stamp *stamp*

Two little hands go clap, clap, clap *clap*

One little body stands up straight *stand straight*

One little body goes round and round *turn*

One little body sits quietly down. *Sit*



HICKETY PICKETY BUMBLEBEE



**Hickety pickety bumblebee,
Who can say their name for me?**

*Hold up name card. That child
says name.*

Class Repeat.

Clap it.

Clap syllables in name.

Snap it.

Snap syllables.

Whisper it.

*Whisper name with distinct
syllables.*

No sound.

Mouth name.

*Continue holding up name cards
and clapping, snapping, and
whispering.*

HERE IS A BUNNY

Here is a bunny with ears so funny

Make bunny ears with finger.

Here is a hole in the ground

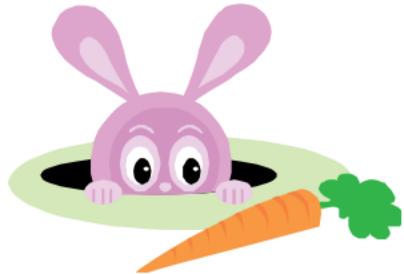
Make a circle with other hand.

When a noise he hears, he picks up his ears

Make bunny ears perk up.

And jumps in the hole in the ground

Put bunny ears into “hole”.



TWO LITTLE BLACKBIRDS

Two little black birds

Sitting on the wall,

Hold up one finger of each hand

One named Peter,

The other named Paul.

Fly away Peter!

Put a hand behind your back

Fly away, Paul!

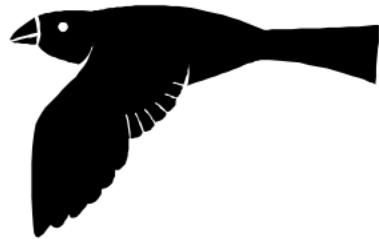
Put the other hand behind you back.

Come back, Peter!

Bring the first hand from behind your back.

Come back, Paul!

Bring the second hand from behind your back.



WHERE IS THUMBKNIN?

Where is Thumbkin?

Where is Thumbkin?

Here I am, Hear I am;

How are you today sir?

Very well I thank you,

Run away. Run away.

Where is Pointer?...

Where is Tall man?...

Where is Ring man?...

Where is Pinkie?...

Where is the whole family?...



COLOR MOVEMENT

Red.... you put your hands on your head

Blue...you put your hands on your shoe

Green...your going to wash your face clean (pretend to wash face)

Pink....your going to think, think, think (tap pointer finger against side of head as if thinking)

Yellow...your going to wave to a fellow (wave to a friend)

Purple...make 2 little circles (with both pointer fingers make circles in the air)

Brown....your going to turn yourself around & sit right down!

THE COOKIE JAR

Group : (Tony) Stole the cookie from the cookie jar

Child : Who ME?

Group : Yes YOU!

Child : Couldn't be.

Group : Then WHO?

Child : (Kristi).

Group : (Kristi) Stole the cookie from the cookie Jar

Child : Who ME?...



Make a fake cookie out of paper & laminate or craft foam & puffy paints to pass while saying the rhyme.