

Fingerplays and Action Songs

The Itsy Bitsy Spider

The itsy bitsy spider climbed up the water spout.

(Opposite thumbs and pointer finger climb up)

Down came the rain and washed the spider out.

(Flutter fingers downward. Hands sweep down)

Out came the sun and dried up all the rain

(Arms form circle overhead, then sweep upward)

And the itsy bitsy spider climbed up the spout again.

(Opposite thumbs and pointer finger climb up)

Pat-a-Cake

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man

(Clap four times)

Bake me a cake as fast as you can.

(Clap four times)

Roll it

(Roll hands around each other)

And pat it

(Pat hands in air)

And mark it with a "B."

(Trace "B" in the air)

And put it in the oven

(Forward motion of hands)

For baby and me.

(Point to baby then self)

Open, Shut Them

Open, shut them. Open, shut them.

(With hands at shoulder height, open and shut them)

Give a little clap.

(Clap hands)

Open, shut them. Open, shut them.

(With hands at shoulder height, open and shut them)

Lay them in your lap.

(Lay hands in lap)

Open, shut them. Open, shut them.

(Repeat)

Now, creep them, creep them

(Wiggle fingers while creep them up to chin)

Right up to your chin.

(Put fingers on chin)

Open up your little mouth: "Ahhh..."

(Open mouth and say "ahhh...")

But do not let them in.

(Quickly put hands behind back)

Open, shut them. Open, shut them.

(Repeat)

Give a little clap.

(Repeat)

Open, shut them. Open, shut them.

(Repeat)

Lay them in your lap.

(Repeat)

Five Little Ducks Went Out to Play

Five little ducks went out to play.

(Hold up 5 fingers)

Over the hill and far away.

(Put hand to forehead as if looking)

Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack."

(Use hand to make "quacking" motion)

But only four little ducks came back.

(Hold up 4 fingers)

(Repeat until no ducks came back.)

So father duck said, "QUACK, QUACK, QUACK, QUACK."

(Use hand to make "quacking" motion)

And all the little ducks came back.

(Hold up 5 fingers)

Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed
(Hold up 5 fingers)
One fell off and bumped his head.
(Bump head with hand)
The Mama called the doctor and the doctor
said,
(Pretend to use telephone)
“No more monkeys jumping on the bed.”
(Wag finger)
(Repeat until no monkeys.)

Where is Thumbkins?

Where is Thumbkins?
(Hide hands behind back)
Where is Thumbkins?
Here he is,
(Bring out one hand, thumb up)
Here he is.
(Bring out other hand, thumb up)
Mighty glad to see you,
(Wag one thumb at the other)
Mighty glad to see you.
(Wag other thumb)
There he goes,
(Put one hand behind back)
There he goes.
(Put other hand behind back)
(Clap)
Goodbye fingers,
(Put one hand behind back)
Goodbye thumbs.
(Put other hand behind back)

Two Little Blackbirds

Two little blackbirds
(Hold up two thumbs)
Sitting on the wall.
One named Peter,
(Wag one thumb at the other)
The other named Paul.
(Wag other thumb at the other thumb)
Fly away Peter,
(One hand behind back)
Fly away Paul.
(Other hand behind back)

Come back Peter,
(Bring one back)
Come back Paul.
(Bring other back)

This Little Piggy

This little piggy went to market
(Wiggle big toe back and forth)
This little piggy stayed home
(Wiggle next toe back and forth)
This little piggy had roast beef
(Wiggle next toe back and forth)
This little piggy had none.
(Wiggle next toe back and forth)
This little piggy went “Wee, wee, wee,”
(Wiggle little toe back and forth)
All the way home.
(Can also do this with the fingers, ending
with the pinkie)

The Wheels on the Bus

The wheels on the bus go round and round
(Turn hands around each other)
Round and round
The wheels on the bus go round and round
All through the town.
The wipers on the bus go swish, swish,
swish...
(Move both hands and arms back and forth
as wipers)
The driver on the bus says “Move on
back...”
(Motion with thumb)
The people on the bus go up and down...
(Stand up and sit down)
The babies on the bus go “Wah, wah,
wah...”
(Put fists to eyes as if crying)
The mothers on the bus go “Shh, shh,
shh...”
(Put index finger to mouth)
The fathers on the bus go “I love you...”
(Hug self or baby)

If You're Happy And You Know It

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands.

(Clap twice)

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands.

(Clap twice)

If you're happy and you know it,
Then your face will surely show it,

(Pull up corners of mouth)

If you're happy and you know it

Clap your hands.

(Clap twice)

*(Repeat with stomp your feet, shout hurray,
do all three)*

Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Head, shoulders, knees and toes

(Touch head, shoulders, knees then toes)

Knees and toes.

(Touch knees then toes)

Head, shoulders, knees and toes

(Touch head, shoulders, knees then toes)

Knees and toes.

(Touch knees then toes)

Eyes and ears and mouth and nose.

(Point to eyes, ears then mouth and nose)

Head, shoulders, knees and toes

(Touch head, shoulders, knees then toes)

Knees and toes.

(Touch knees then toes)

I'm a Little Teapot

I'm a little teapot

(Bend knees in rhythm)

Short and stout

Here is my handle,

(Put hand on hip like "handle")

Here is my spout.

(Put arm out to side like "spout")

When I get all steamed up

Hear me shout.

Just tip me over and pour me out!

(Lean over sideways on "spout" side)

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn around.

(Turn around in circle)

Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the ground.

(Touch ground)

Teddy bear, teddy bear, show your shoe.

(Point one foot out)

Teddy bear, teddy bear, that will do.

(Wag finger)