

# THEMES

75 Preschool Storytime themes, from ABC to Zoo, with books, fingerplays, flannel stories and Toddler Specials

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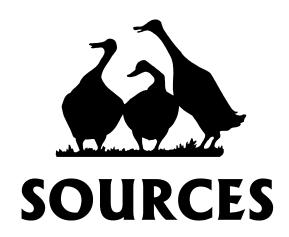


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On each page of this handbook, you'll find suggestions for storytime materials grouped together by theme.

Stories: All of the listed picture books are available for checkout through any library in Whatcom County.

*Ideas for Participation:* Fingerplays and action rhymes are written out in full.

Suggested Enrichments -- These are not available for check out: Flannel stories, big books, pop-up books, puppets, props, and Kamishibai story cards, which have a picture on the front of each card and text on the back for easy reading.

Big Books and pop-up books are available through bookstores and educational catalogs. Kamishibai story cards are available from: Kamishibai for Kids, P.O. Box 20069 Park West Station, New York NY, 10025-1510. Phone 1-800-772-1228

Most of the flannel stories listed in this handbook were taken from *The Flannel Board Storytelling Book* by Judy Sierra. This and six more how-to books are listed on the following page. They are all in the library catalog.

## FLANNEL STORIES

The following books provide patterns for a variety of flannel stories. They are available through any library in Whatcom County.

#### CUT AND COLOR, FLANNEL BOARD STORIES by Karen S. Noel c1985

A set of flannel board story books designed for the busy preschool teacher. Each book contains the actual pieces for the stories, which the teacher can trace, cut and color. Themes are derived from the needs and interests of young children.

## **FLANNEL BOARD FUN:** A Collection of Stories, Songs, and Poems by Diane Briggs 1992.

This book contains twenty-eight stories, poems, and songs. Suggestions for age appropriateness are given. Also included are instructions for storytelling, a list of materials needed, and color suggestions.

**THE FLANNEL BOARD STORYBOOK** by Frances S. Taylor 1986.

#### THE FLANNEL BOARD STORYTELLING BOOK by Judy Sierra 1987.

This is the source for most of the flannel stories listed in this handbook.

**FLANNELBOARD CLASSIC TALES** by Doris Lynn Hicks and Sandy Weber Mahaffey / 1997.

**STORYTELLING WITH THE FLANNEL BOARD**. by Paul S. Anderson, [1963-70]

**SUPER STORY TELLING** by Carol Elaine Catron, Barbara Catron Parks, and Jane Shasky

c1986

Creative ideas for using finger plays, flannel board stories, pocket stories, and puppets with young children. With reproducible patterns. Preschool-K, ages 3 - 5.



#### FIRST VERSES compiled by John Foster

A collection of counting rhymes, finger rhymes, chanting rhymes and action rhymes with charming kid-style illustrations.

#### I'M A LITTLE TEAPOT compiled by Jane Cobb

This one has 63 themes and is full of books, fingerplays, other suggested resources and tips. It's wonderful!

#### **PLAYTIME RHYMES** by Shona McKellar

Presents more than twenty nursery rhymes and songs, such as Incy Wincy Spider, and Hickory Dickory Dock, with step-by-step photographs showing the actions.

## **RING A RING O' ROSES**: Finger Plays For Pre-School Children compiled by Charles Hansen, and Cynthia Stilley.

Published by the Flint, Michigan Public Library, this is the one most comprehensive source for fingerplays and action rhymes. It even includes some in Spanish.

#### **TODDLE ON OVER:** Developing Infant & Toddler Literature

**Programs** 

by Robin Works Davis

The 53 themes have book titles, fingerplays and suggested crafts. It's really appropriate for preschoolers too.

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## **ABC**

#### **Stories:**

Aylesworth Old Black Fly Slate Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten

Aylesworth Little Bitty Mousie Sobel B Is for Bulldozer
Martin Chicka Chicka Boom Boom Wolfe O Is for Orca

McMullan I Stink!

You can also use any books you like in alphabetical groupings. Look through the Storytime Collection in our Volunteer Handbook to choose books for each letter. An author storytime might feature books by Jez Alborough, Frank Asch, and Jim Aylesworth. Show kids the great big letters on the picture books' spines. This is a good opportunity to focus on the folks who created the books we love. A subject storytime might feature bears, bunnies, and butterflies. Or? The possibilities are endless.

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

**THE ABC PUPPET:** Use any puppet. Possibilities: 1. the puppet enters (from a bag, basket, or box) carrying a basket of letters and spells out words on the flannel board. 2. The puppet leads the ABC song.

#### **ABC SONG**

ABCDEFG, HIJK, LMNOP, Now I know my ABC's

QRS, TUV, W, X, Y and Z. Next time won't you sing with me?

#### I SPY WITH MY LITTLE EYE

Choose an object somewhere in the room. Say, for example, "I spy with my little eye, something beginning with B." Let the kids guess what it could be.

- Give the audience a turn to say "I spy," Parents and kids can decide on an object together.
- Choose simple, highly visible, obvious objects with strong consonant beginnings.
- Give lots of body language hints.

#### OLD MACDONALD HAD SOME VOWELS - AEIOU on Simple Songs for Circle Time CD:

"And on this farm he had some a's, AEIOU."

#### IF YOUR FIRST NAME STARTS WITH A

If your first name starts with a stand up tall.

Reach hands above head Amanda, Alice, Aaron stand up tall.

Say names of "a" kids

If your first name starts with a, do you really like to play?

If your first name starts with a sit down now.

- Hold up letter cards and sing to the tune of If You're Happy and You Know It.
- Use only letters corresponding to kids who are actually present.
- Change the action for different letters.
- Ask the audience (including adults) for rhyming suggestions.

#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

ALPHABET pop- up ALPHABET ANIMALS: A Slide-And-Peek Adventure with slide out alphabet letters. MAISY'S ABC pop-up OLD BLACK FLY big book

ANY PUPPET, FLANNEL STORY, BIG BOOK, OR POP-UP if it starts with the letter you're celebrating.

## **ADVENTURE**

#### **Stories:**

Lear

Arma We're Going on Safari
Calhoun Hot Air Henry
Dodd Hairy Maclary from
Donaldson's Dairy
Ehlert Leaf Man
Johnson Harold's Fairy Tale
Johnson Harold's Trip to the Sky

Astro Bunnies Loomis Parker Mama's Little Duckling Rosen We're Going on a Bear Hunt Schotter Captain Bob Sets Sail Where the Wild Things Are Sendak Taylor Henry Explores the Mountains Van Laan Little Baby Bobby Wild Lucy Goosey

Hilda Hen's Search

## **Ideas for Participation:**

#### THE GRAND OLD DUKE OF YORK - whole body movement

The Owl & the Pussy Cat

The grand old Duke of York He had ten thousand men

He marched them up to the top of the hill And marched them down again.

And when they were up they were up
And when they were down they were down
and when they were only half way up
They were neither up nor down.

Ride holding reins

Wormell

Marching left
Marching right
Stand full height
Squatting down low
Standing half way up
Go up, then down

**WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT** - THE audience acts it out and repeats each line. to enrich the experience, play *Goin'* on a Bear Hunt on the Greg & Steve CD, Kids in action.

We're going on a bear hunt.

We're not scared.

Oh. look! I see a field!

Can't go around it, Can't go under it. Let's go through it! Swish, Swish!

Repeat, with:

Tree --Let's go up it!

Swamp! -- Let's go through it!

Squish, squash

River! -- Let's go through it!

Splash, splash!

Cave! -- Let's go in it! Shh, shh!

Oh what's that? It's big! It's furry!

It's a BEAR!!! Let's GO!

Pat hands on thighs for the sound of footsteps

Hand shielding eyes, point, arm straight out

Rub hands together, swishing through tall grass

Climb tree. At "top," shield eyes, look around

Cup hands, "walk" them as though walking through mud

Pretend to swim

Pretend to tiptoe, finger to lips

Repeat all the actions in reverse order - tiptoeing, swimming, squishing through mud, climbing the tree, swishing through the

field - fast! Wipe brow - WHEW, WE MADE IT!

#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

GOIN' ON A BEAR HUNT – on the Greg & Steve CD, **Kids in Action** 

HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAYON or HAROLD'S TRIP TO THE SKY borrow our white board and use markers to tell these stories THE MOUSE AND THE WIND flannel story MR GUMPY'S OUTING big book THE OWL AND THE PUSSY CAT flannel story WALKING THROUGH THE JUNGLE big book



## ALL MIXED UP!

#### **Stories:**

Barrett	Animals Should Definitely	Kasza	The Pig's Picnic
	Not Wear Clothing	Markes	Good Thing You're
Davis	Who Hoots?		Not an Octopus!
Davis	Who Hops?	Raffi	Down by the Bay
Feiffer	Bark, George	Small	Imogene's Antlers
Hutchins	Don't Forget the Bacon!	Stinson	Those Green Things
Hutchins	The Surprise Party	Walsh	Do Monkeys Tweet?

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

#### DOWN BY THE BAY - An old camp song

The tune can be found on Raffi's Singable Songs Collection Part I.

#### Repeat after me:

Down by the bay

Where the watermelons grow

Back to my home I dare not go

For if I do My mother will say Down by the bay

Where the watermelons grow

Back to my home I dare not go

For if I do

My mother will say

"Did you ever see a frog walkin' a dog?"

Down byyyy the bay!

#### The fun is in the variations. Use these or make up your own!

Did you ever

See a mouse painting a house?

See a rat chasing a cat? See a fly wearing a tie?

See a goose kissing a moose?

See a whale with a polka dot tail?

See a llama wearing pajamas?

#### WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE? - A simple poem

What do you suppose? a bee sat on my nose!

Then what do you think?

He gave me a wink

And said "I beg your pardon, I thought you were a garden!" Put finger on nose

Wink

Open your hands in apology



PUT A CONTRASTING ANIMAL MASK ON a PUPPET (like a duck mask on a dog puppet) and have him act mixed up, or ask the children what they are laughing or talking about. Let the puppet introduce the books or give out handouts, like a host.

#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

CORNER GROCERY STORE picture cards THE COW THAT WENT OINK big book **HENNY PENNY flannel story** 

I KNOW AN OLD LADY WHO SWALLOWED a FLY puppet with props IS YOUR MAMA A LLAMA? big book MASTER OF ALL MASTERS flannel story



#### **Stories:**

Alborough Hug Roddie You're Too Small
Brownlow Mickey Moonbeam Schoenherr Cat & Mouse
Bauer Why Do Kittens Purr? Schoenherr Pip & Squeak

Bond Tumble Bumble Seder Gallop (has moving pictures!)

Burningham Mr. Gumpy's Motor Car Shannon Duck on a Bike

Burningham Mr. Gumpy's Outing Slate Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten

CabreraDog's DaySmeeClip-ClopDe RegniersMay I Bring a Friend?SteinPouch!EdwardsGood Night, CopycubTabackCity Animals

Foley Good Luck Bear Tafuri The Busy Little Squirrel

Goldstone The Beastly Feast **Tankard** Grumpy Bird My Cats Nick and Nora Urban Mouse Was Mad Harper Tanka Tanka Skunk! Harper My Dog Rosie Webb Harper Our New Puppy Westerlund Five Nice Mice

Hutchins The Surprise Party Whybrow The Noisy Way to Bed

Lester A Porcupine Named Fluffy Willems Leonardo the Terrible Monster

Modesitt Mouse's Halloween Party Wilson Bear Snores On

Ormerod If You're Happy and You Know It Wilson Bear Stays Up for Christmas

Pearson Bob Wood Quick as a Cricket

Reid Comin' Down to Storytime Wormell Blue Rabbit and Friends
Rice Sam Who Never Forgets Yolen Dimity Duck

Robert Cat Skidoo Ziefert I Swapped My Dog

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

#### CAN YOU JUMP LIKE A FROG? - suit actions to words

Can you hop, hop, hop like a bunny?
Can you jump, jump like a frog?
Can you walk, walk, walk like a duck?
Can you swim, swim, swim, swim like a fish?
And can you be a quiet little child?

Can you run, run, run like a dog?

And sit as still as this?

**BUNNIES** from Flint Public Library's book of fingerplays, *Ring a Ring O'Roses*, used with permission.

Out in the garden Point to the right

Where the cabbages grow,
Happy little cotton tails
Are hopping to and fro

Form large circle with arms
Hold up fingers of left hand
Hop hand up and down

Along comes a puppy dog

Looking for some fun, Make right hand creep up "Bow-wow-wow," he barks, Jump hand with enthusiasm

And away the bunnies run. Hop 'bunnies' away

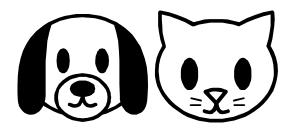
#### **PUPPY and KITTY**

Here is a little puppy
Here is a kitty-cat
Puppy goes to sleep
Curled upon his mat.
Kitty creeps up softly
Tickles puppy's chin.
Puppy wakes up quickly.
See the chase begin!

Hold up left fist Hold up right fist Curl up left fist, toward you

Creep right hand toward left Tickle!

Lift left fist, circle fists round and round each other



#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

ALPHABET ANIMALS: A Slide and Peek Adventure slide out the alphabet letters
BIG RED BARN big book
BINGO flannel story
BREMEN TOWN MUSICIANS flannel story
THE COW THAT WENT OINK big book
FIVE LITTLE PETS flannel story
HEY DIDDLE, DIDDLE flannel story

HOP LIKE A BUNNY flannel story
THE HOUSE IN THE WOODS flannel story
I GOT ME A CAT flannel story
I LOVE ANIMALS big book
MAY I BRING A FRIEND? flannel story
MR. GUMPY'S OUTING big book
THE PIG IN THE POND big book
SEAWEED SOUP flannel story



Ashman	Can You Make a Piggy Giggle?	Lindbergh	The Day the Goose Got Loose
Barrett	Animals Should Definitely Not	MacLennan	Chicky Chicky Chook Chook
	Wear Clothing	Martin	We've All Got Bellybuttons!
Bond	Tumble Bumble	McNaughton	Suddenly!
Brett	The Hat	Preston	Squawk to the Moon, Little Goose
Conrad	Animal Lingo	Raffi	Down by the Bay
Cronin	Click, Clack Moo, Cows That Type	Raffi	Shake My Sillies Out
Cronin	Wiggle	Sharratt	Elephant Wellyphant
Fleming	The Cow Who Clucked	Taback	There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly
Friend	The Perfect Nest	Thomas	Can YOU Make a SCARY FACE?
Horácek	Silly Suzy Goose	Van Laan	So Say the Little Monkeys
Hort	The Seals on the Bus	Walton	Bertie Was a Watchdog
Hutchins	The Surprise Party	Walter	Hi, Pizza Man!
Hutchins	We're Going on a Picnic!	Webb	Tanka Tanka Skunk!
		Wilson	A Frog in the Bog

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

#### SHAKE MY SILLIES OUT - suit actions to words

I'm gonna shake, shake, shake my sillies out Shake, shake, shake my sillies out, Shake shake, shake my sillies out, And wiggle my waggles away. Other verses:

Clap, clap, clap my crazies out -Jump, jump, jump my jiggles out -Yawn, yawn, yawn my sleepies out.

#### I HAD A LITTLE TURTLE – flannel story available too

I had a little turtle.

He lived in a box

He swam in a puddle,

He climbed on the rocks.

He snapped at a mosquito; he snapped at a flea,

He snapped at a minnow; he snapped at me.

Make a fist with thumb sticking out

Cup hand to form box

Make swimming motions

Make climbing motions

Snap fingers

He caught the mosquito; he caught the flea.

Make catching motions with hands
He caught the minnow, but he didn't catch me!

Shake finger and head 'no, no'

#### JACK IN THE BOX – put a variety of animals in the box, just for fun

Jack in the box, stay so still Crouch down very small, head tucked down Won't you come out? Yes, I will! Stay down until "yes," then jump up tall!

#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

ANIMAL MASKS

I HAD A LITTLE TURTLE flannel story

THE COW THAT WENT OINK big book

FIVE LITTLE MONKEYS, monkey

mitt/props/small flannel board

HENNY PENNY flannel story

HEY DIDDLE DIDDLE flannel story

I HAD A LITTLE TURTLE flannel story

IS YOUR MAMA A LLAMA? big book

JAMBERRY big book

PEEK A MOO pop-up

TEN LITTLE MONKEYS JUMPING ON THE BED big book

THE WIDE MOUTHED FROG flannel story



# ANIMALS LITTLE CREATURES



#### **Stories:**

Asch Baby Bird's First Nest Lass Who Took the Cookies from the Cookie Jar?

Beck Pepito the Brave Martin Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See?

Brown The Scarecrow's Hat McCarty Little Bunny on the Move
Butler If You See a Kitten Nodset Who Took the Farmer's Hat?

Cruickshank Down by the Pond Root Flip, Flap, Fly!

Davis Who Hoots? Scamwell Ouch!

Davis Who Hops? Schaefer Down in the Woods at Sleepytime

Time for Bed Fox Seeger First the Egg Ginsburg Mushroom in the Rain Tafuri The Big Storm Gunson Over on the Farm Williams I Went Walking Henkes A Good Dav Yolen Hoptoad

Hutchins Good Night, Owl Yolen Off We Go! Hutchins We're Going on a Picnic

KIDSTUFF Volume 6 Number 1 Animals Astir has lots of ideas for stories, fingerplays and crafts on the theme of

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

small forest and field animals.

WHO AM I - first a guessing game and then you can act it out:

I live in hollow logs, & sometimes in a rocky place.

But sometimes I can be seen in daylight.

I have a bushy striped tail, & a mask upon my face.

To me bugs, sweet corn, and berries are treats,

I'm a good climber, and an excellent swimmer.

And I dip my food in water before I eat.

I move around mostly at night, Who am I? (Raccoon)

#### FOUR GRAY SQUIRRELS - a fingerplay (you could use any small creature)



Four gray squirrels sitting in a tree,
One scurried away, and then there were three.
Three gray squirrels wondering what to do,
One leaped away, and then there were two.
Two gray squirrels playing in the sun,
One fell asleep, and then there was one.
One gray squirrel went for a run,

And then there were none.

Hold up appropriate number of fingers Make walking motion with fingers

Jump right fingers off left arm

Place head on hands, close eyes

Run fingers off to side

#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR flannel story
THE FEARSOME BEAST flannel story
FIVE LITTLE SPECKLED FROGS puppet glove
HEDGEHOG puppet
THE HOUSE IN THE WOODS flannel story
I LOVE ANIMALS big book

I WENT WALKING big book
IN THE TALL, TALL GRASS big book
RATTLESNAKE, MOUSE & COYOTE flannel story
TEN LITTLE MICE big book
TIME FOR BED big book
THE WIDE-MOUTHED FROG flannel story

## **ANIMALS**

### Not So Wild

#### **Stories:**

Alborough Hug Johnson The Goose Who Went Off in a Huff

Alborough Watch Out, Big Bro's Coming! Lester A Porcupine Named Fluffy

Beaumont Who Ate All the Cookie Dough? London Wiggle Waggle
Cabrera Rory and the Lion Mitton All Afloat on Noah's Boat!

Carle From Head to Toe Murray The Very Sleepy Sloth
Carle "Slowly. Slowly. Slowly." Said the Sloth Rice Sam Who Never Forge

Carle "Slowly, Slowly, "Said the Sloth
Davis Who Hoots?
Davis Who Hops?

De Regniers May I Bring a Friend?

Dodd What Pet to Get?

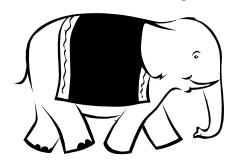
Fitzpatrick I'm a Tiger Too!

Ho Hush! a Thai Lullaby

Rice Sam Who Never Forgets
Sharratt Elephant Wellyphant
Timmers Who is Driving?
Webb Tanka Tank Skunk!
Wilson A Frog in the Bog
Wilson Hilda Must Be Dancing
Wormell Puff, Puff, Chugga-chugga

Young Who Says Moo?

#### **Ideas for Participation:**



#### **BABY KANGAROO**

Jump, jump, jump goes the big kangaroo.
I thought there was one, but I see there are two.
The mother takes her young one along in a pouch,
Where he can nap like a child on a couch.
Jump, jump, jump, jump, jump, jump.

#### **PRETENDING** - suit actions to words

I'm a bear - hear me growl!
I'm a lion - hear me roar!
I'm a dog - hear me bark!
As I run out the door.

#### **ELEPHANT**

Right foot, left foot, see me go. I am gray and big and slow. I come walking down the street With my trunk and four big feet.

Put weight on first one foot, the other, swaying from side to side. Extend arms together in front, swing like trunk.

Jump closed fist with index finger up Index finger of other hand slips up between fingers and thumb of 'mother' Mime sleeping, head on hands Now jump, jump, jump!

I'm an elephant - with a trunk. I'm a camel with a hump. I'm a donkey - running races. I'm a monkey - watch me jump.

#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

ALPHABET pop-up
THE COUNTING ZOO pop-up
IN THE HOUSE flannel story
IS YOUR MAMA A LLAMA? big book
LOU AT THE ZOO flannel story
MAY I BRING A FRIEND flannel story

MISS MOO GOES TO THE ZOO big book
ONE ELEPHANT WENT OUT TO PLAY flannel story
UP ALL NIGHT COUNTING pop-up
WALKING THROUGH THE JUNGLE big book

## ANIMALS WILD

#### **Stories:**

Alborough Watch Out, Big Bro's Coming! Jorgensen Crocodile Beat

Arma We're Going on Safari Kimmel Anansi & the Moss-Covered Rock

Bright Quiet! McDonnell Splash!

Harper The Gunniwolf Murray The Very Sleepy Sloth

Isaacs Pancakes for Supper Stojic Rain

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

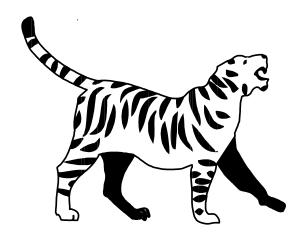
#### JUNGLE WALK

Form a circle. all repeat the chant as you circle slowly. On each roar, growl, etc. turn and "terrify" the person behind you. (Or, remain seated and turn side to side.)

Walking through the jungle what did I see?
A big striped TIGER was GROWLING at me!
Walking through the jungle what did I see?
A green ALLIGATOR was SNAPPING at me!
Let the children suggest other animals to encounter

#### **PRETENDING** - suit actions to words

I'm a bear - hear me growl!
I'm a lion - hear me roar!
I'm a dog - hear me bark!
As I run out the door.
I'm a elephant - with a trunk.
I'm a camel - with a hump.
I'm a donkey - running races.
I'm a monkey - watch me jump!

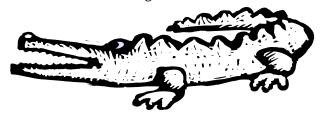


#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

CHIMPANZEE, LION, AND CROCODILE puppets
FACE TO FACE SAFARI pop-up
FIVE LITTLE MONKEYS/MR. CROCODILE set for
glove or small flannel board
IN THE WILD pop-up
JUNGLE WALK pictures
Use these with the Dippin' in the Paintbox CD or

Use these with the *Dippin'* in the *Paintbox* CD or the *Ready to Go Storytimes* book & CD. Ask for our binoculars to complete the experience!

THE MONKEY & THE CROCODILE flannel story
UWUNGELEMA flannel story
WALKING THROUGH THE JUNGLE big book
WHAT'S IN THE JUNGLE pop-up
WHO IS THE BEAST big book



# AROUND THE WORLD

#### **Stories:**

Brett The Mitten (Ukraine)
Conrad Animal Lingo (International)
Gilman Something from Nothing (Russia)

Ho Hush! (Thailand)

Hutchins Don't Forget the Bacon! (England)

Iwamura Tan Tan's Hat (Japan)

Kimmel Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock

(Africa)

Lindgren The Tomten and the Fox (Sweden)

Moore Six-Dinner Sid (England)
Morris Hats, Hats (International)
Stuve-Boden Elizabeti's Doll (Tanzania)

Van Laan So Say the Little Monkeys (Africa)
Wahl The Woman With the Eggs (Denmark)

J 398.2 Bang The Old Woman & the Red Pumpkin (India)
J 573 Intrater Two Eyes, a Nose, and a Mouth (International)

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

RHYTHM OF THE ROCKS: A multicultural musical journey by Nancy Stewart is a great resource with songs, action, and circle games. It includes a CD and music.

JAPANESE RHYME - point to each as you say it

Hana, hana, hana, kuchi

Kuchi, Kuchi, Kuchi, Mimi

Mouth, mouth, mouth, ear

Mimi, mimi, mei Ear, ear, ear, eye

#### CHE, CHE KULE -- African song, from Ghana

The leader chants the words. the group repeats each line.

Hands on your head
Hands on your shoulders
Hands on your shoulders
Hands on your hips
Hands on your knees
Hands on your knees
Hands on your ankles
(Hands on your knees)
Hands on your ankles)

Everyone: Hands on your ankles, Hey!

Kiswahili: Phonetic Pronunciation:

Kye kye KuleChay chay koo-layKye Kye ko-fi-nsaChay chay koo-fee nsaKofi sa langaKoe-fee sa lahn-gaKete kyi langaKay tay chee lahn gaKum adendeKoom a dyan-day

Everyone: Kum adende, hey!



MY AUNT CAME BACK - kids repeat each line. Continue all actions, once begun, so at the end you are fanning, cutting, itching, clomping, and rocking!

My aunt came back from old Japan And brought for me a paper fan

...from New Algiers/..a pair of shears ...from Ol' Chile/...An itchy flea

...from Holland too/...a wooden shoe

...from the county fair/...a rocking chair

...from the city zoo/...a monkey like you!

My aunt came back from Old Japan And brought for me

Pretend to fan self with hand

Make cutting motions

With one hand, Itch shoulder, then hip

Clomp one foot up and down

Rock back and forth Point at the kids!

#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

#### **AFRICA**

THUMB PIANO - an easy instrument to plink sweet music on OTHER RHYTHM INSTRUMENTS - Drums, Shakers, Sticks, etc. Use with Rhythm of the Rocks, Nancy Stewart's CD, or other music. **UWUNGELEMA** - flannel story

#### **EUROPE**

**BREMENTOWN MUSICIANS flannel story** PEACE AND QUIET flannel story

#### **INDIA**

THE CAT AND THE PARROT flannel story

#### **JAPAN**

GROW, GROW - AS BIG AS YOU CAN! Kamishibai story cards LITTLE CHICK Kamishibai story cards THE MOTHER CAT Kamishibai story cards THE MOUSE'S WEDDING Kamishibai story cards NYA-ON, THE KITTEN Kamishibai story cards

#### **MEXICO**

RATTLESNAKE, MOUSE AND COYOTE flannel story

#### **PUERTO RICO**

LITTLE COCKROACH MARTINA flannel story





## **BABIES**



Stories:

**Ashman** Babies on the Go McPhail Pig Pig Grows Up Runaway Bunny Oborne One Beautiful Baby Brown Cabrera Over in the Meadow Rogers Quacky Duck Cooke So Much Root Flip, Flap, Fly!

Cowell What Shall We Do with the Saltzberg Cornelius P. Mud, Are You Ready

Boo Hoo Baby? for Baby?

Eastman Are You My Mother? Schlein The Story About Me Fleming This Is the Baby Stein Pouch!

Frazee Hush, Little Baby Stoeke A Friend for Minerva Louise

Look at You! A Baby Body Book Sykes Henderson Dora's Eggs Katz **Counting Kisses** Tafuri Silly Little Goose Peter's Chair Little Baby Bobby Keats Van Laan Kopper Daisy Is a Mommy Waddell Owl Babies Weeks Kopper Daisy's Babies Overboard! Ziefert Massie The Baby Beebee Bird Waiting for Baby

J 398.8 Playtime Playtime Rhymes

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

FIVE LITTLE BABIES - hold up fingers and then pantomime actions

One little baby

Rocking in a tree.

Two little babies

Three little babies

Crawling on the floor.

Four little babies

Five little babies

Playing hide and seek

Keep your eyes closed tight.

Splashing in the sea. Banging on the door. Until I say peek!

**PAT-A-CAKE** 

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

Bake me a cake as fast as you can.

Pat it, and dot it and mark it with a B

And put it in the oven

Clap four times in rhythm

Cup hands

Mime actions

Extend both hands

For Baby and me. Point to a child, then yourself

#### THIS IS A BABY READY FOR A NAP Do twice, once for each gender

This is a baby ready for a nap.
Lay him [her] down in his [her] mother's lap.
Cover him [her] up so he [she] won't peep.
Rock him [her] till he's [she's] fast asleep.

Hold up one finger. Place in palm of other hand. Wrap fingers around it. Rock finger back and forth



#### Suggested Enrichments:

BISCUIT big book
THE BLUE JAY flannel story
HERE'S A BALL FOR BABY flannel story
HUSH LITTLE BABY flannel story
LITTLE EGG flannel story

OVER IN THE MEADOW big book
OWL BABIES big book or flannel story
RUNAWAY BUNNY flannel story
WHERE'S SPOT pop-up
WHERE'S SPOT big book



## **BATHS**

#### **Stories:**

Braeuner Brown Constantin Cowley Dodd Kudrna The Great Dog Wash The Dirty Little Boy Who's in the Tub? Mrs. Wishy-Washy's Farm Dog's Colorful Day To Bathe a Boa

McPhail O'Garden Pomerantz Schotter Slangerup

The Scrubbly-Bubbly Car Wash The Piggy in the Puddle Captain Bob Sets Sail Dirt Boy King Bidgood's in the Bathtub

Andrew's Bath

#### Ideas for Participation:



#### THIS IS THE WAY - with a bath theme

Wood

This is the way we wash our hair, Wash our hair, wash our hair, This is the way we wash our hair, So early in the morning. Suit actions to words

Ask children to suggest other words and actions

#### BABY'S BATH - a quiet finger play

Baby's ready for his bath Here's the baby's tub Here's the baby's washcloth. See how he can rub. Here's the baby's cake of soap And here's the towel to dry, And here's the baby's cradle, Rock-a-baby-bye "Hold" baby
Make circle with arms
Hold hand up, palm flat
Pretend to rub face
Make a fist
Hold hands flat
Make imaginary cradle of arms
And rock it back and forth



#### **AFTER A BATH** - suit actions to words

After my bath, I try, try, try
To towel myself off 'till I'm dry, dry, dry
Hands to dry, and fingers and toes

And two wet legs and a shiny nose
Just think, how much less time I'd take
If I were a dog, and could shake, shake!

#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

BOA: This is a VERY long fabric snake that lives in a basket. Here's how to use it:

- Pull the boa out of the basket a little at a time.
- Hand the head to the first child in the front row.
- Tell the children to keep passing it along.
- The snake will wind through the audience
- It should be long enough to reach everyone's lap. Let them keep it as you read To Bathe a Boa.

#### DOG'S COLORFUL DAY flannel story

KING BIDGOOD'S IN THE BATHTUB big book

PIGS: Four tiny pigs dressed as the *Piggy in the Puddle* family. Display them before the story, or use them like puppets to tell the story.

RUB A DUB DUB glove and prop

## **BEARS**

#### **Stories:**

Alborough It's the Bear! Hague Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

Alborough Where's My Teddy Henkes Old Bear

Alexander You're a Genius, Blackboard Bear Mack 10 Bears in My Bed Bergman Yum Yum! What Fun! McCloskev Blueberries for Sal Bear in Sunshine Blackstone Minarik Little Bear (series) Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear? Carlstrom Pinkwater Bear's Picture

Dodd Best Bear Root Oliver Finds His Way

Edwards Copy Me, Copycub Rosen We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Good Night, Copycub **Edwards** Shannon Lizard's Song Good Luck Bear Tafuri The Big Storm Foley **Foley** Thank You Bear Tafuri Mama's Little Bears Freeman Corduroy Wilson Bear Snores On

Gravett Orange Pear Apple Bear Wilson Bear Stays Up for Christmas

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

#### **TEDDY BEAR, TEDDY BEAR** - suit actions to words

Teddy - bear, teddy bear, turn around.

Teddy bear, teddy bear, go upstairs;
Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the ground;
Teddy bear, teddy bear, say your prayers;
Teddy bear, teddy bear, say your prayers;
Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn out the light,
Teddy bear, teddy bear say, "Goodnight!"

(or, how old are you?)

#### THE BEAR WENT OVER THE MOUNTAIN - suit actions to words

The bear went over the mountain

The bear went over the mountain

The bear went over the mountain

To see what he could see.

And all that he could see

Was the other side of the mountain

The other side of the mountain

The other side of the mountain

Was all that he could see.

#### BEARS EVERYWHERE - suit actions to words

Bears, bears, everywhere! Bears collecting fares,
Bears climbing stairs. Bears giving stares.
Bears sitting on chairs, Bears washing hairs,

Bears, bears, bears, everywhere!

WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT (On the CD Kids in Action. See Adventure section for movements.)

**SONG: TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC** Check the library catalog for many tapes with this song.

#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

BEAR'S FEAST flannel story HOW DO I PUT IT ON? flannel story

BROWN BEAR puppet JAMBERRY big book

FIVE LITTLE BEARS flannel story POLAR BEAR, POLAR BEAR WHAT DO YOU SEE? big book

GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE THE SCARED LITTLE BEAR pop-up

BEARS flannel pieces to use with mitt TEDDY WORE HIS RED SHIRT flannel story

or small flannel board









#### **Stories:**

Asch	Baby Bird's First Nest	Lionni	Inch by Inch
Eastman	Are You My Mother?	Nicholls	Billywise
Ehlert	Feathers for Lunch	Nodset	Who Took the Farmer's Hat?
Emberley	Chicken Little	Preston	Squawk to the Moon, Little Goose

Galdone Henny Penny Root Flip, Flap, Fly! Halpern Little Robin Redbreast Tafuri Blue Goose

Henkes Birds Tafuri Whose Chick Are You?

Hills Duck & Goose Tankard Grumpy Bird Hutchins Goodnight, Owl Waddell Owl Babies

Lear The Owl and the Pussycat

KIDSTUFF: Volume 7 Number 4 *Just Us Birds* has lots of ideas on the bird theme. KIDSTUFF Volume 5 Number 8 *Give a Hoot* has lots of ideas on the theme of owls.

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

**PUPPET BIRD WATCHER:** Use any puppet. The puppet arrives (from a bag, box, or basket) with binoculars and bird ID book. You and the puppet get into a conversation with the children about birds they know.

#### ONCE I SAW A LITTLE BIRD

Once I saw a little bird come hop, hop Hop one finger of one hand
I cried, "Little bird, will you stop, stop, stop!"
I went to the window,
Saying, "How do you do?"
Walk two fingers of other hand
Wag finger of other hand
Wag finger of other hand
Flutter fingers of first hand up over head

#### TWO LITTLE BLACKBIRDS

Two little blackbirds

Sitting on a hill,

One named Jack,

One named Jill,

Fly away, Jack

Fly away, Jill

Come back Jack

Hold up both pointer fingers

Or put hands 'sitting up' on shoulders

Move one hand forward

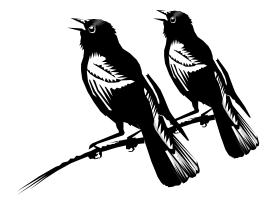
Move other hand forward

Move one hand behind back

Move other hand behind back

Bring hands back, one by one

Come back, Jack, Eome back, Jill.



#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

BLUEBIRD THROUGH MY WINDOW flannel story
THE BLUE JAY flannel story
THE CAT AND THE PARROT flannel story
FEATHERS FOR LUNCH big book
FIVE FAT TURKEYS flannel story
GREEN GRASS GREW ALL AROUND flannel story

HENNY PENNY flannel story
THE OWL AND THE PUSSYCAT flannel story
OWL BABIES big book and flannel story
CROW, SILLY BIRD puppets
SING A SONG OF SIXPENCE flannel story
FIVE LITTLE OWLS/OWL BABIES flannel story



## **BIRTHDAYS**



#### **Stories:**

Bunting Happy Birthday, Dear Duck Peek Mary Wore Her Red Dress
Cooke So Much Reid Wave Goodbye

Harper My Cats Nick and Nora Robart The Cake That Mack Ate
Hutchins Happy Birthday. Sam Sathre Three Kind Mice

Hutchins Happy Birthday, Sam Sathre Three Kind Mic Minarek Little Bear: "Birthday Soup" Wilson Whopper Cake

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

**BIRTHDAY PUPPET** Use any puppet. Pretend it's the puppet's birthday. Encourage children to talk about birthdays. Other ideas: Give the puppet a library card for his/her birthday. Have the puppet unwrap a present – it's a book!



#### **MAKE A WISH**

Big chocolate cake Make round circle with arms

Ice cream in a dish

Here are the candles

Cup hands together

Hold up fingers

Now make a wish! Pretend to blow out "candles" by making a fist

**SING "HAPPY BIRTHDAY"** – Sing to the birthday puppet or have the children stand up by months of the year and sing Happy Birthday to them.

#### MY BIRTHDAY CAKE

My birthday cake is pink and white Make round circle with arms

Lighted candles make it bright.

1,2,3,4,5 pink candles Hold up fingers
What a pretty sight. Wiggle fingers

**TEN LITTLE CANDLES** - hold up ten fingers. at "Wh! Wh!" bend two fingers down, until there are none!

Ten little candles on a chocolate cake; "Wh! Wh!" Now there are four.

"Wh! Wh!" Now there are eight.

Eight little candles on a candlestick. "Wh! Wh!" Now there are two.

"Wh! Wh!" Now there are six. Two little candles, birthday cakes are fun. Six little candles, and not one more; "Wh! Wh!" Now there are none.

Suggested Enrichments:

BALLOONS FOR A PARTY flannel story FLOWER GARDEN big book
THE BIRTHDAY CAKE flannel story HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MAISY pop-up

## BROTHERS & SISTERS

#### **Stories:**

Guy

Harper

Rohmann

Alborough Watch Out! Big Bro's Coming! Rounds Three Billy Goats Gruff

Chichester I Love You, Blue Kangaroo! Saltzberg Cornelius P. Mud, Are You Ready for

Christelow Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed Siomades Katy Did It!

Christelow Five Little Monkeys Play Hide-&-Seek Thompson Mouse's First Summer **Emmett** This Way, Ruby! Mouse's First Valentine Thompson

Waddell Owl Babies Fleming Mama Cat Has Three Kittens

Geist The Three Little Fish Wells Max's Chocolate Chicken

> and the Big Bad Shark Wells Max Cleans Up Wells Max's Dragon Shirt Ziefert Waiting for Baby

**Keats** Peter's Chair Zimmerman Digger Man Good as Goldie Palatini

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

Siesta

Our New Puppy

A Kitten Tale

**HELPING MOTHER** from Flint Public Library's book of fingerplays, Ring a Ring O'Roses. Used with permission.

We help our mother.

We sweep the floor Pretend to sweep the floor We dust the table Circular dusting motion Run in place We run to the store. We help her beat the eggs, Beat the eggs And stir the cake And sift flour for cake.

Pretend to eat Then we help her eat

All the good things we make!

#### TWO LITTLE MONKEYS

Two index fingers 'fight' Two little monkeys fighting in bed. One fell out and hurt his head. Put one finger down, hold head The other called the doctor Dial phone

And the doctor said:

That's what you get for fighting in bed. Shake finger - "no-no".

#### **FINGER FAMILY**

This is the mother, as dear as can be. Index finger This is the father, the tallest is he. Middle finger Ring finger This is the sister, she's growing up tall. Little finger This is the brother, so cute and so small. Thumbs Here's Grandma and Grandpa, and I love them all!

#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

FIVE LITTLE MONKEYS JUMPING ON THE BED/SWINGING FROM THE TREE props for monkey mitt or small flannel board FIVE LITTLE CHICKENS flannel story OWL BABIES big book and flannel story

TEN LITTLE MONKEYS JUMPING ON THE BED big book THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF big book or flannel story THREE LITTLE KITTENS flannel, monkey mitt & props THREE LITTLE PIGS flannel story





#### **Stories:**

Aylesworth Old Black Fly Murphy Caterpillar's Wish

Brown The Big Sneeze Rounds I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly

Carle The Very Busy Spider Siomades Katy Did It!

Carle The Very Hungry Caterpillar Sloat The Thing That Bothered Farmer Brown

Cole Jack's Garden Taback There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly

Gollub The Jazz Fly Thomas Can YOU Make a SCARY FACE?

Kimmel Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock J 595.789 Allen Are You a Ladybug? Lionni Inch by Inch J 597.87 Cowley Red-Eyed Tree Frog

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

**PUPPET GOES BUGGY:** Some ideas for leading in to talking about bugs with the children. The puppet arrives with an insect net. The puppet is scared by an insect, then becomes interested in it. The puppet arrives with a spider or a bug on it somewhere.

#### **EENSY WEENSY SPIDER**

The eensy weensy spider

Climbed up the water spout.

Finger to thumb, hands rotate upward

Or one hand climbs up arm to shoulder

Down came the rain

Raise hands high in air and drop them down
And washed the spider out.

Slide hands from side to side in washout

Out came the sun and dried up all the rain.

Arms form circle over head

The eensy, weensy spider climbed up the spout again.

Repeat "climbing" motion

#### **BEEHIVE-** Children like this one repeated, using both fists and counting to ten

Here is the little beehive. Hold up fist with fingers curled up inside

Where are the bees?

They're hiding inside where nobody sees. Peek into closed fist

Soon they come creeping out of the hive Raise thumb and fingers, one at a time

One, two, three, four, five. BUZZZZZZ! Flutter fingers, buzzing around

#### **FUZZY WUZZY CATERPILLAR**

Changed to a butterfly.

Fuzzy wuzzy caterpillar
Into a corner creeps.

He'll spin himself a blanket,
And then fall fast asleep.

Wiggling finger

Make finger creep

Spin hands around each other

Mime sleep

Fuzzy wuzzy caterpillar Wiggling finger
Wakes up by and by Open eyes and stretch

To find he has wings of beauty Wrists together, flap hands



#### THE FLY ON PETER RABBIT'S NOSE - sing to the tune of the Battle Hymn of the Republic

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

And he flipped it and he flapped it 'Til it flew a-way.

Each time you sing "Little Peter Rabbit" stand up your hands on your head as bunny ears and wiggle them with the beat. When you sing "fly upon his nose," pinch together the thumb and forefinger of one hand, circle it like a fly in flight and land it on your nose.

Bat at your nose with your open hand.

Flap your hands close to your body like funny little wings and give a little hoppy jump as though you're flying away.

#### THE FLEA ON MY TOE

For toddler or baby story time this can also be done on a child's body rather than on your own. You can see this performed on the video "From Wibbleton to Wobbleton".

On my toe there is a flea Now it's climbing up on me Past my tummy\*, past my nose

On my head where my hair grows.

On my head there is a flea Now it's climbing down on me Past my belly, past my knee On my toe, take that you flea.

Tickle your toe

Your fingers tickle up your body

Tickle fingers in hair

Tickle fingers in hair

Finger tickle down your body

If you're flexible enough, kiss your toe! If not, bat the "flea" with your hand instead

#### SHOO FLY, DON'T BOTHER ME

Shoo fly, Don't bother me

Shoo fly

Don't bother me

Shoo fly

Don't bother me

for I belong to somebody.

I feel, I feel, I feel like shaking my hands... I feel, I feel, I feel like stamping my feet... I feel, I feel, I feel like turning around...

Let children think up more verses.

Swing one hand through air in shooing motion

Swing other hand in shooing motion

Swing one hand Swing other hand Swing one hand Swing other hand Point to self

Suit action to words...

Can also use this song in a circle game. Walk in circle, first going left, then back to right. At "I feel" face center and make motions toward the center.

#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

ANT, GRASSHOPPER, LADY BUG puppets EENSY WEENSY SPIDER glove and props FIVE FAT SPIDERS flannel story IN THE TALL TALL GRASS big book ITSY BITSY SPIDER flannel story KATIE THE CATERPILLAR flannel story

LITTLE MISS MUFFET flannel story OLD BLACK FLY big book OLD LADY WHO SWALLOWED A FLY puppet with props THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR sock puppet

<sup>\*</sup>Some people say "belly" instead of "tummy."



## CATS



#### Stories:

Arnold Roar of a Snore Mother Halverson's New Cat Aylesworth Lear

Braun Meeow and the Little Chairs Hondo and Fabian McCarty Cabrera Cat's Colors Monks The Cat Barked?

Calhoun Hot Air Henry

Carle Have You Seen My Cat?

Dodd Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy

**Ehlert** Feathers for Lunch Cats Sleep Anywhere Farjeon

Mama Cat Has Three Kittens Fleming

Gag Millions of Cats

Lost Cat Hardy

Harper My Cats Nick and Nora

Telling Time with Big Mama Cat Harper

Ketteman Grandma's Cat

The Owl and the Pussycat

Moore Six-Dinner Sid

Newton Cat Fish

Pringle Naming the Cat Roberts Cat Skidoo Rohmann A Kitten Tale Barn Cat Saul Schoenherr Cat & Mouse

There Are Cats in This Book Schwarz

Voake Pizza Kittens Walsh Mouse Paint

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

#### **SOFT KITTY**

Soft kitty, warm kitty, little ball of fur. Make fist with one hand for kitty, Lazy kitty, pretty kitty, purr, purr, purr. pet with other hand

#### MY LITTLE KITTY

Here comes my little cat, Point to side, move hand to chest With a pitter, patter, pat, pat, pat! Hold hands as paws, tiptoe in place

First she stretches from here to there, Hold hands as paws, bend over, then straighten up

Still with paws, jump up Then she jumps up with her tail in the air. Squat down, put hands in lap Gently she lands on my lap,

Still squatting, place hands together by cheek, resting head And settles down for a nice long nap.

#### **MILLIONS OF CATS**

Kids can say the chorus of this story (listed above) with you: "Hundreds of cats, thousands of cats, millions and billions and trillions of cats."

#### **MY CAT STRETCHES** full body rhyme, suit actions to words

My cat stretches one paw high. Then says meow and turns around, With the other paw she'll touch the sky. Folds her paws and sits right down.

#### **CREEPING** fingerplay or full body rhyme – suit actions to words

Creeping, creeping, creeping, comes the little cat.

But bunny with his long ears

Hops like that!

Creep fingers of one hand up other arm, or 'creep' quietly in place

Place index fingers up to sides of head

And hop about!

#### Suggested Enrichments:

BLACK CAT puppet

THE CAT AND THE PARROT flannel story

COLOR CATS flannel story

FEATHERS FOR LUNCH big book

FIVE LITTLE KITTENS finger puppets and rhyme

I GOT ME A CAT flannel story

KITTY WORE HER RED SHIRT flannel story

A MITTEN FOR A KITTEN flannel story THE MOTHER CAT Kamishibai story cards NYA-ON, THE KITTEN Kamishibai story cards THE OWL AND THE PUSSYCAT flannel story

THREE LITTLE KITTENS flannel story; also props to use

with monkey mitt





Stories:

 Baker
 Big Fat Hen
 Hutchins
 Rosie's Walk

 Barton
 The Little Red Hen
 Lawrence
 This Little Chick

 Buttle Red Hen
 Descrete
 Rob

Bunting Hurry! Hurry! Pearson Bob

Butler Wee Little Chick Stoeke A Friend for Minerva Louise
Chen The Featherless Chicken Stoeke A Hat for Minerva Louise

Davenier Leon and Albertine Stoeke Minerva Louise and the Red Truck

Emberley Chicken Little Stoeke Minerva Louise at School

Friend The Perfect Nest Sykes Dora's Eggs
Galdone The Little Red Hen Thompson Wee Little Chick

Graham Queenie, One of the Family Wahl The Woman with the Eggs Hest Little Chick Willis Mommy Do You Love Me?

Himmelman Chickens to the Rescue Wormell Hilda Hen's Search

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

**ROSIE'S WALK:** Take Rosie's Walk with the children. Plan out a route in advance. Use any furniture to go over (a stool), under (a table), around (a bookshelf), and through (2 chairs).

THE LITTLE RED HEN Children can give the responses, "'Not I,' said the dog."

**BOB** Children can make all of the animal noises that rooster Bob learns.

#### HERE'S A LITTLE EGG – full body rhyme

Here's a little egg, so smooth and white

Peck, peck, peck, there's something inside!

Peck, peck, peck, here comes a little beak,

Peck, peck, peck, here come two little feet.

Squat down, head rounded, arms close to sides

Nodding head

Nod some more, then extend nose and chin outward

Tap hands on ground, partially straighten legs

Peck, peck, nere come two little feet.

Peck, peck, peck, and pick, pick, pick

Tap hands, nod head, still slightly bent over

And crack, crack, CRACK! Stamp feet

Out pops the baby chick! That's all! Stand up tall, arms extended over head

#### TEN FLUFFY CHICKENS

5 eggs and 5 eggs; that makes ten

Sitting on top is the Mother Hen.

Crackle, crackle; What do I see?

Ten fluffy chickens, as yellow as can be.

Hold up two hands

Fold one hand over the other

Clap 3 times

Hold up 10 fingers

#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

CHICKEN puppet
DOWN IN THE BARNYARD flannel story
FIVE LITTLE CHICKENS flannel story
FIVE LITTLE CHICKENS monkey mitt
HENNY PENNY flannel story
WHO SAID MOO? pop-up

LITTLE RED HEN flannel story
LITTLE RED HEN big books
LITTLE CHICK Kamishibai story cards
THIS LITTLE CHICK finger puppets
LITTLE EGG flannel story and full body rhyme

## **CHRISTMAS**

#### **Stories:**

Dunrea Merry Christmas, Ollie!
Knight The Twelve Days of Christmas
Krensky How Santa Got His Job
Lindgren The Tomten and the Fox
Miller Mousekin's Christmas Eve
Moore The Night Before Christmas
Wilson Bear Stays Up for Christmas



#### **Ideas for Participation:**

**THE VERY EAGER PUPPET:** Use any puppet. Possibilities: 1. The puppet arrives (from a bag, basket, or box) wearing a Santa hat and beard, or reindeer horns or...? 2. The puppet arrives carrying a calendar and together with the children counts the days until Christmas. 3. The puppet arrives with the storytime books wrapped like presents, opens them one by one for the storyteller to read.

#### CHRISTMAS TIME - this can be sung to tune of Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Ring, ring, ring the bells. Make motion of ringing bells

Ring them loud and clear To tell the children everywhere That Christmas time is here.

#### **HERE IS THE CHIMNEY** - fingerplay, or borrow our little chimney and Santa-on-a-stick props

Here is the chimney Make fist enclosing thumb
Here is the top. Palm of other hand on top of fist

Open the lid, Remove top hand quickly

And out Santa will pop. Pop up thumb

#### THE CHRISTMAS TREE

I am a Christmas tree growing up tall

But when I first started, I was this small.

Stretch up tall

Crouch down

Then I grew bigger and had branches so wide,

Stand slowly, arms out wide

And I made pine cones with seeds hiding inside. Hands for pine cones
The wind shakes my branches, Shake arms

And down those seeds fall, Flutter fingers downward

To make new little pine trees for tinsel and balls. Point hands together for trees, slowly make balls with fists

#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS pop-up SANTA finger puppets and rhymes SANTA'S SURPRISE pop-up

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS A cut and tell story TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS pop-up



## **CLOTHING**



#### Stories:

Brett

Barrett Animals Should Definitely Isaacs Pancakes for Supper

Not Wear Clothing Iwamura Tan Tan's Hat
The Hat Keats Jennie's Hat

Brett The Mitten London Froggy Gets Dressed

Carlstrom Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear? Miller Whose Hat?

Chodos-Irvine Ella Sarah Gets Dressed Miller Whose Shoes?

Cousins Maisy Dresses Up Peek Mary Wore Her Red Dress

Fleming This Is the Baby Slobodkina Caps for Sale

Freeman Corduroy Weeks Mrs. McNosh Hangs Up Her Wash

Gilman Something from Nothing Wells Max's Dragon Shirt

Hutchins You'll Soon Grow into them, Titch Willems Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

**PUPPET IN SILLY CLOTHING:** Use any puppet. Ideas: the puppet enters from a basket, box, or bag, wearing clothing all wrong – shirt on its head, etc. Puppet enters dressed wrong for an activity -- planning to go swimming in a scarf and mittens, for example. Encourage the children to correct this.

#### THINGS I CAN DO - suit actions to words

Hat on head, chin strap here,
Snap just so, you see;
I can put my hat on
Toes in first, heels push down,
Pull, pull, pull and "whee"
I can put my boots on

All by myself - just me!

One arm in, two arms in,

All by myself - just me!

Fingers here, thumbs right here,

Buttons one, two, three Hands are warm as can be;
I can put my coat on I can put my mittens on
All by myself just me!

All by myself, just me!

#### LOOK AT ME!

Look at me! Point to self
Upon my head Hands on head
I wear a hat of brightest red.
Look at me! Point to self
With shirt and pants Point to clothing
I'm dressed to play. Jump up and down.
Don't I look neat Point to feet



#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

with shiny shoes upon my feet.

ALL KINDS OF SHOES flannel story
CAPS FOR SALE big book
FROGGY GETS DRESSED flannel story
HOW DO I PUT IT ON? flannel story
JENNIE JENKINS flannel story
JOSEPH HAD A LITTLE OVERCOAT flannel story
A MITTEN FOR A KITTEN flannel story

MONKEY puppet to use with Tan Tan stories
SHADY HAT flannel story
TEDDY WORE HIS RED SHIRT flannel story
KITTY WORE HER RED SHIRT flannel story
WHAT'S INSIDE THE POCKET? flannel story
THE WIND AND THE CLOTHES flannel story
OLD SOCK STEW on Jim Gill Sings the Sneezing Song
and Other Contagious Tunes CD

SOMETHING FROM NOTHING: Use wallpaper to cut first a coat, then a vest, then a pocket and finally a button. Or use the flannel story Joseph Had a Little Overcoat, which is the same tale.



#### **Stories:**

Cabrera Cat's Colors Martin Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

Crews Freight Train Peek Mary Wore Her Red Dress

Dodd Dog's Colorful Day Pinkwater Bear's Picture

EhlertColor FarmSeegerLemons Are Not RedEhlertColor ZooStinsonThose Green Things

EhlertPlanting a RainbowTafuriBlue GooseFoxWhere is the Green SheepWalshMouse PaintFreemanA Rainbow of My OwnWilliamsI Went Walking

Jonas Color Dance

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

**THE VERY COLORFUL PUPPET** Use any puppet. Possibilities: 1. The puppet wears only a favorite color. Have a conversation about favorite colors with the puppet and the children. 2. The puppet guesses colors wrong. Let the children correct him/her. 3. The puppet matches colors and so do the children.

#### WHAT COLOR ARE YOU WEARING - suit actions to words

Red, red, red, You are wearing red today. Who is wearing red today? You are wearing red.

Red, red, red, Come on now and say it proud:

Who is wearing red I am wearing red!

Raise your hand and stand up tall

If you are wearing red. (Point to children in red) Repeat with other colors

#### WILL YOU WEAR RED, JENNIE JENKINS? - you can find the tune on our PSST SONGS tape

Will you wear red, oh my dear, oh my dear? Will you wear green, etc. Will you wear yell

Will you wear red, Jenny Jenkins? I wou

No-ooo I won't wear red, I'd rather soak my head.

Chorus: Repeat after each verse. I'd rather eat my shoe.

I'll buy me a foldy, roldy, tiddly toldy, rufty, tufty, girlie whirlie, Will you wear wl

Roll, Jenny Jenkins, roll. (Roll hands together)

Will you wear green, etc.

I would look like a bean.

Will you wear yellow, etc
I'd look just like jello.

Will you wear blue, etc.
I'd rather eat my shoe.

Then what will you wear
Oh my dear, oh my dear?

Will you wear white, etc

For the color's too bright

What will you wear,

Jenny Jenkins?

Oh-ohhh, my own underwear With a ribbon in my hair.

#### I SPY WITH MY LITTLE EYE - A classic children's game:

Look around the library and pick something (don't tell what it is) and give us a clue: I spy with my little eye something that is "red." Children take turns guessing what.

#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

AUTUMN LEAVES flannel storv

BLUEBIRD THROUGH MY WINDOW flannel story

BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR flannel story

COLOR CATS flannel story

DOG'S COLORFUL DAY flannel story

FISHIES flannel story

FREIGHT TRAIN big book

I WENT WALKING big book

JENNIE JENKINS flannel story

KITTY WORE HER RED SHIRT flannel story

LOTS OF CARS flannel story

A MITTEN FOR A KITTEN flannel story

MOUSE PAINT big book

PLANTING A RAINBOW big book

RUDOLPH flannel story (Not the song – his

nose is the wrong colors.)

TEDDY WORE HIS RED SHIRT flannel story

THIS LITTLE TRAIN flannel story

UMBRELLAS flannel story

## 12 COUNTING 45

#### **Stories:**

Bailey Goodnight, Sweet Pig

BakerBig Fat HenBakerPotato JoeBatesFive Little DucksCabreraOver in the MeadowCarle10 Little Rubber DucksCarleThe Very Hungry Caterpillar

Christelow Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed

Dodd Dog's Colorful Day

Dunn Number Rhymes to Say and Play

Fall Feast for 10
Gunson Over on the Farm
Katz Counting Kisses

Kelly Five Green and Speckled Frogs

Lionni Inch by Inch

Mack 10 Bears in My Bed
Modesitt 1·2·3 Valentine's Day
Oborne One Beautiful Baby
Ochiltree Ten Monkey Jamboree

Saul Barn Cat
Sis Fire Truck
Stein Pouch!

Stickland Ten Terrible Dinosaurs

Tafuri The Big Storm
Thompson Little Quack

Ward Somewhere in the Ocean Wells Max Counts His Chickens

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

#### ONE, TWO, BUCKLE MY SHOE

One, two - buckle my shoe. Three, four - shut the door. Five six - pick up sticks.

Seven, eight - lay them straight.

Nine, ten - a big fat hen.

Count on fingers Suit actions to words



#### I SEE THREE



I see three - one, two, three. Hold up 3 fingers, one at a time

Three little bunnies

Reading the funnies

Mime reading funnies

I see three - one, two, three. Hold up 3 fingers, one at a time

Three little bears

Climbing upstairs "Climb" stairs with hands

Ask children for other rhymes. (ducks, trucks, etc.)

#### OTHER IDEAS:

Have fun with Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed in the Monkey theme. RING-a RING-O'-ROSES has several counting rhymes. Consider traditional rhymes like This Old Man (See: Playing theme.) also try Eight Balloons, from Shel Silverstein's A Light in the Attic.

#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

COUNTING CROCODILES flannel story COUNTING ZOO pop-up

DOG'S COLORFUL DAY flannel story

FIVE ENORMOUS DINOSAURS flannel story

FIVE GROUCHY MONSTERS finger puppets

FIVE LITTLE DUCKS big book

FIVE LITTLE SPECKLED FROGS glove and props

MOUSE COUNT Puppet/prop story

ONE ELEPHANT WENT OUT TO PLAY flannel story

OVER IN THE MEADOW big book SEAWEED SOUP flannel story

TEN LITTLE MICE big book

TEN RED APPLES flannel story

UMBRELLAS flannel story

MONKEY MITT and Five Little Monkeys, Kittens, Ducks,

Chicks, Bunnies, Pumpkins props

UP ALL NIGHT COUNTING pop-up



## **DANCE**



#### **Stories:**

How Do You Wokka-Wokka? Bluemle Manning Kitchen Dance Gollub The Jazz Fly Raffi Shake My Sillies Out Jonas Color Dance Reid Wave Goodbye Dance Shields Saturday Night at the Dinosaur Stomp Jones

Jorgensen Crocodile Beat Wheeler Jazz Baby

London Wiggle Waggle Wilson Hilda Must Be Dancing

Lowery Twist with a Burger, Jitter with Ziefert Animal Music

a Bug

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

#### LIKE LEAVES IN WINDY WEATHER

Dance and twirl together
Like leaves in windy
weather.
Puff! Puff! Puff!

Dance and twirl around

Stand still. Blow. Fall down!

#### **TOMMY THUMBS UP** – a finger play

Tommy Thumbs up, Tommy Thumbs down,
Tommy Thumbs dancing all around the town
Dance 'em on your shoulders, Dance 'em on your hips
Dance 'em on your elbows. Dance 'em on your lips.
Dance 'em on your earlobes. Dance 'em on your head
Dance 'em on your knees, and tuck them into bed!

#### **GET DOWN**

All fall down.

#### Get down, get funky, get loose And move to the beat. Come on everybody, Let's start with your feet.

I said feet two, three, four. I said knees two, three, four. I said hips two three four.

Get down, get funky get loose!!! Yea, STORYTIME!!!!

#### LOOBY LOO – A circle dance. Or do the Hokey Pokey!

Here we go looby loo, here we go looby light, Here we go looby loo, all on a Saturday night! Put your right foot in, put your right foot out, Give your foot a shake, shake shake

Here we go looby loo...

Continue with left foot, right hand, left hand, hips, head, whole self

Circle other direction

Hold hands and circle

Suit actions to words

right

Continue actions

LIST OF DANCES on the tape, *Jim Gill Makes It Noisy in Boise, Idaho:* "You do the tall, and the small. You do the hop, and the stop." Make a list for yourself off the CD, put the CD in and you are ready to teach the kids. Great fun!

And turn yourself about.

THE SILLY DANCE CONTEST on *Jim Gill Sings the Sneezing Song and Other Contagious Tunes*.

DO THE "HOKEY POKEY."

#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

COLORED SCARVES: Let children dance with them for the book, *Color Dance*, or *The Second Line CD*. FLIP FLAP JACK flannel story – to learn the tune, check out the CD *Dippin' in the Paintbox* or the CD enclosed with the book, *READY TO GO STORYTIMES*.

## DAYS OF THE WEEK

## Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

#### **Stories:**

Carle Today Is Monday Himmelman Chickens to the Rescue

Carle Very Hungry Caterpillar Huntington One Monday

De Regniers May I Bring a Friend? Kraus Come Out and Play, Little Mouse
Demas Valentine Surprise McQuinn Lola at the Library
French Oliver's Vegetables Ziefert Waiting for Baby

Glenn Just What Mama Needs

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

**TODAY IS MONDAY** - each day follows the pattern of the first verse, and adds a food to the chorus. Mime eating each food. Rub tummy "Come and eat it up."

Today is Monday, today is Monday

Tuesday, spaghetti

Wednesday, Zooop. (soup)

Chorus:

Monday, string beans

Thursday, roast beef

All you hungry children, come and eat it up.

Friday, fresh fish
Saturday, chicken

Sunday, ice cream

#### **HOW MANY:**

How many days has my baby to play?

Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday,

Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday,

Count off the days on each

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday thumb and finger

#### WHAT DID YOU PUT IN YOUR POCKET?- the audience joins in on the cumulative refrain.

What did you put in your pocket?

What did you put in your pocket?

Thursday: some mashed potatoes/fluppy gluppy potatoes

Friday: some sticky molasses/sticky icky molasses

Friday: some sticky molasses/sticky icky molasses

Early Monday morning? Saturday: my five fingers/funny finny fingers

I put in some chocolate pudding

Sunday: a clean white handkerchief
a spinky spanky handkerchief

a spinky spanky handkerchief
SLUSHY GLUSHY PUDDING!

SLOSHY GLOSHY PODDII

NICY ICY WATER!

SLURPY GLURPY ICE CREAM! FLUPPY GLUPPY POTATOES! STICKY ICKY MOLASSES! FUNNY FINNY FINGERS!

SPINKY SPANKY HANDKERCHIEF!

#### **Refrain:** SLUSHY GLUSHY PUDDING! Tuesday: ice-cold water/nicy icy water

Slushy glushy pudding

Early Monday morning.

Wednesday a scoop of ice cream/slurpy, glurpy

ice cream

#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

MAY I BRING A FRIEND flannel story

VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR sock puppet with flannel pieces

## **DINOSAURS**

#### **Stories:**

Find-a-Saurus Andreae Dinosaurs Galore! Sperring Tyson the Terrible Stickland Ten Terrible Dinosaurs Fox Dinosaur Train Waddell Gurney The Super Hungry Dinosaur All Aboard the Dinotrain Whybrow Sammy and the Dinosaurs Lund T Is for Terrible McCarty Yaccarino An Octopus Followed Me Home I'm Bad! McMullan Yolen How Do Dinosaurs Go to School? Shea Dinosaurs vs. Bedtime Yolen How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight? Shields Saturday Night at the Dinosaur Stomp Yolen How Do Dinosaurs Say I Love You?

KIDSTUFF: Dinosaur Days, has lots of ideas for books, fingerplays, and crafts on the dinosaur theme.

You can also find good children's non-fiction dinosaur books like Gail Gibbons' Dinosaur (J 567.91 Gibbons).

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

DINOSAURS IN CARS is a fun song in *Plant a Little Seed* by Nancy Stewart. Also FIVE DINOSAURS LIVING IN A SWAMP in *Little Songs for Little Me*.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE DINOSAUR STOMP by Carol Shields

There are places in the story where the rhythm just demands a pause for music. Have the kids thump their knees and chorus, Boomalacka, Boomalacka, Whack, Whack Whack! at each of these spots. (You choose where. There is no right or wrong way to do it.)

#### STEGOSAURUS - to tune of Are You Sleeping

Stegosaurus, stegosaurus, in the swamp, in the swamp, Spines upon your back, With your tail you whack, Clomp, clomp, clomp, clomp, clomp

#### **DINOSAURS**

Dinosaurs used to stomp.
They used to roar and moan,
But now they're quiet and quite still
Because they've turned to stone.

Stamp feet Roar Finger to lips Sit down

#### THE ENORMOUS APATOSAURUS

The enormous Apatosaurus is as tall as can be Her lunch is a bunch of leaves off a tree She has a very long neck, and her tail is long too And she is much, much too large to fit in the zoo.

Extend one arm high over head Make nibbling motion w/fingers Put arms together and swish like a tail

Extend arms out wide

#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

DEM BONES flannel pieces and song
THE DINOSAUR STOMP pop-up
DINOSAURS, DINOSAURS big book
FIVE ENORMOUS DINOSAURS flannel story

FLAPDOODLE DINOSAURS pop-up
IF THE DINOSAURS CAME BACK big book
WHAT'S IN THE PREHISTORIC FOREST? pop-up



## **DOGS**



#### Stories:

Alborough Some Dogs Do Braeuner The Great Dog Wash

Cabrera Dog's Day

Dodd Dog's Colorful Day

Dodd Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy

Dodd What Pet to Get? Feiffer Bark, George Harper My Dog Rosie Harper Our New Puppy Hill Where's Spot? Howard Cosmo Zooms Ichikawa Come Fly with Me McDuff Moves in **Jeffers** 

Kasza The Dog Who Cried Wolf

Keats Whistle for Willie
Kopper Daisy Is a Mommy
Kopper Daisy's Babies
McCarty Hondo and Fabian

McFarland Widget

Rylant The Great Gracie Chase

Simont The Stray Dog Stephens Poochie-Poo

Swaim The Hound from the Pound
Walton Bertie Was a Watchdog
Ziefert I Swapped My Dog

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

#### THIS IS WHAT MY DOG DOES

This is what my dog does
Whenever I'm around Point to self

He wags his tail from side to side Palms together, move hands side to side or waggle your 'tail'

back and forth

Then chases round and round Roll fists or turn around rapidly 'chasing'

And whenever I'm feeling down Look sad

He licks my face and licks my face Make licking motions with hand on face

Pull mouth into a smile

## And licks away my frown. PUPPY'S DOG HOUSE

This is puppy's dog house

This is puppy's bed.

This is puppy's pan of milk

So he can be fed.

The puppy has a collar

Put tips of fingers together

Hands flat, palms upward

Cup hands together for bowl

Make lapping motion with tongue!

Encircle neck with fingers

With his name upon it, too.

Take a stick and throw it, Make throwing motion.

And he'll bring it back to you. Clap hands

#### OH WHERE HAS MY LITTLE DOG GONE - this is an old favorite, sung or said

Oh where oh where has my little dog gone Look around

Oh where oh where can he be? Hands out, palms up, shrug shoulders

With his ears cut short Hands on ears

And his tail cut long Wag hands behind back

Oh where, oh where can he be? Look around

#### Suggested Enrichments:

BINGO flannel story & monkey mitt

BISCUIT big book

DOG puppets, large and small

DOG'S COLORFUL DAY flannel story

SPOT GOES TO THE PARK pop-up
WHERE'S SPOT? pop-up

WHERE'S SPOT? big book



#### **Duck Stories:**

Duckie's Rainbow **Barry** Bates Five Little Ducks Brown The Golden Egg Book Happy Birthday, Dear Duck Bunting Carle 10 Little Rubber Ducks **Emmett** This Way, Ruby! Hest Guess Who, Baby Duck! In the Rain with Baby Duck Hest

Duck & Goose Hills

Hindley Do Like a Duck Does! McCloskey Make Way for Ducklings Parker Mama's Little Duckling

Rogers Quacky Duck Shannon Duck on a Bike Simmons Come Along Daisy Simmons Daisy's Hide-and-Seek

Blue Goose Tafuri Little Quack Thompson Waddell Farmer Duck Whippo Little White Duck Dimity Duck Yolen

#### **Ideas for Participation:**

#### I AM A LITTLE DUCK - get in the action!

I am a little duck and I go "Quack, Quack" And I wiggle my tail in the back, back, back I swim in the water and go "Quack, quack quack" And I wiggle my tail in the back, back, back.

Hands in armpits, flap 'wings' Wiggle backside Paddle with hands Wiggle again



#### FIVE LITTLE DUCKS /or SIX LITTLE DUCKS (music available on Raffi's Singable Songs Collection, Part 2)

Five little ducks that I once knew Fat one, thin ones, fair ones too.

Chorus:

But the one little duck with the feather in his back He led the others with his Quack, Quack Quack Quack, Quack Quack, Quack Quack He led the others with his Quack, Quack, Quack.

Down to the river they did go

Wibble, wobble, wibble wobble, to and fro

Home from the river they would come Wibble wobble, wibble wobble

Ho-hum hum

Chorus

Hold up right number of fingers

Pantomime sizes, caress cheek for "fair"

Hold up one finger

Make quacking motions with hand

Keep quacking!

Hands on hips, elbows out, waddling motions

Same as verse above

Big yawns

#### FIVE LITTLE DUCKS/ or FIVE LITTLE GEESE

Five little ducks/geese went for a swim The first little duck/goose put his head in The second little duck/goose put his head back The third little duck/goose said Quack, quack, quack The fourth little duck/goose and his baby brother Went for a walk with his father and mother.

Hold up five fingers Put head down Put head back

"Quack" with hand/ or "Honk" with hand

Walk fingers up arm

#### **Goose Stories:**

Freedman Gooseberry Goose
Friend The Perfect Nest
Hills Duck & Goose
Horacek Silly Suzy Goose

Hutchins We're Going on a Picnic

Johnson The Goose Who Went Off in a Huff Lindberg The Day the Goose Got Loose

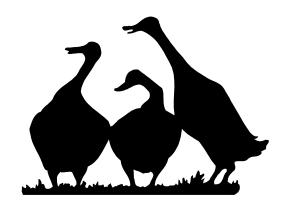
London Wiggle Waggle

Preston Squawk to the Moon, Little Goose

Tafuri Blue Goose
Tafuri Silly Little Goose

Wells My Very First Mother Goose

Wild Lucy Goosey



#### **Ideas for Participation:**

#### STRETCH UP HIGH - A full body rhyme

Stretch, stretch, away up high.
On your tiptoes, reach the sky.
See the ducks flying high.
Now bend down and touch your toes;
Now sway as the North Wind doth blow,
And waddle as the goose and gander go.

Reach up high over your head Stand on tiptoe and reach higher Flap your hands and 'fly' Bend down and touch toes Sway from side to side Waddle

PLAY "DUCK, DUCK, GOOSE" - a circle game, this takes plenty of room, but it's so much fun!

Have children sit down in a big circle (put some grownups in it too). One child goes slowly around the outside, gently patting each person on the head while saying "duck, duck, duck, duck, goose!" The "goose" jumps up and chases the first child around the circle, seeing who will get back to the empty place first. The loser then continues the game, patting heads "duck" until they pick a new "goose."

**PICK MORE POEMS, BOOKS AND IDEAS** from "Ducks and Geese" theme in *I'm a Little Teapot*: *Presenting Preschool Storytime*, by Jane Cobb.

#### **Suggested Enrichments:**

**DUCK BILL** puppet mask

FIVE LITTLE DUCKS big book; also monkey mitt and props

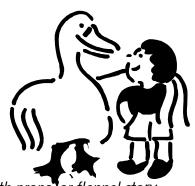
**HENNY PENNY** flannel story

The sky is falling! there are all sorts of silly fowl in this flannel story.

IF I COULD HAVE A WINDMILL flannel story

**THE LITTLE WHITE DUCK** monkey mitt, small flannel board with props, or flannel story
An old favorite to sing or say. Use with **SIX LITTLE DUCKS** CD or Burl Ives' **LITTLE WHITE DUCK** CD, and let them do the singing!

THE PIG IN THE POND big book





BalianHumbug RabbitModesittLittle Bunny's Easter SurpriseBrownThe Golden Egg BookWellsMax's Chocolate ChickenBornsteinRabbit's Good NewsWellsMax Counts His Chickens

Keats Jennie's Hat

## **Ideas for Participation:**

**EASTER PUPPET:** Use any puppet. Possibilities: 1. The puppet enters with a basket and talks about or actually hunts for eggs.

2. The puppet arrives with bunny ears, pretends to be Easter Bunny. You encourage the children to question this.

## **FIVE LITTLE EASTER EGGS** - begin with five fingers up. Bend each down as eggs are eaten.

Five little Easter eggs,
Lovely colors wore;
Mother ate the blue one.

Sister ate the yellow one.
Then there were two.
Two little Easter eggs,

Then there were four. Oh, what fun!

Four little Easter eggs
Two and two, you see;
Daddv ate the red one,
Then there was one.
One little Easter egg,

Then there were three. See me run!

Three little Easter eggs, I ate the very last one. *Motion with hands to signify none*.

Before I knew,

### **LITTLE RABBIT** – fingerplay or full body rhyme

I saw his little eyes go wink, wink, wink. Wink
I saw his little nose go twin, twin, twin. Wiggle nose

I said, "Little Rabbit, won't you stay?"

Make beckoning motion

But he just looked at me and hopped away.

Make two fingers hop away

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

#### **EASTER EGG** craft

Use blank Easter Egg shapes photocopied on paper, or cut out some big egg shapes. Provide colored scraps, ribbon, markers, or stickers for the children to decorate the eggs.

### WHITE BUNNY puppet



Ehlert Boo to You!
Ehlert Leaf Man

Freedman Gooseberry Goose
Hall The Apple Pie Tree
Hall It's Pumpkin Time!
Kelly Fall Is Not Easy

Lindbergh The Day the Goose Got Loose

McCloskey Blueberries for Sal

Miller Mousekin's Golden House

Partridge Moon Glowing
Root Oliver Finds His Way

Scamwell Ouch!

Tafuri The Big Storm

Tafuri The Busy Little Squirrel
Taylor Henry Explores the Mountains

Wildsmith Animal Seasons

791.5 Warren Cut & Tell Scissor Stories for Fall

# **Ideas for Participation:**

THE VERY CONFUSED PUPPET: Use any puppet. Have him/her arrive (from a bag, basket, or box) carrying a basket of seasonal props. Children can help the puppet understand why the season is changing. the puppet's guesses are wildly wrong. Encourage the children to correct him/her.

#### LITTLE LEAVES

The little leaves are falling down, Round and round, round and round. The little leaves are falling down, Falling to the ground. Hold hands above head, bringing them down in a rolling motion
May want to gently fall to floor

## **AUTUMN LEAVES** by R. Underhill

I love to watch the autumn leaves as they tumble down;
I love to hear their crackling as my feet trod over the ground.
I love to rake them in a heap and watch the children play;
For soon the color will be gone replaced by snow some day.

Fingers float to ground

"Walk" though leaves

Pretend to rake leaves and throw them in the air

Hug self and shiver

### **LEAVES ARE FALLING**

Leaves are falling all around
On the roof tops, on the ground.
Leaves are falling on my nose,
On my head, hands, knees and toes.

Hands over head, bring them 'falling' down Tent fingertips over head, touch floor Reach each in turn: nose Head, hands, knees, toes

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

AUTUMN LEAVES flannel story with poems FIVE FAT SPIDERS flannel story FIVE LITTLE PUMPKINS monkey mitt props THE LITTLE SCARECROW flannel story PUMPKIN HAPPY flannel story



Alarcon Louella Mae, She's Run away! Roar of a Snore Arnold Ashman Babies on the Go Bright Quiet!

Carrick Mothers Are Like That

Cooke So Much

Stories:

Hush Little Baby Frazee

Glenn Just What Mama Needs

Gliori Flora's Surprise

Goode The Most Perfect Spot

Graham Queenie, One of the Family

Hall The Apple Pie Tree Hest Guess Who, Baby Duck!

Hines Daddy Makes the Best Spaghetti **Hutchins** 

Happy Birthday, Sam

Hutchins You'll Soon Grow IntoThem, Titch Isadora Peekaboo Morning

Javernick The Birthday Pet Keller Geraldine's Blanket London Let's Go, Froggy! Kitchen Dance Manning McCloskey Blueberries for Sal McPhail Pig Pig Grows Up McQuinn Lola at the Library Olson-Brown Hush Little Digger Schlein The Story About Me Sendak Where the Wild Things Are

Simont The Stray Dog

Smith Grandma Rabbit's Visit

Steig Sylvester and the Magic Pebble

Stock Thanksgiving Treat Voake Here Comes the Train

Waddell Bee Frog Wheeler Jazz Baby Wild Piglet and Papa Willems Knuffle Bunny Wilson Whopper Cake

Yolen How Do Dinosaurs Say I Love You?

Yolen Off We Go!

# **Ideas for Participation:**

#### MUSIC AT OUR HOUSE

Mother plays the violin, Father plays the flute, Little brother plays the horn, Toot, Toot, Toot, Toot Make appropriate motions for each instrument. Can assign different group to 'play' at different times, or all together.

### **HOW MANY**

How many people live at your house? How many people live at your house? One, my mother, Two, my father, Three my sister, Four, my brother, There's one more now let me see. Oh yes, of course, it must be me!

Point to others in group

Count on fingers

Touch head Nod head, point to self



### **BABY'S NAP**

This is a baby ready for a nap. Lay him/her down on mother's lap. Cover him up so he won't peep. Rock him 'til he's fast asleep.

Hold up finger - place in other palm

Wrap other fingers to cover him Rocking motion

## Suggested Enrichments:

BEAR'S FEAST flannel story THE BLUE JAY flannel story FLOWER GARDEN big book **HUSH LITTLE BABY** *flannel story* 

IS YOUR MAMA A LLAMA? big book THE MOTHER CAT Kamishibai story cards THE RUNAWAY BUNNY flannel story WHERE'S ALFIE pop up book

# **FARMS**

## Stories:

Alarcon Louella Mae, She's Run away! One Monday Huntington Can You Make a Piggy Giggle? The Day the Goose Got Loose **Ashman** Lindbergh Barton The Little Red Hen Lindgren The Tomten and the Fox Nodset Who Took the Farmer's Hat? Brown The Big Sneeze Bunting Hurry! Hurry! O'Brien The Farmer in the Dell

The Very Busy Spider Squawk to the Moon, Little Goose Carle Preston

Cowley Mrs. Wishy-Washy's Farm Rogers Quacky Duck Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type Barn Cat Cronin Saul

Cruickshank Down By the Pond Davenier Leon and Albertine Smee Clip-Clop

**Ehlert** Color Farm Fleming Barnyard Banter The Cow Who Clucked **Fleming** Galdone The Little Red Hen

Graham Queenie, One of the Family

Gunson Over on the Farm Himmelman Chickens to the Rescue Sloat The Thing That Bothered Farmer Brown

Sykes Dora's Eggs

What's That Awful Smell? Tekavec

Wee Little Chick Thompson Waddell Farmer Duck

Wahl The Woman with the Eggs

Williams I Went Walking Ziefert I Swapped My Dog Ziefert Who Said Moo?

# **Ideas for Participation:**

**USE a PUPPET TO INTRODUCE STORYTIME:** The puppet enters (from a bag, box, or basket) dressed as a farmer, carrying a basket of fruit or veggie props. The children guess the puppet's occupation.

## WHEN COWS GET UP IN THE MORNING Public Domain, use with or without the available flannel story

When cows get up in the morning, they always say good day. When cows get up in the morning, they always say good day.

They say, "Moo, Moo," That is what they say.

They say, "Moo, Moo," That is what they say.

A fun variation is: NO WAY! Cows don't say good day! they say, "Moo, Moo" etc.

This song can go on for a long time. Ask the children to suggest other things that get up in the morning.

### **OLD MACDONALD HAD A FARM** - an old favorite:

Old MacDonald had a farm. EIEIO

And on this farm he had a chicken (name any animal), EIEIO

With a cluck cluck here and a cluck cluck there

Here a cluck, there a cluck, everywhere a cluck cluck

Old MacDonald had a farm EIEIO.

You can continue this song as long as you wish; just continue adding animals and appropriate animal sounds.

#### **BINGO**

There was a farmer, had a dog Sing first time all the way through. And Bingo was his name-o B-I-N-G-O, B-I-N-G-O And Bingo was his name.

Next time: clap for B, and only sing I, N, G, O Then clap for B, clap for I, sing N, G, O. And so on, until you are only humming and clapping

## **FARMER AND HIS SEEDS –** sing to the tune of The Farmer in the Dell

The farmer plants the seeds, Stoop and pretend to plant seeds

The farmer plants the seeds,

Hi, Ho the dairy-o, the farmer plants the

seeds.

The sun comes out to shine, etc.

The rain begins to fall, etc.

The seeds begin to grow, etc.

Make large circle with arms

Hands flutter up and down

Begin to grow – rise up

The farmer cuts them down, etc. Move arms to imitate cutting – long sweeping motion

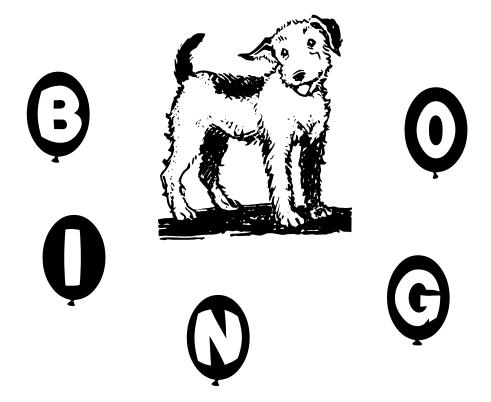
He binds them into sheaves, etc. Group together with arms

And now we'll have some bread, etc. Pretend to eat

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

BARN WITH FARM ANIMALS
flannel/laminated story to use with OLD
MACDONALD or other farm stories
BARNYARD BANTER big book
BIG RED BARN big book
BINGO flannel story and monkey mitt with
props
BREMEN TOWN MUSICIANS flannel story
CHICKEN, LAMB, PIG puppets
THE COW THAT WENT OINK big book
FARM ANIMAL MITT with finger puppets
FARM ANIMAL puppets in fabric bag (set of 14)

THE GOAT IN THE TURNIP FIELD flannel story
HENNY PENNY flannel story
THE HOUSE IN THE WOODS flannel story
THE LITTLE RED HEN big book
I LOVE ANIMALS big book
IF I COULD HAVE A WINDMILL flannel story
LITTLE BOY BLUE flannel story
THE LITTLE RED HEN big books
THE LITTLE RED HEN flannel story
PEACE AND QUIET flannel story
THE PIG IN THE POND big book
TEN RED APPLES flannel story
WHEN COWS GET UP IN THE MORNING flannel story



# **FEELINGS**

## **Stories:**

Brown The Runaway Bunny Rohmann A Kitten Tale Faulkner The Scared Little Bear Simmons Come Along Daisy! Look at You! A Baby Body Book Mouse Was Mad Henderson Urban **Hutchins** You'll Soon Grow Into Them, Titch Wild Piglet and Papa

Murphy I Like It When Willis Mommy, Do You Love Me?

Murphy Some Things Change Williams The Little Old Lady Who Was Not

O'Keefe Love Me, Love You Afraid of Anything

Ormerod If You're Happy and You Know It Wood Quick as a Cricket

Pinkwater The Big Orange Splot Yolen How Do Dinosaurs Say I Love You?

## **Ideas for Participation:**

**THUMBKIN** - an old favorite in a shorter version

Where is Thumbkin? Hands behind back

Where is Thumbkin?

Here he comes, here he comes.

Mighty glad to see you.

Bring hands to front, thumbs up
Wiggle thumbs at each other

There he goes. there he goes.

Hands behind back again

**SOMETIMES I FEEL TALL** 

Sometimes I feel tall. Stand at full height, a little stretched

Sometimes I feel small. Bend down close to floor

Sometimes I feel very, very, tall. Stretch on tip toes

Sometimes I feel very, very, small. Bend as close to floor as possible

Sometimes tall, sometimes small, Stretch high, bend low

See how I am now. Stand normally

## **HELLO TOES** - sit with legs out straight.

Hello Toes Point toes toward you
Goodbye, Toes Point toes away
Hello toes Toes toward you
Goodbye, toes Toes away

My toes are feeling shy today. Toes cross each other, shyly

But now they're feeling better! Stamp your feet!

Repeat with hands. Tip them forward and back for hello and goodbye. Hide them when they're shy, then clap! Children can suggest how their hands or feet feel today.

## **Suggested Enrichments:**

FLOWER GARDEN big book
HUSH LITTLE BABY flannel story
MAY THERE ALWAYS BE SUNSHINE magnet story to use with
Jim Gill Sings the Sneezing Song and Other Contagious Tunes CD

I LIKE ME *big book* QUICK AS A CRICKET flannel story THE RUNAWAY BUNNY flannel story



Alborough It's the Bear Hutchins Don't Forget the Bacon! Aylesworth Mother Halverson's New Cat. Hutchins The Doorbell Rang The Old Woman and the Pancakes for Supper Bang Isaacs Red Pumpkin Blueberries for Sal McCloskey Who Ate All the Cookie Dough? To Market, to Market Beaumont Miranda

Yum Yum! What Fun! Rice Sam Who Never Forgets Bergman Carle Today Is Monday Riley Mouse Mess

The Very Hungry Caterpillar Carle Robart The Cake That Mack Ate

Cousins Maisy Makes Gingerbread Rounds I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly

Sathre Ehlert Growing Vegetable Soup Three Kind Mice Falwell Feast for 10 Steig Pete's a Pizza

French Oliver's Vegetables There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly Taback

Galdone Mouse's First Summer The Gingerbread Boy Thompson

Galdone The Little Red Hen Van Laan Tickle Tuml Gelman Pizza Pat Voake Pizza Kittens Goldstone The Beastly Feast Walter Hi. Pizza Man! Gravett Orange Pear Apple Bear Wilson Whopper Cake

Hall The Apple Pie Tree Wood The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the

Big Hungry Bear

Hines Daddy Makes the Best Spaghetti

## **Ideas for Participation:**

**THE PUPPET GOURMET** Use any puppet. Possibilities: 1. Puppet enters (from a box, basket, or bag) with food in box, basket. Include good and junk food. Encourage the children to talk about food. 2. Puppet eats food wrong. Encourage the children to correct him/her.

THE GINGERBREAD BOY or the LITTLE RED HEN Act them out. I KNOW AN OLD LADY WHO SWALLOWED A FLY Let the children put animals in the puppet's mouth when the appropriate verse comes around.

**TODAY IS MONDAY** (See suggestions in the Days of the Week theme)

#### A DELICIOUS CAKE

Mix the batter, Make one arm into circle, make stirring

motion with other Stir the batter. Shake some flour in. Shake in flour Mix the batter, stir the batter, And stir

Pour it in a tin. Make motions of pouring

Sprinkle little raisins on, Sprinkle

Pop batter in to bake. Open oven door and put 'cake' in oven

Open wide the oven door Open oven door again And out comes a delicious cake! Pretend to sniff - yummy!



#### TWO LITTLE APPLES

Two little apples way up in a tree Those little apples smiled at me I shook that tree as hard as I could Down fell the apples Mmmm, they were good! Stretch up, making fists for apples Turn fists toward you Pretend to shake tree trunk Drop hands down to the floor Take a bite and rub your tummy

## PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY - stand up and act this one out! Suit actions to words

First you take the peanut and you crush it crush it.

Chorus: Peanut, peanut butter, jelly.
Peanut, peanut butter jelly.

Next you take the grape and squash it, squash it.

Chorus: Peanut, peanut butter, jelly. Peanut, peanut butter jelly.

Then you take the bread and you spread it, spread it.

Chorus: Peanut, peanut butter, jelly.
Peanut, peanut butter jelly.

Then you take the sandwich and you eat it, eat it.

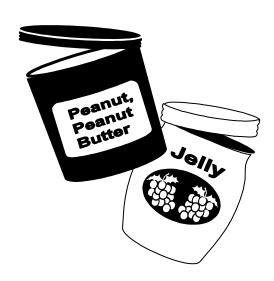
Chorus: Peanut, peanut butter, jelly.
Peanut, peanut butter jelly.

Next you take your fingers and you lick them, lick them.

Chorus: Peanut, peanut butter, jelly.
Peanut, peanut butter jelly.

Audience repeats each line after you.

On "Peanut, peanut butter" swish arms side to side of body. On "jelly" raise arms over head – YEAH!



# **Suggested Enrichments:**

BEAR'S FEAST flannel story
THE CAT AND THE PARROT flannel story
THE DOORBELL RANG big book
EGGS FOR BREAKFAST flannel story
FIVE FAT SPIDERS flannel story
FIVE LITTLE CHICKENS flannel story
FLIP FLAP JACK flannel story
GROWING VEGETABLE SOUP big book
JAMBERRY big book
THE LITTLE MOUSE, THE RED RIPE
STRAWBERRY AND THE BIG HUNGRY BEAR
flannel story and big book

LITTLE RED HEN big books
LITTLE RED HEN flannel story
OLD LADY WHO SWALLOWED A FLY puppet & props
PIZZA! pop-up
PIZZA PIECES flannel pieces in a real pizza box. Can be
used with two rhymes and a song (available on 10
Carrot Diamond CD).
THE RUNAWAY COOKIES flannel story
SOUP FROM A NAIL flannel story

SOUP FROM A NAIL flannel story
TEN RED APPLES flannel story
UWUNGELEMA flannel story
THE WIDE-MOUTHED FROG flannel story

# FRIDAY THE 13th

## Introduction:

People say, (but I don't believe it), that on Friday the thirteenth, *nothing* goes the way it's supposed to. Everything goes wrong on Friday the 13th. I think that's just a story people tell, but, since today *is* Friday the thirteenth, I'm going to share with you some tales of chaos and confusion.



## **Stories:**

Aylesworth Old Black Fly Lobel Mouse Tales (see Ideas for Participation)

Burningham Mr. Gumpy's Motor Car Riley Mouse Mess
Hutchins Don't Forget the Bacon Small Imogene's Antlers
Kasza Pig's Picnic Van Laan Little Baby Bobby

Kudrna To Bathe a Boa

# **Ideas for Participation:**

**MOUSE'S JOURNEY,** from **Mouse Tales** by **Arnold Lobel.** Have kids make the sounds and movements as mouse moves down the road in different types of transportation.

#### WHEN SAMMY PUT THE PAPER ON THE WALL:

When Sammy put the paper on the wall

He put the parlor paper in the hall.

Hands up and down

He papered up the stairs.

Hands up and down

Paper as if up stairs

He papered all the chairs.

He papered all the chairs.

He even put a border on Grandma's shawl.

He even put a border on Grandma's shawl.

He paper as it up stairs

Make chair with hands

Border your shoulders

When Sammy put the paper on the wall

He poured a pot of paste upon us all.

Border your shoulders

Same as before

Pour bucket over head

Now we're all stuck together

Put hands on opposite shoulders

Now we're all stuck together

Put hands on opposite shoulders

Like birds of a feather

Flap arms while crossed

Since Sammy put the paper on the wall.

Slap knees twice

## **Suggested Enrichments:**

MASTER OF ALL MASTERS flannel story

THE MILLER, THE BOY & THE DONKEY flannel story

MOUSE AND THE WINDS flannel story

OLD BLACK FLY big book

TRAFFIC JAM flannel story



**Bond** 

Bluemle How Do You Wokka-Wokka?

Tumble Bumble

Chichester I Love You, Blue Kangaroo

De Regniers May I Bring a Friend Freeman Corduroy

Galdone The Little Red Hen

Gordon Smitten

Hutchins The Doorbell Rang

Intrater Two Eyes, a Nose and a Mouth

Jeffers McDuff Moves In

King Henry and Amy (Right-Way-

Round and Upside Down)

Lear The Owl and the Pussycat

Lobel Frog and Toad (series)

Minarik Little Bear's Friend

Minarik Little Bear's Valentine

Savadier Will Sheila Share?

Scieszka Smash! Crash!

Sharmat The Best Valentine in the World

Stephens Poochie-Poo

Swaim The Hound from the Pound Thomas Rhyming Dust Bunnies

Wallace Paperwhite

J 782.4216 The Farmer in the Dell

O'Brien

# **Ideas for Participation:**

#### TWO LITTLE FRIENDS

Two little friends are better than one, Hold up 2 fingers on one hand, 1 on the other hand

And three are better than two; Hold up 3 fingers and 2 fingers

And four are much better still Hold up 4 fingers on one hand

Just think! What four little friends can do. Wiggle fingers happily

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Mr. Turkey went out one day in bright sunshiny weather. He met Mr. Duck along the way They stopped to talk together

Gobble, gobble, gobble! Quack, quack, quack.

And then they both went back. Quack!

Begin with hands behind back
Bring one out as Mr. Turkey
and the other as Mr. Duck
Hands 'face' each other
Mr. Turkey bows and gobbles
Mr. Duck bows and quacks
Hands return behind back. Quack!

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

BREMEN TOWN MUSICIANS flannel story
THE COW THAT WENT OINK big book
THE DOORBELL RANG big book
MAY I BRING A FRIEND? flannel story

THE LITTLE RED HEN big book
THE OWL & THE PUSSYCAT flannel story
SPOT GOES TO THE PARK pop-up
TRAFFIC JAM flannel story



Kalan Jump, Frog, Jump Waddell Bee Frog

Kelly Five Green and Speckled Frogs Whippo Little White Duck

Lobel Frog and Toad Together Willis What Did I Look Like When I Was a Baby?

London Froggy Gets Dressed Wilson A Frog in the Bog

London Froggy Plays T-Ball J 597.87 Red-Eyed Tree Frog London Let's Go, Froggy Cowley

Thomas Can YOU Make a SCARY FACE?

# **Ideas for Participation:**

LITTLE FROG - A fingerplay or full body action rhyme

A little frog in a pond am I, Form frog with fist

Hippity, hippity, hop.

Move fist up and down in jumping motion

And I can jump in the air so high,

Make fist jump high into the air

Hippity, hippity, hop. Repeat jumping motion

FIVE LITTLE SPECKLED FROGS - to sing or say (Another version uses "Leopard" for "Speckled")

Five little speckled frogs

Sitting on a speckled log;

Eating some most delicious bugs - Yum yum!

Hold up five fingers

Over other arm: 'log'

Pretend to eat bugs

One jumped into the pool where it was nice and cool

One finger 'jumps' in to pool

Then there were 4 green speckled frogs. Glub Glub!

Continue until there are no more speckled frogs! Repeat actions using 4, 3, 2, and 1 fingers

GACK GOON - to sing or say

Gack-goon went the little green frog one day.

Make circles with your hands around your eyes and bug them out when you say

Lack-goon went the little green frog one day "Gack-goon"

Gack-goon went the little green frog one day,

And his eyes went "Gack-gack-goon."

"Gack-gack-goon"

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

FIVE FROGS monkey mitt and props

Use them to tell Frog and Toad stories.

FIVE LITTLE SPECKLED FROGS 2 styles available: LITTLE WHITE DUCK monkey mitt or small flannel story pieces, and glove puppet with log prop

FROG AND TOAD puppets with loads of personality. THE WIDE MOUTHED FROG flannel story

FROGGY GETS DRESSED flannel story



Barton The Little Red Hen Chen The Featherless Chicken The Little Red Hen Galdone Do Like a Duck Does Hindley

Kimmel Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock Preston Squawk to the Moon, Little Goose

Riley Mouse Mess Lizard's Home Shannon Van Laan Little Baby Bobby

# **Ideas for Participation:**

The idea here is not a heavy moral lesson, but the enjoyment of humorous stories.

## **LITTLE BUNNY FOO FOO -** to sing or say

Little Bunny Foo-Foo hopping through the forest, Scooped up the field mice and bopped them on the head. (Spoken) 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 them on the head. I'll give you just three chances And then I'll turn you into a Great Green GOON!'

Repeat three times, each time reducing number of chances.

The last time, it goes like this:

Little Bunny Foo-Foo trembled. He didn't want to be a great green goon. Soo, the next day...

Little Bunny Foo-Foo Hopping through the forest Scooped up the field mice and patted them on the head. Down came the good fairy and she said Now that's more like it!

With two fingers up, hop hand Scoop with one hand, bop with other Raise one hand above head, bring downward in a fluttering motion

Repeat hopping, scooping and bopping Hold up three fingers Shake finger in warning

Repeat all motions, but "pat" the field mice instead of "bopping" them!

Shake finger and nod approval

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

THE CAT & THE PARROT flannel story **GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS** flannel pieces to use with mitt or small flannel board

THE LITTLE CRAB Kamishibai story cards LITTLE RED HEN flannel story & big book RATTLESNAKE, MOUSE & COYOTE flannel story

# **GROWING THINGS**

## **Stories:**

Ayres Up, Down, and Around Ginsburg Mushroom in the Rain Baker Potato Joe Gliori Flora's Surprise Cole Jack's Garden Hall The Apple Pie Tree Ehlert Growing Vegetable Soup Hall It's Pumpkin Time! Muncha! Muncha! Muncha! **Fleming** Hest Little Chick Florian Vegetable Garden Krauss The Carrot Seed French Oliver's Vegetables Molk Good Job, Oliver

Stojic Rain

# **Ideas for Participation:**

MISGUIDED PUPPET GARDENER Puppet enters (from a box, basket, or bag) with tools for gardening, seed packets. Puppet talks with you and children about garden plans. these plans can be all wrong. You encourage the children to correct the puppet.

#### **TEN FAT PEAS**

Ten fat peas in a pea pod pressed.

One grew, two grew, so did all the rest.

They grew and they grew and they did not stop.

Until one day the pod went POP!

Make fists and bump them together Raise one finger, then two, then all the rest Start hands at waist and stretch up really, really tall Smack hands together - Pop!

### I DIG, DIG, DIG - suit actions to words

I dig, dig, dig
And I plant some seed.
I rake, rake, rake
And I pull some weeds.

I wait and watch,
And soon I know,
My garden sprouts,
And I pull some weeds.

And starts to grow.

#### THIS IS THE WAY WE PLANT - Suit actions to words

This is the way we plant the seeds, etc.

This is the way we rake the garden, etc.

This is the way we pull the weeds, etc.

This is the way we water the plants, etc.

This is the way we harvest the ... carrots, etc.

This is the way we wash the carrots...

This is the way we eat the carrots ...



# **Suggested Enrichments:**

THE ENORMOUS TURNIP flannel story FLOWER GARDEN big book FLOWERS flannel story THE GIANT CARROT flannel story GROWING VEGETABLE SOUP big book PLANT A LITTLE SEED flannel stories (FRUITS AND VEGETABLES) from **Plant a Little Seed** by Nancy Stewart PLANTING A RAINBOW big book SPRING VEGETABLE GARDEN flannel story

# **HALLOWEEN**

## **Stories:**

Cousins Maisy Dresses Up
Ehlert Boo to You!

Emberley Go Away, Big Green Monster!

Hall It's Pumpkin Time!

Miller Mousekin's Golden House
Modesitt Mouse's Halloween Party
Stoeke Minerva Louise on Halloween

Williams The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything



# **Ideas for Participation:**

HALLOWEEN SOUNDS -to tune of Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush. Suit actions to words

This is the way the witches fly,

This is the way the pumpkin laugh, etc.

witches fly, witches fly.

Hee, hee, hee.

This is the way the witches fly,

This is the way the hoot owls hoot, etc.

Swish, swish, swish. Hoo, hoo, hoo!

This is the way ghosts go by, etc. This is the way the tomcats howl, etc.

Boo, boo, boo! Meow, meow, meow.

**HALLOWEEN WITCHES** - to the tune of One Little, Two Little, Three Little Indians

One little, two little, three little witches Fly hands in up and down motions

Fly over haystacks, fly over ditches.

Slide down moonbeams without any hitches Glide hands downward

Heigh-ho Halloween is here!

**PUMPKIN SONG** - to the tune of *Mary had a little lamb*. Suit actions to words

We are pumpkins big and round, Big and round, Big and round. We are pumpkins big and round,

Sitting on the ground.

See our great big shining eyes, Shining eyes, shining eyes. See our great big shining eyes Looking all around. See our great big laughing mouths Laughing mouth, laughing mouths. See our great big laughing mouths Smiling right at you.

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

USE ANY PUPPET AS A HOST. Some possibilities: 1. The puppet arrives (out of a bag, basket, or box) in costume. You pretend not to recognize him/her. 2. The puppet arrives with Halloween props. the children guess which holiday they belong to. 3. The puppet arrives with mask on. Play peek-a-boo, pretend to be afraid, finally reveal the puppet's identity. 4. The puppet can pass out treats.

FIVE LITTLE PUMPKINS puppets for monkey mitt or small handheld flannel board and fence prop THE LITTLE ORANGE HOUSE cut and tell story

MOUSE'S HALLOWEEN HOUSE flannel story PUMPKIN HAPPY flannel story THREE LITTLE PUMPKINS flannel story



**HATS** 

Stories:

Brett ) The Hat

Brown The Scarecrow's Hat Hines Which Hat Is That?

Hutchins The Wind Blew

Iwamura Tan Tan's Hat

Miller Whose Hat?
Morris Hats, Hats, Hats

Nodset Who Took the Farmer's Hat?

Slobodkina Caps for Sale

Small Imogene's Antlers (you'll see!)
Stoeke A Hat for Minerva Louise

# **Ideas for Participation:**

You can all make **NEWSPAPER HATS FOR** each child to take home.

As you read **CAPS FOR SALE**, the children can act out what the monkeys do.

**THE HAT** by Jan Brett – bring clothing props and hang them over a line. Let children take them off the line and put clothing on, like the animals in the book.

**RABBIT IN THE HAT** – small finger puppet, recite Jack in the Box rhyme (see Animal Sillies) "Rabbit in the hat, stay so still. Won't you come out? Yes, I will!!"

## HATS, HATS - action rhyme, or use the pieces in When Hats Blow flannel story

A clown wears a funny hat that's pointed at the top
A firefighter's hat protects her as she makes a fire stop.
A baseball player needs his hat when sun gets in his eyes.
An astronaut needs a helmet when into space she flies.
A cowboy rides a bronco and wears a wide-brimmed hat.
But when the bronco bucks him off, his hat may end up flat.

Hands form point on head Circle head with hands Indicate a visor over eyes Place imaginary helmet on head Hands encircle head Palms together to indicate flatness

#### **SILLY HAT** to the tune of This Old Man

On my head I wear a hat It is such a silly hat That my head will wiggle Wiggle to and fro Where else should my silly hat go?

Follow kids suggestions: e.g. twirl it on your toe knee, hand, ear, nose (pinch your nose and sing funny), mouth (mumble), eyes (peek a boo), etc

On the floor I put my hat. It is such a quiet hat That the floor won't wiggle It just stays flat.
I am glad I thought of that!

#### MY HAT

My hat it has three corners Three corners has my hat And had it not three corners It would not be my hat!

Make these motions throughout the song, as you say the words:

My: touch chest, Hat: touch head, Three: hold up three fingers, Corners: point to crooked elbow

As you sing the second time through, just make the motion for "my"; third time only point for "hat;" fourth time, don't say "three" when you motion; final time only point to elbow for "corners"

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

CAPS FOR SALE big book
RABBIT IN TOP HAT finger puppet

SHADY HAT flannel story
WHEN HATS BLOW flannel story

# **HOLIDAYS**

This page is a work in progress. We'll use it for small holidays that don't need a page to themselves. (More of these will be added as we put them together.)

# St. Patrick's Day Stories: (Not necessarily in the PSST Collection)

Balian Leprechauns Never Lie
Boden The Field of Buttercups

Foley Good Luck Bear
McGuirk Lucky Tucker
Stinson Those Green Things

# St. Patrick's Day Participation:

A sheet of fingerplays is tucked into the *Patrick Needs Shamrocks* flannel story folder.



PATRICK NEEDS SHAMROCKS flannel story LUCKY THE LEPRECHAUN flannel story



# **HOMES**

## **Stories:**

Asch Baby Bird's First Nest
Geist The Three Little Fish and the

Big Bad Shark

Gliori Flora's Surprise
Kalan Moving Day

McCarty Little Bunny on the Move

McFarland Widget

Miller Mousekin's Golden House

Pinkwater The Big Orange Splot
Shannon Lizard's Home
Shannon Lizard's Song

Tafuri Silly Little Goose

Van Laan So Say the Little Monkeys Wormell Blue Rabbit and Friends Wormell Hilda Hen's Search

# **Ideas for Participation:**

### **HOUSES**

This is a nest for a robin
This is the hive for a bee
This is a hole for bunny rabbit,
And this is a house for me.

Cup hands together, palms up Fists together, palm to palm Make hole, fingertips together Peak hands over head for roof

#### IF I WERE A BIRD

If I were a bird, I'd sing a song, And fly about the whole day long. And when the night comes, go to rest, Up in my cozy little nest. Make a singing beak with hand Twine thumbs, make wings fly

Cup hands together to form nest

#### WHEN SAMMY PUT THE PAPER ON THE WALL

When Sammy put the paper on the wall
He put the parlor paper in the hall
He papered on the stairs
He papered on the chairs
He even put a border on Grandma's shawl
When Sammy put the paper on the wall
He poured a pot of paste upon us all
Now we're all stuck together
Like birds of a feather

Hands side to side
Hands up and down
Paper as if up stairs
Make chair with hands
Border your shoulders
Same as before
Pour bucket over head

Put hands on opposite shoulders

Flap arms while crossed

Slap knees twice

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

Since Sammy put the paper on the wall.

BIG RED BARN big book
GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS flannel
pieces to use with mitt or small flannel board
THE HOUSE IN THE WOODS flannel story
THE HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT flannel story

IN THE HOUSE flannel story
THE THREE LITTLE PIGS flannel story
THREE LITTLE PIGS props to use with monkey mitt
or small flannel board

# I AM BIG!

## Stories:

Palatini

Cousins Maisv's Bedtime **Emberly** Go Away, Big Green Monster Goode The Most Perfect Spot Hest Little Chick Hutchins Happy Birthday, Sam Keats Peter's Chair Ketteman Grandma's Cat Kraus Whose Mouse Are You? McPhail Pig Pig Grows Up Zimmerman

Roddie You're Too Small Schotter Captain Bob Sets Sail Sendak Where the Wild Things Are Shea Dinosaur vs. Bedtime Preschool to the Rescue Sierra Stein

Pouch!

Stand at full height

Wee Little Chick Thompson

Waddell The Super Hungry Dinosaur

Fire Engine Man

# **Ideas for Participation:**

Good as Goldie

## **SOMETIMES I'M TALL** - whole body movement

Sometimes I'm tall Sometimes I'm small. Sometimes I'm very, very tall. Sometimes I'm very, very small. Sometimes tall, sometimes small.

Bend down low Stretch tall on tiptoes Crouch down very small Stretch high, bend low Look how I am now.

Stand normally, shoulders squared



## WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT - the audience acts it out and repeats each line.

We're going on a bear hunt.

We're not scared.

Oh, look! I see a field!

Can't go around it, Can't go under it. Let's go through it! Swish, Swish!

Repeat, with:

Tree --Let's go up it!

Swamp! -- Let's go through it! Squish, squash River! -- Let's go through it! Splash, splash!

Cave! -- Let's go in it! Shh, shh!

Oh what's that? It's big! It's furry!

It's a BEAR!!! Let's GO!

Pat hands on thighs for the sound of footsteps

Hand shielding eyes, point, arm straight out

Rub hands together, swishing through tall grass

Climb tree at "top," shield eyes, look around

Cup hands, "walk" them as though walking through mud

Pretend to swim

Pretend to tiptoe, finger to lips

Repeat all the actions in reverse order - tiptoeing, swimming, squishing through mud, climbing the tree, swishing through the

field - fast! Wipe brow - WHEW, WE MADE IT!

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

THE GOAT IN THE TURNIP FIELD flannel story

GROW, GROW, GROW AS BIG AS YOU

CAN Kamishibai cards

HOW DO I PUT IT ON? flannel story KATIE THE CATERPILLAR flannel story

MY BIG RED BOOTS *Ready-to-Go Storytimes* CD SMASH! MASH! CRASH! THERE GOES THE TRASH prop story

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR puppet and

flannel pieces

WHO'S GETTING DRESSED prop story

# I CAN DO IT!

## **Stories:**

Alborough Some Dogs Do Markes Good Thing You're Not an Octopus!

ButlerCan You Cuddle Like a Koala?McMullanI Stink!CabreraCaterpillar's WishMcPhailAndrew's BathCarleFrom Head to ToeMurrayThe Very Sleepy Sloth

Davis Who Hoots? Nicholls Billywise

Davis Who Hops? Numeroff If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

Emberley Go Away, Big Green Monster! Pinkwater Bear's Picture

Henderson Look at You! A Baby Body Book Seder Gallop (has moving pictures!)

Himmelman Chickens to the Rescue Sendak Where the Wild Things Are
Howard Cosmo Zooms Sierra Preschool to the Rescue

Isaacs Pancakes for Supper Sis Fire Truck
Javernick The Birthday Pet Stock Thanksgiving Treat

Keats Whistle for Willie Thompson Little Quack

Krauss The Carrot Seed Willems Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed

# **Ideas for Participation:**

**WORKER PUPPET:** Use any puppet. *Possibilities:* 1. The puppet can wear different hats, clothes of different occupations, or carry representative tools. You encourage children to guess his or her occupation. 2. Give the puppet a task to do. The puppet whines that s/he can't do it. Have the children encourage the puppet until s/he succeeds.

## I'M GROWING!

I'm growing Hands above head I'm growing up all over Point all over body

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Count days of the week on fingers Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

I'm growing here. Point to head

I'm growing there, and there and there Stick out leg, and arm, and hand

I'm just growing everywhere. Point all over body
I'm growing! Hands way above head

**ALL BY MYSELF** - From Flint Public Library's Ring a Ring O' Roses. Used with permission. *Suit actions to words. Have kids repeat the chorus after each line.* 

There are many things that I can do.

I can comb my hair and lace my shoe
I can wash my hands and wash my face,
I can put my toys and blocks in place.

Chorus: all by myself;
Chorus: all by myself;
Chorus: all by myself;

Get suggestions from children for other things they can do all by themselves.

**OTHER SUGGESTIONS:** The books, *From Head to Toe*, and *Whose Hat* can be used in participatory style. And take a look at *You're So Great* in the Volunteer Handbook under *Movement Rhymes/Quieting*.

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

ALL KINDS OF SHOES flannel story
BREMEN TOWN MUSICIANS flannel story
THE ELF & THE DORMOUSE flannel story
THE ENORMOUS TURNIP flannel story
FROGGY GETS DRESSED flannel story

FROM HEAD TO TOE big book
THE GIANT CARROT flannel story
HOW DO I PUT IT ON? flannel story
IF YOU GIVE A MOUSE A COOKIE big book and
flannel story



# SOME SCARY

**Emberley** Go Away, Big Green Monster!

Harper The Gunniwolf

Mayer There's a Nightmare in My Closet

Rounds The Three Billy Goats Gruff Where the Wild Things Are Sendak Taylor

When a Monster Is Born

# SOME NOT!

Alborough It's the Bear!

Tyson the Terrible Fox Johnson Harold's Fairy Tale

Kent There's No Such Thing as a Dragon

Sperring Find-a-Saurus Thomas One Day, Daddy **Thomas** Rhyming Dust Bunnies

Willems Leonardo the Terrible Monster

# **Ideas for Participation:**

THE GUNNIWOLF is a good story to have kids participate in. They can sing the song and slap their knees as Little Girl runs away.

THE THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF can be acted out since it's a familiar one. Also, try using masks.

**THE MONSTER STOMP**- look scary, gnash your teeth, and suit actions to words

If you want to be a monster, now's your chance

'Cause everybody's doing the monster dance.

You just stamp your feet, Wave your arms around,

Stretch 'em up, stretch 'em up, Then put them on the ground,

'Cause you're doing the monster stomp.

Ooh-Ah-Ah-Ooh-Ah-Ah! Ooh-Ah-Ah-Ooh-Ah-Ah!

#### TWO LITTLE MONSTERS- whole body or fingerplay

A great big monster was stirring a pot

Ooo ooo-ooo oo! Ooo ooo-ooo ooo!

Two little monsters said, "What has he got?"

Tippytoe...tippytoe...tippytoe

BOO!

Stir, stir, stir the pot

Curl two fingers on each hand for little monsters

'horns.' Look interestedly toward 'pot'

Tip toe, tip toe, tip toe-

Be scary!

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

THE FEARSOME BEAST flannel story FIVE LITTLE MONSTERS finger puppets THE GUNNY WOLF flannel story

THE LITTLE SCARECROW flannel story LULLABYHULLABALLOO fold out book MOMMY? Pop-up

THE SCARED LITTLE BEAR pop-up

THE THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF big book THE THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF flannel story

WHO IS THE BEAST? big book

# LOST AND FOUND

## Stories:

Hardy

Jeffers

Hill

Alarcon Louella Mae, She's Run Away! Brown Runaway Bunny Cate The Magic Rabbit Christelow Five Little Monkeys Play Hide-and-Seek Clark Where Are You, Blue Kangaroo Eastman Are You My Mother? **Emmett** This Way, Ruby! Barnyard Banter Fleming The Runaway Frost Smitten Gordon

Whose Mouse Are You? Kraus Nodset Who Took the Farmer's Hat? Oliver Finds His Way Root Simmons Come Along Daisy Simmons Daisy's Hide-and-Seek The Stray Dog Simont Find-a-Saurus Sperring Steig Sylvester and the Magic Pebble

Waddell Owl Babies Wells Max's Dragon Shirt Whybrow Sammy and the Dinosaurs Willems

Knuffle Bunny

# **Ideas for Participation:**

### WHERE IS THUMBKIN AN old favorite

Lost Cat

Where's Spot?

McDuff Moves in

Where is Thumbkin? Where is Thumbkin? Here I am, here I am. How are you today? Very well I thank you. Run way, run away. Where is Pointer? Where is Pointer? Where is Tall Man? Where is Tall Man? Where is Ringer? Where is Ringer?

Hands begin behind back. At each verse bring out first one thumb or finger (here I am) and then the other Bow each to the other and

then each runs away, behind back Use second fingers, as above Use middle fingers Use fourth (ring) fingers Use little fingers

### WHERE ARE THE BABY MICE

Where is Pinky? Where is Pinky?

Where are the baby mice? Squeak, squeak, squeak. I cannot see them. Peek, peek, peek. Here they come, out of their hole in the wall. One, two, three, four, five and that's all!

Make fist and put behind back Shrug shoulder and begin to bring fist out Show fist Uncurl fingers one at a time

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

BARNYARD BANTER big book LITTLE BOY BLUE flannel story MOMMY? pop-up book

OWL BABIES big book or flannel story THE RUNAWAY BUNNY flannel story WHERE ARE THE BABY MICE small box puppet with 3 mice WHERE'S ALFIE pop-up book



Cate Johnson Kent Magic Rabbit Harold's Fairy Tale There's No Such Thing as a Dragon Kimmel Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock
Lindgren The Tomten and the Fox
Small Imogene's Antlers
Steig Sylvester and the Magic Pebble

# **Ideas for Participation:**

**ABRACADABRA** - Use a magic voice and have the audience repeat each phrase.

Abracadabra Wave hands over an invisible crystal ball

Abracazoom Keep waving your hands
Storytime magic Keep waving your hands

Come into this room Raise your hands high and swoop them

down on the word 'room'

## FEE, FIE, FOE, FUM

Fee, fie, foe, fum
See my fingers?
See my thumb?
Fee, fie, foe, fum

Bring up each finger in turn
Wiggle fingers
Wiggle thumb
Fold down each finger in turn
Wide fingers in hand

Fingers gone, Hide fingers in hand

So is thumb. Tuck in thumb - show just fist

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

HAROLD'S FAIRY TALE - Draw and tell the story on a chalkboard, whiteboard or butcher paper. Let your drawing hand be "Harold." Copy the simple illustrations in the book. Use purple chalk or marker.



RABBIT IN HAT finger puppet SOUP FROM A NAIL flannel story THE THREE WISHES flannel story UWUNGELEMA flannel story



# **MICE**



## **Stories:**

Alborough Watch Out! Big Bro's Coming!
Aylesworth Little Bitty Mousie
Ehlert Boo to You!
Foley Thank You Bear
Gelman Pizza Pat
Kraus Come Out and Play, Little Mouse
Kraus Whose Mouse Are You?

Lionni Frederick
Lobel Mouse Soup
Lobel Mouse Tales
Miller Mousekin Series

Numeroff If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

Riley Mouse Mess Roddie You're Too Small Three Kind Mice Sathre Schoenherr Cat & Mouse Five Nice Mice **Tashiro** Thompson Mouse's First Snow Mouse's First Summer Thompson Mouse Was Mad Urban Walsh Mouse Paint

Wood The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry

And the Big Hungry Bear

# **Ideas for Participation:**

**MOUSE'S JOURNEY,** from Arnold Lobel's **Mouse Tales**, is a good participatory story. Kids stand in place
and act out each stage of the journey with their feet,
hands, and voices.

# MOUSE IS A CHARMING AND EASY PUPPET PLAY IN MOUSE TALES.

**TALL AS A TREE** - whole body movement

VERY TALL MOUSE AND VERY SHORT

#### CREEPY, CRAWLY, LITTLE MOUSIE

Creepy, crawly, little mousie From the barney to the housey, in the pantry, on the shelf, Here's the cheese... help yourself! One hand on back of other Walk hand up arm to elbow to shoulder Turn ear toward hand

Fingers "nibble" on ear

Tall as a tree Wide as a house Thin as a pin Small as a mouse. Reach for ceiling Stretch toward walls Press arms to body Squat down small

#### **HICKORY DICKORY DOCK**

Hickory dickory dock, The mouse ran up the clock

The clock struck one, and down he ran

Hickory dickory dock. *Additional verses:* 

The clock struck two, the mouse said BOO!
The clock struck three, the mouse said WHEEEE!

The clock struck four, there is no more;

Hickory dickory dock.

Join hands and swing like a pendulum - it's a Grandfather clock! Run one hand up other arm to shoulder

Clap hands together, run hand back down arm

Swing arms pendulum fashion again.

Clap twice; open hand and eyes wide on "BOO"

Clap three times, swoop hand back down arm and out to side Clap four times, hold both hands up and out "no more"

Swing arms pendulum fashion again.

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

THE ELF & THE DORMOUSE flannel story GIANT JIM flannel story

IF YOU GIVE A MOUSE a COOKIE big book and flannel story

LARGE WHITE MOUSE charming hand puppet LITTLE COCKROACH MARTINA flannel story

THE LITTLE MOUSE, THE RED RIPE STRAWBERRY AND THE BIG HUNGRY BEAR flannel story & big book

THE MOUSE AND THE WINDS flannel story
MOUSE COUNT puppet with props story
MOUSE PAINT big book
THE MOUSE'S WEDDING Kamishibai story cards

RABBIT-FUR MOUSE finger puppet -- very realistic RATTLESNAKE, MOUSE & COYOTE flannel story

TEN LITTLE MICE big book

WHERE ARE THE BABY MICE finger puppet set, and small box puppet set

# **MONKEYS**

## **Stories:**

Christelow Five Little Monkeys Jumping On the Bed Christelow Five Little Monkeys Play Hide-and-Seek

Iwamura Tan Tan's Hat Ochiltree Ten Monkey Jamboree

Slobodkina Caps for Sale

Jump one hand, on top of the other hand or arm

Hit head dramatically with heels of hands

Shake finger back and forth - no-no

Van Laan So Say the Little Monkeys

## **Ideas for Participation:**

#### FIVE LITTLE MONKEYS JUMPING ON THE BED - we all love this one!

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed. One fell off and bumped his head. Mama called the doctor and the doctor said

Motion of dialing and talking on phone No more monkeys jumping on the bed!

Continue with four little monkeys, three little monkeys, etc. Alternate "his" and "her" until you get to the last monkey.

Mama called the doctor and the doctor said: "PUT THOSE MONKEYS BACK TO BED!"

### MONKEY SEE MONKEY DO - suit actions to words

When you clap, clap, clap your hands The monkey clap, clap, claps his hands.

Chorus:

Monkey see, monkey do.

The monkey does the same as you.

And when you stamp, stamp, stamp your feet, The monkey stamp, stamp, stamps his feet.

Repeat chorus after each verse.

And when you jump, jump, jump up high, etc. and when you make a funny face, etc.

And when you turn yourself about, etc.

The monkey turns himself about, etc.

You can ask the children to suggest words and actions.



# **Suggested Enrichments:**

CAPS FOR SALE big book

FIVE LITTLE MONKEYS monkey mitt props FIVE LITTLE MONKEYS JUMPING ON THE BED/SWINGING FROM THE TREE props for monkey mitt or small flannel board

MONKEY puppet

THE MONKEY AND THE CROCODILE flannel story, also glove with props

TEN LITTLE MONKEYS JUMPING ON THE BED big book

# **MOTHER'S DAY**

## **Stories:**

Little Bear Bauer My Mother Is Mine Minarek Brown Runaway Bunny Murphy I Like It When Over in the Meadow Mama's Little Duckling Cabrera Parker Eastman Are You My Mother? Simmons Come Along, Daisy **Fleming** Mama Cat Has Three Kittens Thompson Mothers Are Like That Waddell Owl Babies Frazee Hush, Little Baby

Glenn Just What Mama Needs Ward Somewhere in the Ocean Goode The Most Perfect Spot Wild Lucy Goosey

Gunson Over on the Farm Willis Mommy, Do You Love Me?

McCloskey Blueberries for Sal Yolen Off We Go! (to Grandma's)



# **Ideas for Participation:**

MY MOMMY you can change the words to "My Dad is very special", "he", etc.

My Mommy's very special

Place hand over heart

I think that you'll agree. Nod head

She picks the greatest stories

Hold hands together, flat like reading a book

to read aloud to me.

Sometimes we go fishing,

or play a game of ball

Cast a fishing line

Bat an imaginary ball

She always gives me great big hugs,

Hug self

She's the best Mom of them all! Put up an index finger, like "number one"

#### TWO MOTHER PIGS

Two mother pigs lived in a pen Show thumbs

Each one had four babies and that made ten.

These four babies were black as night.

Hold up both hands, thumbs and fingers

Hold four fingers forward from one hand

Hold other four fingers forward

Roll hands together

Ball hands into fists

All eight babies loved to play

And they rolled and rolled in the mud all day. at night with their mothers they curled up in a heap

And squealed and squealed 'til they went to sleep. Squeal quietly and fall asleep

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

FIVE LITTLE CHICKENS flannel story FLOWER GARDEN big book FLOWERS flannel story HUSH, LITTLE BABY flannel story IS YOUR MAMA A LLAMA big book OVER IN THE MEADOW big book OWL BABIES big book and flannel story



# **NAMES**

Hello, My Name Is

# **Stories:**

Lester A Porcupine Named Fluffy

McMenemy Waggle

Pringle Naming the Cat
Stephens Poochie-Poo
Wells McDuff Moves in



# **Ideas for Participation:**

MARY WORE HER RED DRESS Mention each child's name and what he or she is wearing.

Mary wore her red dress, red dress, red dress. Mary wore her red dress all day long. Nathan wore his green shirt etc.

WHO'S GOT THE BEANBAG? Play the track, "Who's Got the Beanbag" on the CD, *Bean Bag activities & Coordination Skills*. Children follow the instructions they hear on the CD. they pass the bean bag around the circle until the song tells them to stop. then it's, "Who's got the beanbag?" Everyone says the name of the child who is holding it. Fun!

**AIKEN DRUM** This is a Raffi song on the CD, *Singable Songs for the Very Young*: "There was a man lived on the moon and his name was Aiken Drum."

"THERE WAS A FARMER HAD A COW AND Daisy was her name-o": on *Six Little Ducks* CD. Use with our Old MacDonald barn and farm animals flannel/laminated set.

**JOHN JACOB JINGLEHEIMER SMITH** - see suggestion in OPPOSITES theme.

#### TWO LITTLE BLACKBIRDS

Two little blackbirds
Sitting on a hill,
One named Jack,
One named Jill,
Fly away, Jack
Fly away, Jill
Come back, Jack,
Come back Jill.

Hold up I or "sit" hand Move on Move on Move on Move on Move oth Bring har

Hold up both pointer fingers or "sit" hands on shoulders Move one hand forward Move other hand forward Move one hand behind back Move other hand behind back Bring hands back, one by one

#### LET'S ALL CLAP

to the tune of Mary Had a Little Lamb. Clap for each storytime child!

Let's all clap 'cause [Josh] is here, [Josh] is here, [Josh] is here, Let's all clap 'cause [Josh] is here, [Josh] is here today.

### JOHNNY, JOHNNY, JOHNNY, WHOOPS ...

Johnny, Johnny, Johnny, Johnny, Whoops, Johnny/Whoops Johnny; Johnny, Johnny, Johnny, Johnny, Johnny, Johnny, Johnny, Johnny, Johnny. When you get to the pointer finger, slide down it saying Whoops, then up the thumb saying Johnny. Now slide back down the thumb saying whoops and back up the pointer finger saying Johnny, and then Johnny, Johnny, Johnny back to the baby finger again.

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

B-I-N-G-O flannel story and monkey mitt with props

FLIP FLAP JACK flannel story LOU AT THE ZOO flannel story



# **NIGHT**



## Stories:

BergerGrandfather TwilightGayMoonbeam on a Cat's EarBrownGoodnight MoonJohnsonHarold's Trip to the SkyConradAnimal LingoMayerThere's a Nightmare in My Closet

Cousins Maisy's Bedtime Nicholls Billywise

Dodd Best Bear Rathman Good Night, Gorilla

Dodds The Prince Won't Go to Bed! Schaefer Down in the Woods at Sleepytime

Edwards Good Night, Copycub Weeks Overboard! Whybrow Noisy Way to Bed

# **Ideas for Participation:**

**GOOD NIGHT PUPPET:** Use any puppet. Ideas: Pretend the puppet doesn't want to go to bed. Have the children encourage the puppet. Can they tell the puppet what's nice about bed? Have the puppet make silly excuses for not going to bed. Let the children react to the excuses. Let them tell the puppet to go to bed.

Have the puppet go to bed, first going through nighttime rituals, tooth brushing, book, blanket, etc.

BRUSH YOUR TEETH -- RAFFI Singable Songs for the Very Young (C Child RAFFI)

### AT NIGHT I SEE THE TWINKLING STARS - whole body movement rhyme

At night I see the twinkling stars
And the great big shining moon
My Mommy tucks me into bed
And sings a goodnight tune.

Holding hands up over head, make fingers 'twinkle,' wiggling them Circle arms over head for moon

Cup one hand, place other index finger in it

Rock finger inside of cupped hand

## STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT

You can make a felt star for each child.

Pass the stars out and have each child put his/her star on the flannel board.

[To extend the activity, have each child make a wish as s/he puts the star on the board.]

Star light, star bright
First star I see tonight.
I wish I may, I wish I might
Have the wish I wish tonight.

[What is your wish?]

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

BIG RED BARN big book
BISCUIT big book
BLUEBIRD THROUGH MY WINDOW flannel story
GOOD NIGHT pop-up

LULLABYHULLABALLOO pop-up PEACE AND QUIET flannel story THE SCARED LITTLE BEAR pop-up UP ALL NIGHT COUNTING pop-up

# **OPPOSITES**

## **Stories:**

Hindley

Carle Have You Seen My Cat? King Henry and Amy (Right-Way-Davis A Garden of Opposites Round and Upside Down)

Fox Where Is the Green Sheep? Lionni Swimmy

Henkes A Good Day Lobel Mouse Tales: The Very Tall Mouse

(Can be done as a finger or stick puppet play)

Kasza My Lucky Day Seeger Black? White! Day? Night!
Wildsmith The North Wind and the Sun

## **Ideas for Participation:**

Do Like a Duck Does

### **OPPOSITES**

What's the opposite of high? Low! Hand up high, then down low
What's the opposite of fast? Slow! Pat knees in fast, then slow rhythm
What's the opposite of day? Night! Eyes wide, then mime sleep

What's the opposite of heavy? Light! Be weighed down by gravity, then bounce lightly What's the opposite of lonely? Friend! Put hand out all by itself, then clasp other hand

What's the opposite of the beginning? the end! Spread hands in "that's all" gesture. To extend the activity, ask

kids to suggest opposites of their own.

## JOHN JACOB JINGLEHEIMER SMITH - (loud and soft)

John Jacob Jingleheimer Smith
His name is my name, too
Whenever we go out,
The people always shout
There goes John Jacob

The verse begins as loudly as possible. The chorus is sung as softly as possible.
As the verse and chorus are repeated, they begin to switch places, until the verse is sung almost inaudibly, and the chorus is shouted

Jingleheimer Smith.

Chorus:

Ta Da Da Da Da Da

### **SOMETIMES I AM TALL -** suit actions to words

Sometimes I am tall Sometimes I am very, very, small Sometimes I am small Sometimes tall, sometimes small,

Sometimes I am very, very tall. Look how I am now.

### **SLOW, FAST –** (on Nancy Stewart's *Little Songs for Little Me*)

Clap, clap your hands as slowly as you can

Repeat with pound fists,

Clap, clap, clap your hands as quickly as you can

shake hands, pat head, etc.

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

GIANT JIM flannel story LOUD/SOFT PICTURE CARDS Let the children clap or play loud and soft in response. MASTER OF ALL MASTERS flannel story MOUSE TALES "The Very Tall Mouse and the Very Short Mouse" finger or stick puppet play.

OPPOSITES flannel story









## **STORIES:**

Alexander You're a Genius, Blackboard Bear

**Brownlow** Mickey Moonbeam Fox Astronaut Piggy Wiggy Johnson Harold's Trip to the Sky

Loomis Astro Bunnies Thomas One Day, Daddy

Yaccarino Zoom! Zoom! I'm Off to the Moon



#### MOON RIDE

Do you want to go up with me to the moon? Let's get in our rocket ship and blast off soon!

Faster and faster we reach to the sky.

Isn't if fun to be able to fly?

We're on the moon, now all take a look. And gently sit down and I'll show you a book.

Point to a friend, self, then to sky Pretend to climb in ship. Swish hands quickly Jump and reach

Look down Sit down

## **OFF TO THE MOON-** hold up five fingers, point to each in turn; use both hands to fly away

Five little spacemen playing near the stars.

The first one said, Let's all fly to Mars! The second one said, there are rockets in the air.

The third one said, but we don't care.

The fourth one said, Let's go up in the sky; Then SWISH went the ship and out went the light And the five little spacemen flew out of sight!

**SOLAR SYSTEM IN MOTION-** Sung to the tune of the Farmer in the Dell. Act out with selected children or use as circle dance. (From Sisters in Stitches)

The earth turns around The earths turns around Once a day, every day, The Earth turns around.

The moon goes round the Earth The moon goes round the Earth Once a month, every month, The moon goes round the Earth. The Earth goes round the sun. The Earth goes round the sun. Once a year, every year, The earth goes round the sun.

### **REACH FOR THE STARS**

Suit actions to words Bend and stretch, reach for the stars There goes Jupiter, here comes Mars. Bend and stretch, reach for the sky. Stand on tippy toes, oh-so-high!

### **SPACE ROCKET**

Inside a rocket ship, Just enough room. Here comes the countdown 10.9.8.7.6.5.4.3.2.1. Zoo-o-o-o-om!

Sit or crouch with elbows close to the body and hands held in front, fingertips touching to form cone of rocket

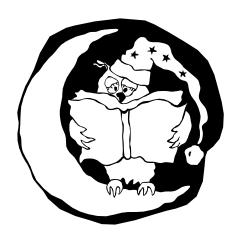
Stand up and raise your "rocket cone" high

# Suggested Enrichments:

HAROLD'S TRIP TO THE SKY can be presented as a draw and tell story on a blackboard, white board, or long sheet of butcher paper.

LITTLE ROCKET'S TRIP flannel story

HUSH, LITTLE ALIEN flannel story



# **OWLS**

## **Stories:**

Hutchins Good Night, Owl!

Lear The Owl and the Pussycat

Nicholls **Billywise** 

Schaefer Down in the Woods at Sleepytime

Waddell Owl Babies

Walsh Do Monkeys Tweet?

# **Ideas for Participation:**

### AN OWL SAT ALONE traditional

An owl sat alone Hold up pointer finger

On the branch of a tree

He was as quiet as he could be. Finger to lips

It was night

And his eyes were round like this.

And when he looked around

Not a thing did he miss.

Circle eyes with thumbs and fingers

Peer around

## FIVE LITTLE OWLS A fingerplay

Hold up one finger at a This little owl was sitting on a limb time This one flew over to play with him.

This owl called "whoo, whoo, whoo, whoo."

This one answered, I wish I knew. The sun's coming up, this one said, And the five little owls went to bed.

Good-night!

Curl your five fingers up in a ball

## WISE OLD OWL A simple poem to teach

Wise old owl Sitting in the tree,

Whoo-oo are you winking at? Is it me?

Wink eye Point to self



# **Suggested Enrichments:**

OWL BABIES big book OWL BABIES/FIVE LITTLE OWLS flannel story/ poem

THE OWL and THE PUSSYCAT flannel story UP ALL NIGHT COUNTING pop-up



Aylesworth Mother Halverson's New Cat Kasza The Dog Who Cried Wolf

Dodd What Pet to Get? Kent There's No Such Thing as a Dragon

Feiffer Bark George Kudrna To Bathe a Boa

Feiffer Bark, George Kudrna To Bathe a Boa Goode The Perfect Spot McCarty Hondo and Fabian

Hardy Lost Cat McFarland Widget

HarperMy Cats Nick and NoraMonksThe Cat Barked?HarperOur New PuppyMooreSix Dinner SidHarperTelling Time with Big Mama CatWellsMcDuff Moves in

Javernick The Birthday Pet Yaccarino An Octopus Followed Me Home

# **Ideas for Participation:**

PUPPET PET OWNER Possibilities: 1. Puppet enters (from a box, basket, or bag) looking for lost pet.

S/he gives clues to children as to identity of the pet. 2. Puppet arrives carrying a pet. Encourage

the children to talk about their pets.

### **PUPPY'S DOG HOUSE**

This is puppy's dog house Put tips of fingers together
This is puppy's bed. Hands flat, palms upward
This is puppy's pan of milk Cup hands together for bowl
So he can be fed. Make lapping motion with tongue

The puppy has a collar Encircle neck with fingers

With his name upon it, too.

Take a stick and throw it, Make throwing motion

And he'll bring it back to you. Clap hands

## I HAD A LITTLE TURTLE fingerplay, flannel story also available

I had a little turtle Make a fist with thumb sticking out
He lived in a box Cup hands together for box
He swam in a puddle Wiggle hand for swimming
He climbed on the rocks Fingers climb up other arm
He snapped at a mosquito, Snap fingers

He snapped at a flea Snap fingers with each "snap"

He snapped at a minnow, and he snapped at me! He caught the mosquito, he caught the flea He caught the minnow,

Clap, gulp, for each "caught"

but he didn't catch me! Wag pointer finger back and forth.

#### **SOFT KITTY**

Soft kitty, warm kitty, little ball of fur. Lazy kitty, pretty kitty, purr, purr, purr



Make one fist into ball for 'kitty'
Pet with other hand

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

BINGO flannel story; also monkey mitt and props BISCUIT big book FIVE LITTLE PETS flannel story I GOT ME A CAT flannel story I HAD A LITTLE TURTLE flannel story

IN THE HOUSE flannel story
WHERE'S SPOT pop-up
WHERE'S SPOT big book
CAN YOU HOP LIKE A BUNNY? flannel story

# PIGS

## Stories:

Alarcon Louella Mae, She's Run Away! Ashman Can You Make a Piggy Giggle?

Goodnight, Sweet Pig Bailey Davenier Leon and Albertine Astronaut Piggy Wiggy Fox

Kasza My Lucky Day Kasza Pig's Picnic

Geraldine's Blanket Keller

McNaughton Suddenly!

Pomerantz The Piggy in the Puddle

Wild Piglet and Papa

# **Ideas for Participation:**

PRETEND PIGGY PUPPET: Use any puppet. As a lead-in to talking about pigs, the puppet enters from a basket, bag, or box, wearing a fake paper pig nose, trying to pretend it's a pig. Encourage the children to react.

#### THIS LITTLE PIGGY - the classic!

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 wee-wee-wee

All the way home!



Start with thumb or big toe Move to next finger Next

And next

Pulling on pinky or little toe

#### **FIVE LITTLE PIGS**

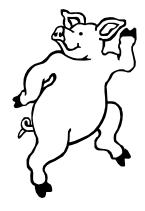
This little pig makes an 'oink, oink' sound This little pig is fat and round. This little pig roots all around, With his piggy snout, he digs in the ground. This little pig has a curly tail. He eats his lunch from a shiny pail.

This little pig doesn't seem to care If any of the other pigs get their share.

Start with a thumb or big toe Move to next The next

And the next

Last: pull on pinky or little toe Give a little shrug.



#### TWO MOTHER PIGS

Two mother pigs live in a pen Each one had four babies and that made ten. These four babies were black as night These four babies were black and white but all eight babies loved to play And they rolled and rolled in the mud all day. at night with their mothers they curled up in a heap And squealed and squealed 'til they went to sleep.

Show thumbs Show fingers and thumbs Hold up one hand, thumb in palm Other hand, as above

Roll hands over each other

Make fists, palms up



# **Suggested Enrichments:**

GROW, GROW, GROW AS BIG AS YOU CAN Kamishibai cards I LIKE MYSELF big book THE LONG-NOSED PIG pop-up THE PIG IN THE POND big book

PINK PIG puppet THREE LITTLE PIGS props to use with monkey mitt or small flannel board THE THREE LITTLE PIGS flannel story

# **PIZZA**

## Stories:



Gelman Pizza Pat
Steig Pete's a Pizza
Voake Pizza Kittens
Walter "Hi, Pizza Man!"

# **Ideas for Participation:**

**FIVE LITTLE PIZZA PIECES** – fingerplay, or use with pizza felt story pieces

5 little pizza pieces all in a row.

The first one said, "I'm made with pepperoni, you know."

The 2<sup>nd</sup> one said, "I'm made with olives and cheese."

The 3<sup>rd</sup> one said, "Don't eat me, please!"

The 4<sup>th</sup> one said, "I'll be your dinner tonight."

The 5th one said, "Someone please take a bite!"

Five little pizza pieces all in a row.

Would you like to eat one? Yes, I know!

Hold up five fingers

Take one finger down at a time as you say

these lines

Hold up five fingers again

Point to "you"; nod and pretend to eat pizza!

"I AM A PIZZA" - Check out the Charlotte Diamond CD "10 Carrot Diamond" and learn the camp style song, very fun for all. We have felt pizza pieces in a pizza box to go with this song.

#### PAT-A-CAKE PIZZA

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, pizza man Make me a pizza as fast as you can. Roll it, toss it, and sprinkle it with cheese

Put it in the oven, and bake it fast, please!

Clap hands in rhythm

Shake finger

Pretend to roll out dough, make sprinkling motions

Open oven door, and put pizza in

#### A PIZZA HUT - fun for fast food fanatics

A Pizza Hut, a Pizza Hut,

Kentucky Fried Chicken and a Pizza Hut.

A Pizza Hut, a Pizza Hut,

Kentucky Fried Chicken and a Pizza Hut.

MacDonald's, MacDonald's,

Kentucky Fried Chicken and a Pizza Hut.

Tent arms over your head, hands together like a roof, 2 times Put hands under arms, making 'wing' motion, then tent arms over your head 3 times for Pizza Hut.

Make wing motion, then "hut"

Make "M" motion over head by putting arms arching over head,

fingertips touching crown of head, 2 times

Make' wing' motion, then "hut" with arms over head, fingertips

together for roof.

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

FIVE LITTLE PIZZA PIECES flannel story in a real pizza box. Music on **10 Carrot Diamond** CD, also available.
PIZZA! pop-up





**Iwamura** 

Avlesworth Little Bitty Mousie Hills Duck & Goose Blackstone Bear in Sunshine Keats The Snowy Day Braun Meeow and the Little Chairs Kelly Fall Is Not Easy

Dog's Dav Come Out and Play, Little Mouse Cabrera Kraus

Christelow Five Little Monkeys Play Hide-and-Seek London Froggy Plays T-Ball

Clark Where are You, Blue Kangaroo Twist with a Burger, Jitter with a Bug Lowery

Cousins Maisy Dresses Up Meadows Pilot Pups

Maisy's Pool Cousins Ochiltree Ten Monkey Jamboree

Wiggle Shields Saturday Night at the Dinosaur Stomp Cronin

There are Cats in this Book Fitzpatrick I'm a Tiger Too Schwarz A Rainbow of My Own Playtime Rhymes

Freeman J 398.8 Just What Mama Needs Glenn **Playtime** 

# **Ideas for Participation:**

Tan Tan's Hat

THIS OLD MAN - AN old favorite sung or said

This old man, he played one Hold up 1 finger Played four ... on the floor. He played knickknack on my thumb Tap thumb Played five ...on my side. With a knickknack paddywhack, Clap hands, then thighs Played six ... pick up sticks.

Make throwing motion Give a dog a bone, Played seven ...up in heaven. Roll arms around each other This old man came rolling home. Played eight ... on the gate.

Played nine ... on my spine. Played two .... on my shoe. Suit actions to words Played ten ... once again. Played three ... on my knee.

**MY KITE**- sung to the tune of the Farmer in the Dell.

Give each child a scarf to "fly" and suit actions to words.

My kite is up so high, My kite is falling down, The wind has caught my kite, My kite is up so high, My kite is falling down, The wind has caught my kite,

Oh my, just watch it fly, Oh no, it's down so low, What fun, I'm on the run, My kite is falling down. The wind has caught my kite. My kite is up so high.

Repeat first verse



## MONKEY SEE MONKEY DO - suit actions to words. Repeat chorus after each verse.

When you clap, clap, clap your hands The monkey claps, claps, claps his hands.

Chorus:

Monkey see, monkey do.

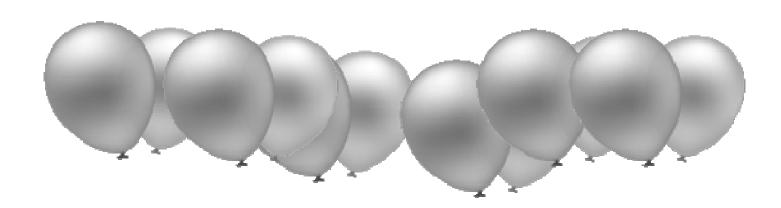
The monkey does the same as you.

And when you stamp, stamp, stamp your feet,
The monkey stamp, stamp, stamps his feet.
And when you turn yourself around ...
And when you jump, jump, jump up high ....
And when you make a funny face ..
You can ask the children for suggestions of other actions.

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

BALLOONS FOR A PARTY flannel story
DINOSAUR STOMP pop-up
FIVE LITTLE BEARS flannel story
KITES flannel story
ONE ELEPHANT WENT OUT TO PLAY flannel story

PEEK A MOO pop-up
THE SNOWY DAY big book
TEN LITTLE MONKEYS JUMPING ON THE BED
big book
WHEELS picture cards



# **PUZZLES**

## **Stories:**

BauerWhy Do Kittens Purr?RoweWhose Feet?BeaumontWho Ate All the Cookie Dough?RoweWhose Nose?FoxWhere Is the Green Sheep?SeegerFirst the Egg

Ginsburg Mushroom in the Rain Sloat The Thing That Bothered Farmer Brown

Isadora Peekaboo Morning Tafuri Whose Chick Are You?
Lass Who Took the Cookies from the Walsh Do Monkeys Tweet?

Cookie Jar?

McMullanI Stink!YoungWho Says Moo?MillerWhose Hat?ZiefertWho said Moo?

Miller Whose Shoes?

J 683.8 Wexler Everyday Mysteries (Not in storytelling collection. You can request it from the library catalog.)

# **Ideas for Participation:**

WHO AM I? (Elephant) Second time through let the children do rhyme and actions with you

Right foot, left foot, see me go Put weight first on one foot, then the other

I am gray and big and slow. swaying from side to side
I come walking down the street Extend arms together in front
With my trunk and four big feet. And swing like a trunk

#### A GREAT BIG HAPPY SMILE - to sing or say

I've got something in my pocket Put hand flat across 'pocket'

It belongs across my face.

I keep it very close at hand Pat 'pocket' in a most convenient place.

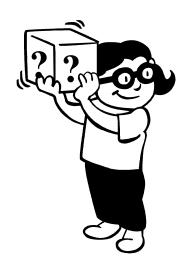
I'm sure you'll never guess it Shake head

If you guess a long long while,

So I'll take it out and put it on - Put hand in 'pocket' and grab something It's a great big happy smile! Wipe hand across mouth and smile

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

THE FEARSOME BEAST flannel story
IN THE HOUSE flannel story
MASTER OF ALL MASTERS flannel story
WALKING THROUGH THE JUNGLE big book
WHAT'S INSIDE THE POCKET? flannel story
WHO IS THE BEAST? big book





### **Stories:**

Loomis

Humbug Rabbit Little Bunny on the Move Balian McCarty Magic Rabbit Modesitt Cate Little Bunny's Easter Surprise Rabbit's Good News Molk Good Job. Oliver Bornstein O'Keefe Brown The Golden Egg Book Love Me, Love You Brown The Runaway Bunny Smith Grandma Rabbity's Visit Blue Rabbit and Friends Muncha! Muncha! Muncha! Wormell **Fleming** 

**Ideas for Participation:** 

Astro Bunnies

#### **HERE'S A BUNNY**

Here's a bunny with ears so funny
Here is his hole in the ground.
When a noise he hears,
He pricks up his ears,
And jumps in his hole in the ground.

Bend 2 fingers over thumb Make hole with other fist Clap hands Straighten fingers Ears first 'into' the hole

#### I SAW A LITTLE RABBIT whole-body action

I saw a little rabbit go hop, hop, hop
I saw his ear go flop, flop, flop.
I saw his eyes go wink, wink, wink,
I saw his nose go twink, twink, twink.
I said "Little rabbit, won't you stay?"
He looked at me and hopped away.

Hop three times Hands on head flop 'ears' Wink eyes Wiggle nose Beckon with hand Hop some more

### **DID YOU EVER SEE A BUNNY? -** Sing to the tune of *Did you Ever See a Lassie*.

Suit actions to words.

Did you ever see a bunny, a bunny, a bunny, a bunny.
Did you ever see a bunny,
That hops up and down?
He hops on his right foot,
And hops on his left foot.
Did you ever see a bunny
That hops up and down?

...that twitches her nose?
She looks up and twitches
And looks down and twitches...

...that nibbles his food? He nibbles on carrots And nibbles on lettuce...

..that wiggles her ears? (use hands) She wiggles them forward And wiggles them backward...

...that listens to books? He sits down and listens And quietly listens...

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

BUNNIES glove with 5 bunnies THE FEARSOME BEAST flannel story FIVE LITTLE BUNNIES monkey mitt & props GOODNIGHT MOON big book

RABBIT IN HAT finger puppet RUNAWAY BUNNY flannel story WHITE BUNNY puppet

# **RAIN**

# **Stories:**

Freeman A Rainbow of My Own
Ginsburg Mushroom in the Rain
Hest in the Rain with Baby Duck

Lobel MOUSE TALES: the Very Tall Mouse

Martin Listen to the Rain

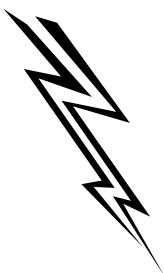
Mitton All Afloat on Noah's Boat!

Stojic Rain

Tafuri The Big Storm



# **Ideas for Participation:**



#### BOOM, BANG!

Boom, bang, boom, bang! Rumpety, lumpety, bump! Zoom, zam, zoom, zam! Clippety, clappety, clump! Rustles and bustles And swishes and zings! What wonderful noises a thunderstorm brings! Bang gong or clap hands loudly and slowly Beat drum or pat thighs

Cut alternate hands back and forth Clap hands in pattering rhythm

Nod head from side to side in rhythm with words

Whole body sways

May want to repeat all the above motions

#### RAIN - whole body action rhyme

Rain on the green grass, And rain on the tree, Rain on the roof top But not on me. Flutter fingers up and down Raise both hands to form tree With hands above head, form roof Point to self

#### I HEAR THUNDER (to the tune of Frere Jacques)

I hear thunder, I hear thunder. Hark don't you? Hark, don't you? Pitter-patter raindrops, pitter patter raindrops I'm wet through, I'm wet through. So are you. Drum feet on floor Pretend to listen Flutter fingers down Shake body Point at each other

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

THE ELF AND THE DORMOUSE flannel story ITSY BITSY SPIDER flannel story LEAKY UMBRELLA song on Jim Gill Sings the Sneezing Song CD – put up a pretend umbrella and act out the silliness!

MOUSE TALES "The Very Tall Mouse" can be done as a fingerplay or stick puppet play.
RAINSTICK A long tube filled with the sound of rain. Turn it over and listen.
UMBRELLAS flannel story



**Stories:** 

Barner Fish Wish
Carle 10 Little Rubber Ducks

Constantin Who's in the Tub?
Cousins Hooray for Fish!

Geist The Three Little Fish and the

Big Bad Shark

Kalan Moving Day

Lionni *Swimmy*Newton *Cat Fish* 

Raffi Down by the Bay
Rotner Senses at the Seashore
Schertle All You Need for a Beach
Ward Somewhere in the Ocean

# **Ideas for Participation**

**PUPPET AT THE BEACH** — Some ideas to lead in to talking about the sea: the puppet comes out of a beach tote, with sunglasses, etc. The puppet arrives with crab, clam, or fish attached to its nose. The puppet arrives covered with seaweed. The puppet arrives with a fish in its mouth.

#### A FISHY FINGERPLAY - suit actions to words

1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I caught a fish alive. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Ow! I let him go again.

Why did I let him go?

Because he bit my finger so Which finger did he bite? The little one on the right.

#### **OCEAN SHELL**

I found a great big shell one day upon the ocean shore.

I held it close up to my ear and heard the ocean roar.

I found a tiny shell one day upon the ocean sand.

The waves had worn it nice and smooth.

It felt nice in my hand.

Pretend to hold a large shell in both hands

Raise 'shell' to ear

Cup one hand as if holding smaller shell

Roll palms of hands together

#### CRABS ARE CRAWLING to tune of Frere Jacques

Crabs are crawling, crabs are crawling On the rocks, on the rocks.

Watch out for their pinchers, watch out for their pinchers,

Snap, snap, snap

Snap, snap, snap.

With hands, scuttle 'crab' up and down arm 'Crab' crawls on other arm

Threaten with hands like pinchers

Snap fingers or clap hands

(Could be a full body rhyme too)

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

THE FISH WITH THE DEEP SEA SMILE flannel story FISHIES flannel story (from Little Songs for

Little Me)

FIVE LITTLE FISH flannel story
FIVE LITTLE SEASHELLS flannel story

IN THE BOAT WITH ME flannel story

THE LITTLE CRAB Kamishibai story cards

THE MOUSE & THE WIND flannel story MR. LITTLE'S NOISY BOAT pop-up

THE OWL & THE PUSSYCAT flannel story

SEAWEED SOUP flannel story
TEN LITTLE FISHES flannel story

WE DOVE IN THE OCEAN – action song on

Ready to Go Storytimes CD

# **SENSES**

### **Stories:**

Martin Brown Bear, Brown Bear, Stojic Rain

What Do You See? Tekavec What's That Awful Smell?

Martin Listen to the Rain J 683.8 Everyday Mysteries (Not in storytelling collection. You can

Rotner Senses at the Seashore Wexler request it.)

# **Ideas for Participation:**

I SPY GAME: See "Colors" theme.

**TOUCH YOUR NOSE -** suit actions to words.

Touch your nose, Touch your chin
Touch your hair, touch one ear;
That's the way this game begins.
Touch your eyes, touch your knees;
Now pretend you're going to sneeze.
Touch your elbows, where they bend
That's the way this touch game ends.

#### MY EYES

Here are my eyes, one and two, I give a wink, so can you. When they're open, I see the light. When they're closed, it's dark as night.

#### **USE YOUR EYES**

Use your eyes, use your eyes You can look and see. If you have on black shoes, come and stand by me.

Leader calls out various colors or items of clothing until all children are standing.

#### I HAVE A LITTLE BODY - point to body parts

I have a little body that belongs to me
I have two ears to hear with and two eyes to see.
I have a nose for smelling. I have a mouth to eat.
I have two hands to wave at everyone I meet! (Wave.)

Use your ears, use your ears; Listen now and hear! What kind of sound Do you think you hear?

Leader turns around and makes a sound such as clapping, sneezing, hiccupping. Kids copy sound.

**PAPER BAG SOUNDS, AND TOUCH -** Hide noisemakers in a paper bag: coins to jingle, scotch tape to rip, etc. Ask the children to guess what makes the concealed sound. After each concealed item has been shown, children reach into the bag and guess what they are touching.

**SMELLING BOTTLES** –on a cotton ball, put a little dab of different scents (soap, perfume, spices, etc.). Place the cotton balls in small jars and let the children guess what the smell is. Some children may not want to sniff because of allergies.

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR flannel story FIVE LITTLE SENSES props for monkey mitt MR. LITTLE'S NOISY BOAT pop-up POLAR BEAR POLAR BEAR WHAT DO YOU HEAR? big book STREET SOUNDS flannel story

# **SLEEP**

### **STORIES:**

Arnold Roar of a Snore
Bailey Goodnight, Sweet Pig
Brown Goodnight Moon

Dodds The Prince Won't Go to Bed

Farjeon Cats Sleep anywhere
Fleming Mama Cat Has 3 Kittens

Fox Time for Bed

Ho Hush!

Hutchins Good Night, Owl Massie The Baby Beebee Bird



Murray Partridge Shea Sobel Whybrow Yolen J 398.8 Hague

The Very Sleepy Sloth
Moon Glowing
Dinosaur vs. Bedtime
The Goodnight Train
The Noisy Way to Bed
How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

# **Ideas for Participation:**

#### **JOHNNY (or SARA) HAMMERS**

Johnny (or Sara) pounds with one hammer,
One hammer, one hammer. *Pound with one fist.*Johnny pounds with one hammer, all day long.

Repeat with 2 hammers 2 fists 3 hammers 2 fists and one foot 4 hammers 2 fists and both feet

5 hammers 2 fists, both feet, and nod head

Johnny is so tired now, tired now, tired now, Johnny is so tired now all evening long. Johnny goes to sleep now, sleep now, sleep now. Johnny goes to sleep now, all night long.

#### TEN LITTLE KITTENS' GOOD NIGHT

Ten little kittens standing in a row When they see the children, they bow just so They march to the left. They march to the right, They close their eyes and they say good night. Hold hands u, fingers apart Flop fingers down Move hands left, then right Make fist

#### **SLEEPY** -suit actions to words

I'm sleepy, very sleepy, I want to stretch and yawn. I'll close my eyes and just pretend That daylight is all gone. I'll breathe so softly and so still
A little mouse might creep
Across the floor, because he thought
That I was fast asleep.

**OTHER IDEAS** - many of the books in this category lend themselves to participation; look for action, chorus, or sounds for kids to make.

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

BISCUIT big book GOODNIGHT MOON big book LULLABYHULLABALLOO! pop-up THE NAPPING HOUSE big book PEACE AND QUIET flannel story TIME FOR BED big book WHERE'S ALFIE? pop-up



### Stories:

The Hat Brett The Mitten Brett

Copy Me, Copycub **Edwards** Freedman Gooseberry Goose Frost The Runaway Henkes Old Bear

Skidamarink: A Silly Love Song Karas

Keats The Snowy Day

The Tomten and the Fox Lindgren

Lionni Frederick

London Froggy Gets Dressed Minarik Little Bear's Valentine **Partridge** Moon Glowing

A Kitten Tale Rohmann Schoenherr Pip & Squeak

Shulevitz Snow

Stoeke A Hat for Minerva Louise Mouse's First Snow Thompson

Wallace Paperwhite Wildsmith **Animal Seasons** 

> Bear Snores On Bear Stays Up for Christmas

KIDSTUFF the North Wind Doth Blow, and We Shall Have Snow has lots of ideas on the theme of winter.

# **Ideas for Participation:**

THE VERY CHILLY PUPPET Use any puppet. Possibilities: 1. The puppet enters wearing summer clothes! Wrong season! the children correct him/her. 2. The puppet enters with a blanket, ready to hibernate. Encourage the children to guess what is going on.

**THE SNOWY DAY** Have the children act out all of the things Peter did in the snow.

#### THE COLD WIND DOTH BLOW

#### The cold wind doth blow And we shall have snow And what will the robin do then? Poor thing. He'll sit in a barn

And keep himself warm And hide his head under his wing.

Poor thing.

#### **FIVE LITTLE SNOWMEN FAT**

Wilson

Five little snowmen fat Each with a great big hat Out came the sun

And m...e...l...t...e...d one Oh, how sad was that.

Count down to:

No little snowmen fat Only their great big hats but the next time it snows I'll build more of those

Oh, how fun is that!

Cheeks puffed & arms wide Place imaginary hat on head Point to sky Melt whole body to the floor

Wipe away tears

Shrug with empty palms up

"Hold" hat

Finger flutter down

Cheeks puffed & arms wide Big smile with palms up

#### MITTEN WEATHER - suit actions to words

Thumbs in the thumb place Fingers all together This is the song we sing in mitten weather Doesn't matter whether

They're made of wool or leather Thumbs in the thumb place Fingers all together This is the song

We sing in mitten weather.

**WALKING IN THE SNOW -** suit actions to words



Let's go walking in the snow Walking, walking, on tiptoe. Lift your one foot way up high Then the other, to keep it dry All around the yard we skip. Watch your step, or you might SLIP!



#### **BUILDING A SNOWMAN**

Whole body movement

I will build a snowman. Make him big and tall. See if you can hit him With a big snowball.

Pretend to roll snow Pile it up Make snowball Throw it

#### I 'M A LITTLE SNOWMAN

to the tune of I'm a Little Teapot

I'm a little snowman, short and fat, Here is my scarf and here is my hat. When the sun comes out, I melt away. but when it's cold, I'm here to stay!

Show, with arms "Put on" scarf, hat Melt slowly Stand tall

#### THE RABBIT AND THE SNOWMAN:

Arms make a fat tummy A chubby little snowman Has a carrot nose Hold fist in front of nose

Hold up two fingers and hop them Along came a bunny

And what do you suppose?

That hungry little bunny Rub tummy

Shade eyes and look around Looking for his lunch Ate the snowman's carrot nose Hold fist in front of nose

Nibble, nibble, CRUNCH! Open and close hand, then put behind back







Stand with arms out Now I am a snowman

Standing on the lawn.

I melt and melt and melt Body slumps and slumps And pretty soon I'm gone! Body close to floor, voice fades





#### **5 LITTLE SNOWMEN –**

5 little snowmen all in a row 5 little snowmen made of snow Out came the sun and shone all day 1 little snowman melted away.

Continue from 4 to 2 little snowmen.

1 little snowman all alone 1 little snowman made of snow Out came the sun and shone all day 1 little snowman melted away.

Show 5 fingers

Hands over head forming a sun Showing 1 finger, wiggle whole body, slowly melting, down to

the floor





# **Suggested Enrichments:**

THE DISAPPEARING SNOWMAN cut and tell story FROGGY GETS DRESSED flannel story THE JACKET I WEAR IN THE SNOW big book

MR. SNOWMAN'S RIDE - cut and tell story from Cut & Tell Scissor Stories for Winter THE SNOWMAN flannel story THE SNOWY DAY big book



# SPRING and SUMMER



# Stories: a great many stories fit this theme: baby animals, butterflies, some weather stories

Ayres Up, Down, and Around
Balian Humbug Rabbit
Barry Duckie's Rainbow
Bates Five Little Ducks
Bornstein Rabbit's Good News
Carle The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Cole Jack's Garden
Cousins Maisv's Pool

Ehlert Growing Vegetable Soup
French Oliver's Vegetables
Goode The Most Perfect Spot

Guy Siesta

Hall The Apple Pie Tree
Halpern Little Robin Redbreast

Henkes Birds
Henkes Old Bear
Hest Little Chick

Hutchins We're Going on a Picnic

Keats Jennie's Hat
Krauss The Carrot Seed
Lionni Inch by Inch
London Froggy Plays T-Ball

MacLennan Chicky Chicky Chook Chook

Raffi Down by the Bay
Raffi Shake My Sillies Out

Rogers Quacky Duck

Schertle All You Need for a Beach

Simont
The Stray Dog
Tafuri
Mama's Little Bears
Thompson
Wildsmith
Animal Seasons
Wood
Quick as a Cricket

J 791.5 Warren Cut & Tell Stories for Spring

J 795.789 Allen Are You a Ladybug?

# **Ideas for Participation:**



#### **APRIL TRICKERY**

The big round sun in an April sky,
Winked at a cloud that was passing by.
The gray cloud laughed
As it scattered rain.
Then out came the big round sun again.

Make a circle with both hands
Wink

Raise arms to form large 'cloud' over Make raining motions with fingers Make circle with both hands

#### **PRETTY NEST**

I have made a pretty nest Look inside, look inside Hungry birdies with their beaks Open wide, open wide See my little birdies grow Day by day, day by day Till they spread their little wings And then they fly away Interlock fingers, palms upwards

Place index fingers and thumbs of each hand together, and open and close them Gradually spread hands apart

Cross arms at wrist and flap hands, or spread whole arms and 'fly'

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

THE ENORMOUS TURNIP flannel story
FIVE LITTLE SEASHELLS flannel story
FIVE LITTLE FISH flannel story
FLOWER GARDEN big book
FLOWERS flannel story
THE GIANT CARROT flannel story
GROWING VEGETABLE SOUP big book
IF ALL OF THE RAINDROPS flannel story
IN THE TALL, TALL GRASS big book
IT LOOKED LIKE SPILT MILK flannel story
JAMBERRY big book
KATIE THE CATERPILLAR flannel story
KITES flannel story
MAY THERE ALWAYS BE SUNSHINE laminated

pieces to use with Jim Gill Sings the Sneezing

**Song** CD

PLANT A LITTLE SEED (FRUITS, VEGETABLES) flannel stories
PLANTING A RAINBOW big book
QUICK AS A CRICKET flannel story

SPRING VEGETABLE GARDEN flannel story

# STORIES WITH a MORAL

**Stories:** 

Aylesworth Mother Halverson's New Cat

Barton/Galdone The Little Red Hen

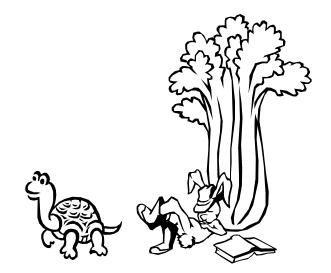
Lionni Frederick

Roddie You're Too Small

Steig Sylvester and the Magic Pebble

Stephens Poochie-Poo

Wahl The Woman with the Eggs
Wildsmith The North Wind and the Sun



# **Ideas for Participation:**

#### FIVE LITTLE MONKEYS - use fingers, or monkey finger puppets, and a crocodile puppet.

Five little monkeys swinging from a tree
Teasing Mister Crocodile, "Can't catch me!"

Along came Mister Crocodile, quiet as could be

SNAP!

Four little monkeys...

Three little monkeys... Two little monkeys...

One little monkey...

No little monkeys swinging from a tree, I'd better

watch out or he might catch me!

Swing five fingers on right hand rhythmically

Wave fingers at left hand

Make a crocodile mouth with both arms, outstretched

Clap hands together - SNAP!

Continue with four fingers, then three, etc

Can whip last finger behind back - 'You missed me!'

Point to self

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

THE CAT AND THE PARROT flannel story
THE LITTLE CRAB Kamishibai story cards
THE LITTLE RED HEN big book
THE LITTLE RED HEN flannel story
THE LONG-NOSED PIG pop-up

THE MILLER, THE BOY & THE DONKEY flannel story
PEACE AND QUIET flannel story
UWUNGELEMA flannel story
THE WIDE MOUTHED FROG flannel story

# **THANKSGIVING**

### Stories:

AtwellThe Thanksgiving Door\*Nikola-LisaSetting the Turkeys FreeFalwellFeast for 10StockThanksgiving TreatGoldsteinBeastly Feast791.5 WarrenCut & Tell Stories for Fall

Levine This Is the Turkey

# Ideas for Participation

**PUPPET HOST:** Use any puppet. Possibilities: 1. The puppet enters (from a bag, box, or basket) carrying a basket with images of things he/she is thankful for. 2. The puppet enters carrying basket of food. 3. The puppet enters pretending to be turkey, pilgrim, etc. Let the children interact with the puppet as you try to figure out what s/he's up to.

#### WHEN THANKSGIVING COMES

Every day when we eat our dinner

Our table is so small

Just room for mother, father,

Sister, Baby and me - that's all.

Interlace fingers of each hand, palms down, thumbs and little fingers point down for legs Point to each finger of one hand

But when Thanksgiving comes and company

You'd hardly believe your eyes.

That very same table stretches out

Until it's this size!

Interlace fingers again, then slide hands apart until only the finger tips touch, to make the expanded table top.

MR. TURKEY AND MR. DUCK used with permission from Nancy Stewart at <u>www.nancymusic.com</u>, on *Little* **Songs for Little Me** CD, also available in collection.

Mr. Turkey went out one day in bright sunshiny weather.

Begin with hands behind back
Bring one out as Mr. Turkey; and

He met Mr. Duck along the way
They stopped to talk together
Gobble, gobble, gobble!

Quack, quack, quack.

The other as Mr. Duck
Hands 'face' each other
Mr. Turkey bows and gobbles
Mr. Duck bows and quacks

And then they both went back. Quack! Hands return behind back. Quack!

#### MR. TURKEY fingerplay or full body rhyme

Mr. Turkey's tail is big and wide. Spread fingers
He swings it when he walks. Swing hands
His neck is long Stretch neck
His chin is red, Stroke chin

And he gobbles when he talks. Open & close hands. Gobble!

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

FIVE FAT TURKEYS flannel story MONKEY MITT WITH TURKEYS

A SPECIAL THANKSGIVING TABLE cut and tell story from **Paper Stories** by Jean Stangl

<sup>\*</sup> Not in PSST collection; you may request it from the regular library collection.



# Stories:

And the Train Goes... Lund All Aboard the Dinotrain Bee Meeow and the Little Chairs Sobel The Goodnight Train Braun Crews Freight Train Voake Here Comes the Train

Gurney Dinosaur Train Wickberg Hey Mr. Choo-Choo, Where Are You Going?

Hillenbrand Down by the Station Can You Choo Choo? Wojtowycz Hubbell Trains: Steaming! Pulling! Huffing! Wormell Puff, Puff, Chugga-chugga

Ziefert Lewis Chugga Chugga Choo Choo Train Song

London A Train Goes Clickety-Clack

Also – kids love realistic photos of real trains. As a break between stories, why not show pictures from the Big Book of Trains.

# **Ideas for Participation**

FREIGHT TRAIN: Kids can make train sounds all through the book. Soft choo-choo-choochoo- all through and a train whistle at the end. (Practice with the children before you begin.)

#### **DOWN BY THE STATION** - sing and march to the beat

Down by the station, early in the morning.

See the little puffer-bellies, all in a row. Point to imaginary engines standing in a row

Hear the station master Shouting, "All aboard now!" Cup hands to mouth

Chug! Chug! Toot! Toot! Bend elbows and chug. Pull the whistle

Off we go.

#### **LITTLE RED CABOOSE** (traditional) – follow each other around in a circle singing:

Little red caboose, Chug Chug Chug Smokestack's on his back, back, back, back, Little red caboose, Chug, Chug Chug Coming around the track, track, track, track.

Little red caboose behind the train, Little red caboose behind the train. Train, train, train. Wooooooo! Woooooooo!

#### **CHOO-CHOO TRAIN**

This is a choo-choo train Bend arms at elbows Puffing down the track. Rotate forearms in rhythm Push arms forward, rotating Now it's going forward, Pull arms backward, rotating Now it's going back. Pull bell cord with closed fist Now the bell is ringing, Hold fist near mouth and blow Now the whistle blows. Cover ears with hands What a lot of noise it makes

Stretch out arms

Everywhere it goes. Can do as full body action rhyme, too.

# Suggested Enrichments:

DOWN BY THE STATION big book FREIGHT TRAIN big book

THIS LITTLE TRAIN flannel story WOODEN TRAIN - it's tiny

# **TRAVELING**

### **Stories:**

BurninghamMr. Gumpy's Motor CarHutchinsRosie's WalkBurninghamMr. Gumpy's OutingIchikawaCome Fly with MeCalhounHot Air HenryJohnsonHarold's Trip to the Sky

Crews Freight Train Lobel Mouse Tales: Mouse and the Winds

Hindley The Big Red Bus London A Train Goes Clickety-Clack

Hort The Seals on the Bus Van Laan Little Baby Bobby

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# **Ideas for Participation**

**FREIGHT TRAIN** - see description on the previous page

#### MY AUNT CAME BACK - kids repeat each line

My aunt came back from old Japan and brought me back a paper fan.

My aunt came back from Old Japan and brought me back a paper fan. (Pretend to fan self with hand)

...from Old Algiers/..a pair of shears.

Make cutting motions, while fanning self
...from Holland too/...a wooden shoe.

Clomp one foot, continuing previous motions

...from Old Chile/...An itchy flea.

Scratch with one hand one shoulder, then opposite hip, continue

...from the county fair/...a rocking chair. Rock back and forth: you are now moving all over

...from the city zoo/...some monkeys like you! Point at the children!

#### THE WHEELS ON THE BUS A song

The wheels on the bus go round and round Round and round, round and round, The wheels on the bus goes round and round, All through the town

The coins on the bus go clink, clink, clink
The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep
The people on the bus go up and down,
The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish
The babies on the bus go wah wah, wah

The parents on the bus go shh, shh, shh

Revolve fists around each other in front of body

Make peak of two arms over head - rooftops Drop coins in coin box Use one hand to 'beep' horn on steering wheel Rise out of seat, sit back down - like bumps Hold arms up in front, wipe back and forth Pretend to cry

Finger to lips

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

BOATS pop-up
FREIGHT TRAIN big book
MR. GUMPY'S OUTING big book
MR GUMPY'S OUTING animal puppets to act out
the story. Tape or chalk a boat outline on the floor,
hand out the puppets and you're ready to retell the
story with the children.

KATIE THE CATERPILLAR flannel story
THIS LITTLE TRAIN flannel story
THE MOUSE AND THE WINDS flannel story
THE OWL & THE PUSSY CAT flannel story
PLANES pop-up
WOODEN TRAIN - it's tiny

# VALENTINE'S DAY

### **Stories:**

Modesitt

Davenier Leon and Albertine
Demas Valentine Surprise
Friedman Love, Ruby Valentine
Minarik Little Bear's Valentine
Modell One Zillion Valentines

Sharmat The Skidama Ski Thompson Mo

Roberts

Valentine Mice The Best Valentine in the World

Skidamarink: a silly love song to sing together

Mouse's First Valentine

Weeks Be Mine, Be Mine, Sweet Valentine

See also: animal Friends, Friends, and Family themes

1.2.3 Valentine's Day

# **Ideas for Participation:**

#### HOW MANY VALENTINES - can also use with felt hearts

Valentines, valentines, how many do you see?
Valentines, valentines can you count them with me?
One for father, one for mother,
One for grandma too.
One for sister, one for brother,
And here is one for you!

Count by holding up one finger at a time

Make a heart with thumbs and index fingers

#### **SKINNAMARINK - A love song**

Skinnamarinky dinky dink Skinnamarinky doo, I love you! (Repeat words and actions) I love you in the morning, And in the afternoon, I love you in the evening Underneath the moon. Repeat first verse. Place right elbow in left hand, wave fingers of right hand Now place left elbow in right hand, wave fingers Point to eye (I), place hands on heart (love), and point to audience (you) Circle arms over head, fingers touching, waving right to left

Circle arms at waist level, side to side Circle arms down low, swinging side to side Scoop hands, palms together, up beside one ear

#### FIVE LITTLE VALENTINES – fingerplay or cut-out story

Five little valentines were having a race.
The first little valentine was frilly with lace.
The second little valentine had a funny face.
The third little valentine said 'I love you.'

The fourth little valentine said 'I do too.'
The fifth little valentine was sly as a fox.
She ran the fastest to your valentine box.

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

H\*E\*A\*R\*T flannel story HUSH LITTLE BABY flannel story LITTLE COCKROACH MARTINA flannel story THE MOUSE'S WEDDING Kamishibai story cards THE OWL & THE PUSSYCAT flannel story A VALENTINE FOR KITTEN cut and tell story VALENTINE RHYMES flannel story with poems THE VALENTINE TREE flannel story

# VROOM! VROOM!



### **Stories:**

BartonMy CarMeadowsPilots PupsBeeAnd the Train Goes...MirandaBeep! Beep!

Brownlow Mickey Moonbeam Odanaka Smash! Mash! Crash! There Goes

Cimarusti Peek-a-Choo-Choo! the Trash!

Garcia Tip Tip Dig Dig O'Garden The Scrubbly-Bubbly Car Wash

Haynes in the Driver's Seat Olson-Brown Hush Little Digger Hindley The Big Red Bus Scieszka Smash! Crash!

Hubbell Firefighters! Sierra Preschool to the Rescue

Hubbell Trains Steaming! Pulling! Huffing! Sis Fire Truck

Hubbell Trucks Whizz! Zoom! Rumble! Smith Grandma Rabbity's Visit

Ichikawa Come Fly with Me Sobel B is for Bulldozer

Lewis My Truck Is Stuck! Stoeke Minerva Louise and the Red Truck

Lobel Mouse Tales: Mouse's Journey Timmers Who Is Driving?

London A Train Goes Clickety Clack Wojtowycz Can You Choo Choo?

LoomisAstro BunniesYolenHoptoadLyonTrucks RollZimmermanDigger ManMcMullanI Stink!ZimmermanFire Engine Man

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# **Ideas for Participation**

MOUSE'S JOURNEY - This is a good participatory story. Kids can act it out with voice and body.

I'LL DRIVE A DUMP TRUCK from "Little Songs for Little Me" CD by Nancy Stewart. Use with Big Machines pop up, or Trucks pop up, or a non-fiction book of vehicles.

#### **MOON RIDE**

Do you want to go up with me to the moon? Point to a friend, self, then to sky

Let's get in our rocket ship and blast off soon! Pretend to climb in ship. Swish hands quickly

Faster and faster we reach to the sky.

Jump and reach

Isn't if fun to be able to fly?

We're on the moon, now all take a look.

And gently sit down and I'll show you a book.

Look down

Sit down

#### **LITTLE ENGINE** – suit actions to word

I had a little engine, but it wouldn't go.

I had to push and push. but still it wouldn't go.

I had a little motor car, but it wouldn't go

I had to wind and wind and wind but still it wouldn't go.

I had a little airplane, my airplane could fly.

I jumped right in, away I flew right into the sky.

#### THE AIRPLANE –arms wide, suit actions to words

The airplane has great big wings

Its propeller spins around and sings,

its propeller spiris around and sings

"Vvvvvvvvvvroooom"

The airplane goes up;

The airplane goes down.

The airplane flies high all over town!

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

BIG MACHINES pop up DOWN BY THE STATION big book FREIGHT TRAIN big book

LITTLE ROCKET'S TRIP flannel story

LOTS OF CARS flannel story

PLANES pop-up

SMASH! MASH! CRASH! prop story STREET SOUNDS flannel story TRAFFIC JAM flannel story

TRUCKS pop-up

WHEELS cards and song
WOODEN TRAIN very small

# WIND AND CLOUDS



### Stories:

Lobel Mouse Tales: "The Mouse and the Winds" Hest Kiss Good Night

Huntington One Monday Nodset Who Took the Farmer's Hat? Hutchins The Wind Blew Shaw It Looked Like Spilt Milk Wildsmith The North Wind and the Sun

A very simple book of weather facts from the J 551.5's might appeal. Or try children's poetry books.

# **Ideas for Participation:**

#### THE WIND CAME OUT TO PLAY -a whole-body action rhyme

The wind came out to play one day

He swept the clouds out of his way; Make sweeping motion with arms He blew the leaves and away they flew Make fluttering motions with fingers

The trees bent low, Bend, lifting and lowering arms

And their branches did too.

Repeat sweeping motions The wind blew the great big ships at sea 'Holding' kite string, release The wind blew my kite away from me.

Alternate last line:

Pretend to hold onto your hat, and lose it to the 'wind' The wind blew my hat away from me.

#### **WINDS**

This little wind blows silver rain. Hold up five fingers This little wind drifts snow. Bend down fingers one by one

This little wind sings a whistled tune.

This little wind croons low.

And this little wind rocks baby birds

Cup and gently rock hands Tenderly to and fro.

#### ALSO TRY "MY KITE" SCARF PLAY FROM THE PLAYING THEME

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

IF ALL OF THE RAINDROPS flannel story IT LOOKED LIKE SPILT MILK flannel story KITES flannel story THE MOUSE AND THE WINDS flannel story

THE MOUSE'S WEDDING Kamishibai story cards WHEN HATS BLOW flannel story THE WIND and THE CLOTHES flannel story

# THE ZOO



### Stories:

Arma Bergman Carle De Regniers Ehlert

We're Going on a Safari Yum Yum! What Fun! From Head to Toe May I Bring a Friend? Color Zoo

Fox Hillenbrand Massie Rathman Rice

Zoo Looking Down by the Station The Baby Beebee Bird Good Night, Gorilla Sam Who Never Forgets

# **Ideas for Participation:**

**ZOO ANIMALS** – an action song to the tune of If You're Happy and You Know It

If you want to be a monkey, jump up high! If you want to be a monkey, jump up high! If you want to be a monkey, if you want to be a monkey,

If you want to be a monkey, jump up high!

Parrot – flap your wings Elephant – swing your trunk Lion - roar out loud Giraffe - stand up tall

#### THE TALL GIRAFFE

The yellow giraffe is tall as can be His lunch is a bunch of leaves off the tree. He has a very long neck And his legs are long too. He can run faster than his friends at the zoo. Stretch hand up high Nibble with hand Stretch neck And legs Run in place

#### AN ELEPHANT

An elephant goes like this and that! He's terribly big and terribly fat! He has no fingers. He has no toes. but goodness gracious, what a nose! Lumbering steps Hands up high, then apart Wiggle fingers. Wiggle toes. Make arm into a trunk.

#### **WILD ANIMALS** – act these out: growl, roar, bark, jump!

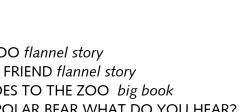
I am a bear - hear me growl? I am a lion - hear me roar! I'm a dog – hear me bark! As I run out the door!

I am an elephant – with a trunk. I am a camel – with a hump. I am a donkey running races. I am a monkey – watch me jump!

# **Suggested Enrichments:**

BABY CHIMP puppet COUNTING ZOO pop-up FACE TO FACE SAFARI pop-up FROM HEAD TO TOE big book LION puppet

LOU AT THE ZOO flannel story MAY I BRING a FRIEND flannel story MISS MOO GOES TO THE ZOO big book POLAR BEAR, POLAR BEAR WHAT DO YOU HEAR? big book



# **APPENDIX**

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Find any fingerplay in this handbook

# AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Invite kids to join in with voice or movement! You can use most of these books with any theme.



# **PICTURE BOOKS**

**Jones** 

Kalan

Dance

Jump, Frog, Jump!

# AND HOW TO USE THEM

Children take same dance poses as in book.

Every question is answered by the kids in a chorus, "Jump, frog, jump!". They jump too!

Carle	From Head to Toe	Whole body movement to suit the words.
Christelow	Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed	See the fingerplay instructions on page 55.
Crews	Freight Train	See page 79 for instructions.
Davis	Who Hoots? Who Hops?	Children can respond to questions, act out motions.
Gag	Millions of Cats	Kids can repeat, "Hundreds of cats, thousands of cats, millions and billions and trillions of cats."
Galdone	The 3 Billy Goats Gruff	Pat knees and chorus the words, "Trip, trap, trip, trap. Who's that walking on my bridge!"
Galdone	Gingerbread Boy	Kids help say "Run, run as fast as you can"
Gunson	Over on the Farm	Kids move with the animals.
Hague	Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear	Read it one time through, then act it out.
Harper	The Gunniwolf	Audience pit-pats with their hands on their knees when little girl runs, speeding up each time, until they're really racing. They also help sing her song, happily at first, then, following your lead, in a voice that gets more and more scared.
Hutchins	Rosie's Walk	Set an obstacle course in children's area so children can walk, like Rosie, over, under, around, and through. (See page 21)
Hutchins	The Doorbell Rang	Children say "ding-dong" for the doorbell.

Katz Counting Kisses For use with toddlers, the adult plants kisses on their little one as you read along. With many sounds and actions mentioned, this Lacome Walking Through the Jungle is great for toddlers to act out. Leslie Flappy, Waggy, Wiggly Children can guess which animal will appear on the next page as animal movements are described. Lobel Mouse Tales Children make sound effects, and pretend to be (Mouse's Journey) riding, walking, etc. Fun to do standing up. London Wiggle Waggle Children can walk like a duck, camel, pig, etc. Twist with a Burger, Invite everyone to dance along. Lowery Jitter with a Bug Martin Brown Bear, Brown Bear, The children name what they see: a red bird, What Do You See? etc. Martin Kids have to listen very closely. They can pat Listen to the Rain their knees lightly for the first wet whisper of the rain. They can pound the floor for the roaring pouring rain, and everything in between. Miller Whose Hat? Let the kids guess who owns the hat or shoe. Whose Shoe? Raffi Shake My Sillies The song tells the kids what to Out Reid Wave Goodbye Wave goodbye with your whole body! We're Going on a See Adventure theme for the Rosen Bear Hunt actions (page 2). Rounds I know an Old Lady Pause before naming each animal to allow the Who Swallowed a Fly children to supply the name. Or use the PSST Old Lady puppet, and let the kids put the animals in her mouth. Lizard's Song Shannon Kids can join in the chorus, ZO-li, zoli zoli, ZO-li zoli zoli... Be sure to use a nice voice for Lizard, a silly, growly voice for Bear, and to sing the song in a scared voice when Lizard is in Bear's sack.

Shaw	It Looked Like Spilt Milk	Let the children tell what each cloud shape looks like. Change the wording every so often so that you ask, "but was it a tree?" Let the kids answer, "No." Or use the PSST flannel story.
Shields	Saturday Night at the Dinosaur Stomp	There are places in the story where the rhythm just demands a pause for music. Have the kids thump their knees and chorus, 'Boomalacka, Boomalacka, Whack, Whack Whack!'
Slobodkina	Caps for Sale	Children act out what the monkeys do.
Thomas	Rhyming Dust Bunnies	Invite children to say the rhyming words.
Umansky	Tickle My Nose and Other Action Rhymes	Easy to follow directions accompany these fun action rhymes.
Walsh	Do Monkeys Tweet?	Kids answer, i.e.: "NOOO! Birds do!"
Weeks	Mrs. McNosh Hangs Up Her Wash	Bring in a clothesline, plus colorful items of clothing. Children hang them up in turn.
Brett	The Hat	<i>And then</i> each child takes them off, one by one as you read <i>The Hat</i> by Jan Brett.
Williams	I Went Walking	Children identify animals, just as they do in Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
Williams	Little Old Lady Who Was Not afraid of Anything	The kids shake their arms in a spooky way for the shirt, clump their feet for the shoes, etc
Young	Who Says Moo?	Kids identify familiar animals - they love it!
Ziefert	I Swapped My Dog	You can hand out toys or felt figures or puppets and let the kids "swap" their animals to the story.



# **POP-UP BOOKS**

# **HOW TO USE THEM**

Note: almost all the pop-up books can involve participation. Just ask a different child to come up and open each flap.

Mr. Little's Noisy Book Help Mr. Noisy identify the sounds. **Fowler** Where's Spot Hill

Spot's Walk in the Park

Let the children open each door.

MacDonald	Alphabet Animals : a Slide and Peek Adventure	Let the children slide the tabs.
Pienkowski	Trucks, Boats, Planes, Big Machines	Use to sing "I'll drive a dump truck" on <i>Little Songs for Little Me</i> , by Nancy Stewart.
Seeger	Black? White! Day? Night! : a Book of Opposites	Kids supply the opposite for each word as read. Some may have a different suggestion.
Seymour	What's in the Jungle?	Guessing is fun.
Seymour	What's in the Prehistoric Forest?	Guessing is fun for this one, too.
Simmons	Daisy's Hide-and- Seek	Take turns lifting the flaps.
Taback	Simms Taback's Safari Animals	Slowly unfold the pages while they guess the animals.
Van Fleet	Alphabet	Let children push the tabs to make it work.
Ziefert	Who said Moo?	Make the sounds of the farmyard animals.

You can involve the audience in many flannel stories simply by handing out the pieces for children to put on the board. It works well to go through the poem or story once before distributing the pieces.



Autumn Leaves

B-I-N-G-O

Bluebird through My Window

Henny Penny

I Got Me a Cat

It Looked Like Spilt Milk

The Mouse and the Wind

One Elephant Went Out to Play

Peace and Quiet

AND HOW TO USE THEM

Kids put colored leaves on flannel board. Recite rhyme and take them off. Or use a fan, and blow them off.

See FARM theme for instructions.

Give out all the colored birds, then children fly them up to the flannel board when their color is sung.

The children can repeat each animal's silly name when

you point to it.

Each animal makes a repeatable noise!

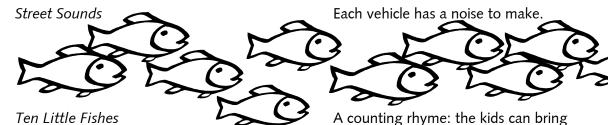
Children guess what cloud looks like or take turns

putting up pieces.

Children can provide sound effects.

Let kids put 10 elephants on the spider web.

The audience supplies animal and household noises.



Three Billy Goats Gruff

Three Little Pigs

Uwungelema

When Cows Get Up in the Morning

up fish one by one. Kids repeat trip trap sounds.

Kids repeat "I'll huff and I'll puff..."

Kids help say the name of the magic tree.

Kids can suggest animals and help make their "good

day" sounds.



# RHYTHM, RHYME, AND ACTION BOOKS

The Eentsy Weentsy Spider: An excellent collection of very usable fingerplays E 793.4 Cole fingerplays and action rhymes and action rhymes, with clear how-to pictures. J 398.8 My Very My Very First Mother Goose Nursery rhymes for any storytime.

An excellent selection of well-known J 398.8 Playtim Playtime Rhymes

action rhymes. Read a page and then act it out!

J 398.84 Dunn Number Rhymes to Say & Play Lots of counting action!

J 808.1 Foster First Verses Fingerplays, action rhymes, chanting rhymes and

counting rhymes. Suit action to words &

pictures.







Aylesworth	Old Black Fly	Raffi	Shake My Sillies Out
Carle	Today is Monday	Raffi	Down by the Bay
Clarke	EIEIO	Reid	Comin' Down to Storytime
Frazee	Hush, Little Baby	Rounds	I Know an Old Lady
Hort	The Seals on the Bus	Sabuda	The Twelve Days of Christmas
Gunson	Over on the Farm	Shannon	Lizard's Song
Kelly	Five Green and Speckled Frogs	Skidama	Skidamarink: a Silly Love Song to
Lass	Who Took the Cookies from the		Sing Together
	Cookie Jar?	Taback	There Was an Old Lady Who
Mack	10 Bears in My Bed; a Goodnight		Swallowed a Fly
	Count Down	J 782.4216	The Farmer in the Dell
Martin	Chicka Chicka Boom Boom	O'Brien	
Ormerod	If You're Happy and You Know It	J 782.4216	Little White Duck
Peek	Mary Wore Her Red Dress	Whippo	

### FLANNEL STORIES TO SING

BINGO
BLUEBIRD THROUGH MY WINDOW
DEM BONES
EENSY WEENSY SPIDER (glove and props)
FISHIES (From Little Songs for Little Me)
FIVE GREEN AND SPECKLED FROGS (glove and props)
FIVE LITTLE PIZZA PIECES

THE GREEN GRASS GREW ALL AROUND
HUSH, LITTLE BABY
ITSY BITSY SPIDER
I GOT ME A CAT
JENNIE JENKINS
ONE ELEPHANT WENT OUT TO PLAY
PLANT A LITTLE SEED (FRUITS AND VEGETABLES)
SING A SONG OF SIXPENCE
WHEN COWS GET UP IN THE MORNING

### TAPES, CDS, & VIDEOS WITH MUSIC FOR SINGING

SKILLS – Stewart Be sure and ask for our beanbags to use with this CD - fun!

BURL IVES SINGS LITTLE WHITE DUCK

THE COMPACT WIGGLEWORM

DE COLORES AND Other Latin-American

Folk Songs for Children

FIVE LITTLE MONKEYS: Songs for Singing

and Playing

JIM GILL MAKES IT NOISY IN BOISE.

IDAHO - Gill

JIM GILL SINGS THE SNEEZING SONG and

OTHER CONTAGIOUS TUNES - Gill

KIDS IN ACTION - Greg & Steve

LITTLE SONGS FOR LITTLE ME- Stewart

MUSIC FOR VERY LITTLE PEOPLE 50 Playful Activities for Infants and Toddlers – Book and CD

ONE LIGHT ONE SUN -- Raffi

PLANT A LITTLE SEED - Stewart

BEAN BAG ACTIVITIES & COORDINATION PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME BAND -Stewart

PSST SONGS - Youth Services Staff

RAFFI IN CONCERT WITH THE RISE AND SHINE BAND

READY- TO- GO STORYTIMES, includes a book and CD with storytime

songs - Benton

RHYTHM OF THE ROCKS – Stewart

SINGABLE SONGS COLLECTION -Raffi

SIX LITTLE DUCKS - Kimbo

SCHOLTZ WORKSHOPS: Songs Anyone Can Sing -- Richard and

Helen Scholtz

SONGS FOR WIGGLEWORMS

SONGS OF THE MONTH VOL.1 and 2 -Stewart

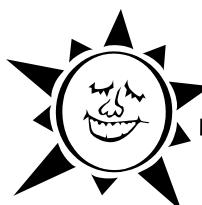
TEN CARROT DIAMOND - Charlotte Diamond

A YOUNG CHILDREN'S CONCERT WITH RAFFI

WIGGLES N' TUNES SINGING COLLECTION

WEE SING CHILDREN'S SONGS AND FINGERPLAYS - Beall

WHADDAYA THINK OF THAT? -Berkner



# **HUMOR**

# PICTURE BOOKS TO TICKLE THE FUNNY BONE

Alarcon

Alborough

Barrett

Louella Mae, She's Run away!

Watch Out! Big Bro's Coming!

Animals Should Definitely Not

Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing

Brown The Big Sneeze
Bond Tumble Bumble

Brett The Hat

Burningham Mr. Gumpy's Motor Car

Calhoun Hot Air Henry

Christelow Five Little Monkeys Jumping On

the Bed

Dodds The Prince Won't Go to Bed!

Emberly Chicken Little Feiffer Bark, George

Fowler Mr. Little's Noisy Boat

Huntington One Monday

Hutchins Don't Forget the Bacon!
Hutchins The Surprise Party

Johnson The Goose who Went Off in a

Huff

Kasza The Dog Who Cried Wolf

Kelly Fall Is Not Easy
Kudrna To Bathe a Boa

Lindbergh The Day the Goose Got Loose

London Let's Go, Froggy
Lobel Frog and Toad Together,

Lobel Mouse Tales, Mouse Soup

McCloskey Make Way for Ducklings

McNaughton Suddenly!

Monks The Cat Barked?

Numeroff If You Give a Mouse a Cookie (Big Book

also available)

Pearson Bob

Pienkowski Pizza! (a pop-up)
Pinkwater The Big Orange Splot
Pomerantz The Piggy in the Puddle
Raffi Shake My Sillies Out
Rounds I Know an Old Lady
Shannon Duck on a Bike

Sloat The Thing That Bothered

Farmer Brown

Slobodkina Caps for Sale (Big Book also available)

Stoeke A Friend for Minerva Louise
Taback There Was an Old Lady
Who Swallowed a Fly
Thomas Rhyming Dust Bunnies

Thomas Rhyming Dust Bunnies
Van Laan Little Baby Bobby

Wahl The Woman With the Eggs

Weeks Mrs. McNosh Hangs Up Her Wash

Wood King Bidgood's in the Bathtub (Big Book

also available)

Wood The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe

Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear

Wood The Napping House (Big Book)

KIDSTUFF Fun and Frolic

# **FUNNY FLANNEL STORIES**

Flip Flap Jack - He's made of food! to hear the tune, check out the CD, Dippin' in the Paintbox.

Froggy Gets Dressed – all wrong! Master of all Masters - Everyone will enjoy the funny

words in this one.

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie – he'll want more! Rattlesnake, Mouse, and Coyote - a fitting end to this folk-

tale brings a smile.

# **TODDLER SPECIALS**

#### **WE'VE TRIED THEM**

# AND WE LIKE THEM

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Arma	We're Going on Safari	Cousins	Maisy Dresses Up
Alborough	Hug	Cousins	Maisy Makes Gingerbread
Baker	Big Fat Hen	Cousins	Maisy's Bedtime
Baker	Potato Joe	Cousins	Maisy's Pool
Barner	Fish Wish	Cowell	What Shall We Do with the Boo-Hoo Baby?
Barry	Duckie's Rainbow	Crews	Freight Train
Barton	My Car	Cronin	Wiggle
Barton	The Little Red Hen	Davis	A Garden of Opposites
Bates	Five Little Ducks	Davis	Who Hoots?
Bauer	My Mother Is Mine	Davis	Who Hops?
Blackstone	Bear in Sunshine	Dodd	Best Bear
Bluemle	How Do You Wokka-Wokka	Ehlert	Boo to You!
Braun	Meeow and the Little Chairs	Evans	Hunky Dory Ate It
Brown	Goodnight Moon	Falwell	Feast for 10
Brown	The Runaway Bunny	Farjeon	Cats Sleep Anywhere
Bunting	Hurry! Hurry!	Fitzpatrick	I'm a Tiger Too!
Butler	Can You Cuddle Like a Koala?	Fleming	Barnyard Banter
Butler	If You See a Kitten	Fleming	The Cow Who Clucked
Cabrera	Cat's Colors	Fleming	Mama Cat Has Three Kitten
Cabrera	Dog's Day	Florian	Vegetable Garden
Cabrera	Over in the Meadow	Fox	Time for Bed
Cabrera	Rory and the Lion	Fox	Where Is the Green Sheep
Carle	From Head to Toe	Garcia	Tip Tip Dig Dig
Carle	Today is Monday (song)	Gentieu	Baby! Talk!
Carle	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Ginsburg	The Chick and the Duckling
Carlson	Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear?	Gravett	Orange Pear Apple Bear
Carrick	Mothers are Like That	Gurney	Dinosaur Train
Chodos-Irv	Ella Sara Gets Dressed	Guy	Siesta
Christelow	Five Little Monkeys Jumping	Halpern	Little Robin Redbreast
	on the Bed	Harper	My Dog Rosie (other titles as well)
Cimarusti	Peek-a-Moo	Haynes	in the Driver Seat
Cimarusti	Peek-a-Choo-Choo	Henkes	a Good Day
Constantin	Who's in the Tub?	Henderson	Look at You! A Baby Body Book
Cousins	Hooray for Fish!	Hill	Spot Goes to the Park

Hill	Where's Spot?	Murphy	I Like It When
Hindley	Do Like a Duck Does	Murphy	Some Things Change
Hines	Which Hat Is That?	Nodset	Who Took the Farmer's Hat?
Horacek	Silly Suzy Goose	O'Keefe	Love Me, Love You
Hort	The Seals on the Bus	Oborne	One Beautiful Baby
Hubbell	Firefighters! Speeding! Spraying! Saving!	O'Garden	The Scrubbly-Bubbly Car Wash
Hubbell	Trains Steaming! Pulling! Huffing!	Olson-Brown	Hush, Little Digger
Hubbell	Trucks Whizz! Zoom! Rumble!	Ormerod	If you're Happy and You Know It
Hutchins	Rosie's Walk	Palatini	Good as Goldie
Isadora	Peekaboo Morning	Partridge	Moon Glowing
Jones	Who's in the Tub	Rathman	Good Night, Gorilla
Kalan	Jump, Frog, Jump	Raffi	Shake My Sillies Out
Katz	Counting Kisses	Reid	Wave Goodbye
Keats	The Snowy Day	Riley	Mouse Mess
Kelly	Five Green and Speckled Frogs	Root	Flip, Flap, Fly!
Ketteman	Grandma's Cat	Rotner	Senses at the Seashore
		Rowe	Whose Nose?
Kopper	Daisy is a Mommy	Rowe	Whose Feet?
Kopper	Daisy's Babies	Saltzberg	Cornelius P. Mud, Are You Ready for Baby?
Kraus	Whose Mouse Are You?	Savadier	Will Sheila Share?
Lawrence	This Little Chick	Schaefer	Down in the Woods at Sleepytime
Leslie	Flappy, Waggy, Wiggly	Schoenherr	Cat & Mouse
Lewis	Chugga Chugga Choo Choo	Schoenherr	Pip & Squeak
London	Froggy Gets Dressed	Schotter	Captain Bob Sets Sail
London	A Train Goes Clickety-Clack	Scieszka	Smash! Crash!
London	Wiggle Waggle	Seder	Gallop!
Lyon	Trucks Roll	Seeger	First the Egg
MacLennan	Chicky Chicky Chook Chook	Seeger	Lemons Are Not Red
Markes	Good Thing You're Not an Octopus!	Sharratt	Elephant Wellyphant
Martin	Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do	Shea	Dinosaur vs. Bedtime
	You See?	Simmons	Daisy's Hide and Seek
Martin	We've all Got Bellybuttons!	Sis	Fire Truck
McDonnell	Splash!	Skidama	Skidamarink: a Silly Love Song
McQuinn	Lola at the Library	Smee	Clip-Clop
Meadows	Pilot Pups	Smith	Grandma Rabbitty's Visit
Miranda	Beep, Beep!	Sobel	The Goodnight Train
Morris	Hats, Hats, Hats	Sobel	B is for Bulldozer
1M00rphy	Caterpillar's Wish		

Stein	Pouch!	Willems	Knuffle Bunny
Stickland	Ten Terrible Dinosaurs	Williams	I Went Walking
Stoeke Stoeke	A Friend for Minerva Louise  A Hat for Minerva Louise	Williams	The Little Old Lady Who Was Not afraid of Anything
Stoeke	Minerva Louise and the Red Truck	Wojtowycz	Can You Choo Choo?
Stoeke	Minerva Louise on Halloween	Wood	The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear
Taback	City Animals	Yaccarino	Zoom! Zoom! Zoom! I'm Off to the Moon
Taback	Safari Animals	Yolen	Dimity Duck
Tafuri	Blue Goose	Yolen	Hoptoad
Tafuri	The Big Storm	Yolen	How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?
Tafuri	The Busy Little Squirrel	Yolen	Off We Go
Tafuri	Mama's Little Bears	Ziefert	Train Song
Tafuri	Silly Little Goose	Ziefert	Who Said Moo?
Tafuri	Whose Chick Are You?	Zimmerman	Digger Man
Tankard	Grumpy Bird	Zimmerman	Fire Engine Man
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Thompson	Little Quack	2 / 55. 1 2010	Action Rhymes
Thompson	Mouse's First Summer	J 398.8 Chorao	Knock at the Door and Other Baby Action
Thompson	Mouse's First Valentine	1 200 0 11	Rhymes Taddy Basy Taddy Basy
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Thompson	Wee Little Chick	J398.8 My Very	My Very First Mother Goose
Timmers	Who Is Driving?	J 398.8 Umansky	Tickle My Nose and Other Action Rhymes
Uff	Lulu's Busy Day	J 782.4216 Whippo	Little White Duck
Van Laan	Tickle Tum		
Waddell	Owl Babies		
Walter	Hi, Pizza Man!		
Ward	Somewhere in the Ocean		
Webb	Tanka Tanka Skunk Skunk		
Weeks	Overboard!		
Weeks	Be Mine, Sweet Valentine		

Wells

Wells

Wheeler Whybrow

Wickberg

Max Cleans Up

Jazz Baby

Max Counts His Chickens

The Noisy Way to Bed

Hey Mr. Choo-Choo, Where Are You Going?

# **BIG BOOKS FOR THE LITTLE ONES**

BARNYARD BANTER IN THE TALL, TALL GRASS

THE BIG RED BARN JAMBERRY

BISCUIT LITTLE CHICK Kamishibai story cards

DINOSAURS, DINOSAURS THE LITTLE MOUSE, THE RED RIPE STRAWBERRY,

DOWN BY THE STATION AND THE BIG HUNGRY BEAR

ELEPHANTS ALOFT LITTLE RED HEN

FEATHERS FOR LUNCH

FIVE LITTLE DUCKS

MR. GUMPY'S OUTING

OVER IN THE MEADOW

FREIGHT TRAIN OWL BABIES

FROM HEAD TO TOE TEN LITTLE MONKEYS

JUMPING ON THE BED

TIME FOR BED

GROW, GROW, GROW AS BIG AS
YOU CAN Kamishibai story cards

WALKING THROUGH THE JUNGLE

GROWING VEGETABLE SOUP WHERE'S SPOT?

I LOVE ANIMALS
I WENT WALKING

# **POP-UPS FOR TODDLERS**

DAISY'S HIDE-AND-SEEK
FACE TO FACE SAFARI
FLAPDOODLE DINOSAURS
GALLOP! (has moving pictures)
MR. LITTLE'S NOISY BOAT
PEEK-A-CHOO-CHOO!
PEEK-A-MOO



PIZZA!

PLANES, TRUCKS, BIG MACHINES

SPOT GOES TO THE PARK

WHERE'S SPOT?

WHAT'S IN THE JUNGLE?

WHAT'S IN THE PREHISTORIC
FOREST?

# **FLANNEL STORIES FOR TODDLERS**

These can be sung

BLUEBIRD THROUGH MY WINDOW \*\*

DOWN IN THE BARNYARD \*\*

EENSY WEENSY SPIDER (glove and props)

FISHIES (From Little Songs for Little Me)

FIVE GREEN AND SPECKLED FROGS

(glove and props) 💉

FIVE LITTLE MONKEYS JUMPING ON THE

BED/SWINGING FROM THE TREE monkey mitt or

small flannel board with props

FIVE LITTLE PIZZA PIECES 🦼

THE GREEN GRASS GREW ALL AROUND

HEY DIDDLE DIDDLE

HUSH LITTLE BABY

I GOT ME A CAT 🦂

IF ALL OF THE RAINDROPS

IF I COULD HAVE A WINDMILL

JUNGLE WALK (pictures – See Animals Wild enrichments, for more information)

THE LITTLE SCARECROW

LITTLE WHITE DUCK monkey mitt or small flannel

board with props

LOTS OF CARS (From Plant a Little Seed)

MAY THERE ALWAYS BE SUNSHINE flannel story for

use with Jim Gill CD

SING A SONG OF SIXPENCE

TEDDY WORE HIS RED SHIRT

THIS LITTLE TRAIN

WHEELS picture cards

WHEN COWS GET UP IN THE MORNING

#### THESE ARE FOR TELLING

ALL KINDS OF SHOES

**BALLOONS FOR A PARTY** 

BEAR'S FEAST

THE BLUE JAY

**COLOR CATS** 

DOG'S COLORFUL DAY

EGGS FOR BREAKFAST

FIVE ENORMOUS DINOSAURS

**FIVE LITTLE BEARS** 

FIVE LITTLE FISH

**FIVE LITTLE PETS** 

FIVE LITTLE PUMPKINS monkey mitt or small

flannel board with props FIVE LITTLE SEASHELLS

FROGGY GETS DRESSED

**GIANT JIM** 

HERE'S A BALL FOR BABY

HOP LIKE A BUNNY

HOW DO I PUT IT ON?

**HUMPTY DUMPTY** 

I HAD A LITTLE TURTLE

IN THE BOAT WITH ME

**KITES** 

KITTY WORE HER RED SHIRT

LITTLE BOY BLUE

LITTLE EGG

LITTLE MISS MUFFET

LITTLE PUMPKINS puppets for monkey mitt

LITTLE ROCKET'S TRIP

LOU AT THE ZOO

MOUSE'S HALLOWEEN HOUSE

OWL BABIES - also contains 5 LITTLE OWLS

RUB A DUB DUB

RUDOLPH (Not the song – his nose is the wrong

color)

**RUNAWAY COOKIES** 

TEN RED APPLES

THREE LITTLE KITTENS flannel story and monkey

mitt with props

UMBRELLAS flannel story

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