

Favorite Nursery Rhymes

- A hip, a hip, a hippopotamus
Got on, got on, got on the city bus
And all, and all, and all the people said—you're squishing me!
- A cow, a cow, a cow,
Got on, got on, got on the bus
And all, and all and all the people said---MOOOVE over!
- A sheep, a sheep, a sheep got on the bus
And all, and all, and all the people said –BAAAck up!
- This is big, big, big,
This is small, small, small,
This is short, short, short,
This is tall, tall, tall,
This is no, no, no,
This is yes, yes, yes,
This is fast, fast, fast,
This is slow, slow, slow.
- I have a little heart (hand over heart)
And it goes thump, thump, thump (pat chest 3 times)
It keeps right on beating
When I jump, jump, jump,
I get a special feeling
When I look at you (point to child)
It makes me want to
Give you a hug or two (hug yourself)
- Rain is falling down, splash! (Raise arms above head, wiggle fingers and bring arms down for rain, splash hands to ground)
Rain is falling down, splash! (repeat motions)
Pitter, patter, pitter, patter.(drum hands on the ground)
Rain is falling down, splash! (Raise arms above head, wiggle fingers and bring arms down for rain, splash hands to ground)
- Sun is peeking out, peek-a-boo! (Cover eyes, uncover on peek)
Sun is peeking out, peek-a-boo! (Repeat motions)
Peeking here, peeking there, (Uncover one eye, uncover the other eye on there)
Sun is peeking out, peek-a-boo! (Cover eyes, uncover on peek)

- Hands go up and hand go down!
 I can turn myself around
 I can stand up on one shoe,
 I can listen, so can you!
 I can sit, I'll show you how:
 Storytime is starting now!
- *Milkshake* song from Wiggleworms CD
 You take a little milk (hold glass, Mime pouring)
 You take a little cream (repeat)
 You stir it all around (make stirring motion)
 You shake it and you'll see
 Milk shake, milk shake, shake it all up (bounce child gently on knee)
Repeat
- *Popcorn kernels* sung to the tune of *Frere Jacques*—Scarf song
 Popcorn Kernels, (hold scarf in hand and wave about)
 Popcorn Kernels
 In the pot, (roll scarf into ball)
 In the pot,
 Shake them, shake them, shake them (cover scarf with both hands and shake)
 Till they pop, till they pop (throw scarf into air)
 Till they pop, till they pop (catch scarf and throw up scarf up again)
- *Little Bo Peep*—Scarf with rhyme: Encourage kids to hide scarf
 Little Bo peep has lost her sheep (wave scarves)
 And doesn't know where to find them (hide scarves in pocket, behind back, in shirt)
 Leave them alone and they'll come home
 Wagging their tails behind them (pull scarves out of hiding place and wag scarves as tails)
Repeat so kids can find a new hiding place
- *Oh no* by Candace Fleming—has great repetitive rhyme perfect for very young children
 An elephant goes like this and that (stomp feet separately)
 He's terrible big (show how wide)
 He's terrible tall (show how tall)
 He has no fingers (wiggle fingers)
 And he has no toes (point to toes or wiggle)
 But goodness, gracious, WHAT A NOSE (pull hands out in front in shape of elephants' trunk)
- *Rum Sum Sum* with hand movements (We start slow, medium, as fast as you can)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICcZB6rxDyE> to learn song
- *The More We Get Together* with sign language for preschoolers up to 20 signs
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VYJS_xckWYO
- *Laurie has a pig on her head* song by Laurie Berkner
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgFntDofMwQ>

- *Douglas Fir*
 Great as a parachute rhyme with baby groups
 Great as an action full body rhyme with toddlers and up
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCc1og09_ao

- *An Orca Whale*
 An Orca whale, an orca whale, little sea scallops and an orca whale
 Sea otter, sea otter
 Little sea scallops and an orca whale
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ef86Q-Wp9As>

- Thelma thumb is up
 Thelma thumb is down,
 Thelma thumb is dancing,
 All around the town.
 Dance her on your shoulder,
 Dance her on your head,
 Dance her on your knees
 And tuck her into bed.

- *Kiss the Baby Goodnight* from Peter and Ellen Allard CD Vol. 3 *Sing, Say it, Stamp it Sway it*

- Great game for letter recognition: toss a bunch of items on the floor
 I'm looking for a(n) _____
 I'm looking for a(n) _____
 Who can find it, who can find it?

- Two little blackbirds sitting on a cloud
 One named quiet and one named loud
 Fly away quiet, fly away loud
 Come back quiet, come back loud.

- Sung to the tune of the *Farmer in the Dell*
 We clap and sing hello (repeat)
 With our friends at storytime, we clap and sing hello
 We wave and sing hello (repeat)
 With your friends at storytime, we wave and sing hello
 We sit so quietly (repeat)
 With our friends at storytime, we sit so quietly.

- *Bread and Butter Hello Song*

Bread and butter,
Marmalade and jam,
Let's say hello
As quietly as we can.
Hello! (Say quietly)
Bread and butter,
Marmalade and jam,
Let's say hello
As loud as we can.
Hello! (Say loudly)
Bread and butter,
Marmalade and jam,
Let's say hello
As quickly as we can.
Hello! (Say very quickly)
Bread and butter,
Marmalade and jam,
Let's say hello
As slowly as we can.
Hello! (Say very slowly)

<http://www.mamalisa.com/blog/bread-and-butter-hello-and-goodbye-song/>

- *Grand Old Duke of York*—Some of the fun of this rhyme is to pause at the half way up and then speed up at on the last couplet of “you’re neither up or down”

Grand old duke of York,
He had ten thousand men,
He marched them up the hill (Stand up)
He marched them down again (sit down)
And when you're up, you're up (stand up)
And when you're down, you're down (sit down)
And when you're only halfway up (go half way up)
You're neither up (go up)
Or down (sit down)

- *Down around the corner at the baker's shop*

Down around the corner at the baker's shop
There were five little cupcakes with sprinkles on the top
Along came Billy all alone
He bought the blue one and ran on home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FwErQAd7JoA>

- Can be done with different children, different colors and donuts, cookies, etc.

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom

(rub hands together, back and forth while pointing them up in the air)

We're going to the moon.

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom

We're going to the moon.

If you want to take a trip,

Climb aboard my rocket ship.

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom

We're going to the moon.

5, 4, 3, 2, 1,

(hold 5 fingers up and count down)

Blast off!

(lift child up gently in the air)

- *Rolie Polie*—Sung to the tune of *Frere Jacques*. Introduces concepts of opposites

Rolie polie, rolie polie (Make fist with hand, roll hands over top of each other in circle)

Up, up, up, up, up, up (have hands go up)

Rolie, polie, rolie polie

Down, Down, Down, (have hands go down)

Down, down down.

Rolie polie, rolie polie,

Out, out, out (have hands separate)

Out, out out

Rolie polie, rolie polie

In, in, in, (bring hands together)

In, in, in.

Rolie polie, rolie polie

Fast, fast, fast, (move hands fast)

Fast, fast, fast

Rolie, polie, rolie polie

Slow, slow, slow (slow hands and song WAY down)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oexBMxMKNFU>

- *The Orange is Orange* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HsoCmeZtxms>

- I am a groovy chicken

And my feathers shake, shake, shake.

I am a groovy chicken

And I'm always wide awake—POW!

- Counting rhyme

1, 2, 3 you are friends with me (Count on fingers, point out to audience then point to self)

4,5,6 we make the perfect mix (Stir Motion)

7,8,9 We have fun all the time (Sign language motion for fun)

Shake my hand, shake my hand that makes 10!

- *Friends*
 One little girl went to the park (fingers walking)
 She met two friends before it was dark
 They climbed three trees (make climbing motion)
 And spied four bees (buzzing sound)
 Making a buzzing noise
 So they climbed down fast (climbing)
 Before five seconds passed! (Hold up 5 fingers)
- *Hello Friends* (to the tune of *Goodnight Ladies*)
 Hello, friends
 Hello, friends
 Hello, friends
 It's time to say hello!
- Jane Yolen's *How do Dinosaurs count to 10?*—to the tune of *The Wheels on the Bus*
 Pteranodons' wings went flap, flap, flap (flap arms like wings)
 Flap, flap, flap. Flap, flap, flap.
 Pteranodons' wings went flap, flap, flap (flap arms like wings)
 All around the swamp.
 Other verses: Tyrannosaurs Rex went grrr, grr, grr (make T-rex-arms and say grrr)
 Triceratops's horns went poke, poke, poke, (make horns on the top of head with fingers)
 Apatosaurus's neck went stretch, stretch, stretch...(Stretch arms up)
<https://jeninthelibrary.com/20123/05/20/dinosaurs-toddler-storytime>
- *This Little Piggy: Yoga flow*
 Table pose (downward): This little piggy went to market
 Extended child's pose: This little piggy stayed home
 Upward-facing dog: this little piggy had pancakes
 Downward facing dog: and this little piggy had none.
 Curling leaf pose (AKA Child's pose) and this little piggy cried Wee-Wee, etc all the way home.
- *There was a Crocodile*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4VP-pApxas>