

First Activity Rhymes

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Touch Your Fingers To Your Nose

**Touch your fingers to your nose
Touch your fingers to your toes
Give a wiggle, what a giggle
Touch your fingers to your nose
Touch your fingers to your toes
Give a wiggle, oh**

**Touch your fingers to your nose
Touch your fingers to your toes
Give a wiggle, what a giggle
Touch your fingers to your nose
Touch your fingers to your toes
Give a wiggle, oh**

**Touch your fingers to your nose
Touch your fingers to your toes
Give a wiggle, what a giggle
Touch your fingers to your nose
Touch your fingers to your toes
Give a wiggle, oh**

(Jump up and do the movements to the song - what fun!)

Shoe A Little Horse

**Shoe a little horse
Shoe a little mare
But let the little colt
Go bare, bare, bare**

**Shoe a little horse
Shoe a little mare
But let the little colt
Go bare, bare, bare**

(music)

**Shoe a little horse
Shoe a little mare
But let the little colt
Go bare, bare, bare**

**Shoe a little horse
Shoe a little mare
But let the little colt
Go bare, bare, bare**

(Pat the toddlers feet in time with the music, or children may stamp their feet up and down in time to the music)

Going Fishing In The Deep Blue Sea

Going fishing in the deep blue sea

(Sit your child astride your knees, and hold his or her hands firmly)

Catching fishes for my tea

(Let him slowly slip down between your knees)

Catch another for my brother

(Give a gentle pull upwards)

One, two, three

(Give another little pull upwards, when the “three” is sung!)

(music)

Going fishing in the deep blue sea

Catching fishes for my tea

Catch another for my brother

One, two, three

Going fishing in the deep blue sea

Catching fishes for my tea

Catch another for my brother

One, two, three

Round And Round The Garden

**Round and round the garden
Like a teddy bear
One step, two step
And a tickly under there**

**Round and round the garden
Like a teddy bear
One step, two step
And a tickly under there**

**Round and round the garden
Like a teddy bear
One step, two step
And a tickly under there**

(Use your finger to do circles in the palm of your child's hand. Then walk your fingers up their arm and tickle them under the arm!)

Chug Chugga Song

**I'm a little steam train
Going round and round
When I'm on the move
I make a chug-chugga sound**

**Chug-chugga, chug-chugga
Chugga-chug along
How I love to sing
My chug-chugga song**

**I'm a little steam train
Going round and round
When I'm on the move
I make a chug-chugga sound**

**Chug-chugga, chug-chugga
Chugga-chug along
How I love to sing
My chug-chugga song**

(Form a train, putting one hand on the next one's shoulder. The other hand can make the action of the wheels of the train going round. Off you go and don't forget to blow the whistle sometimes!)

Five Little Speckled Frogs

Five little speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating some most delicious grub, yum, yum
One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Now there are four speckled frogs, glub, glub

Four little speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating some most delicious grub, yum, yum
One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Now there are three speckled frogs, glub, glub

Three little speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating some most delicious grub, yum, yum
One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Now there are two speckled frogs, glub, glub

Two little speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating some most delicious grub, yum, yum
One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Now there is one speckled frog, glub, glub

One little speckled frog
Sat on a speckled log
Eating some most delicious grub, yum, yum
One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Now there are no more speckled frogs, glub, glub

(Hold four fingers and thumb up and take one away, every time a frog jumps into the pool. Splash! Go all the way down until there are no more speckled frogs.)

Five Currant Buns

**Five currant buns in the baker's shop
Round and fat with sugar on the top
Along came a boy with a penny in his hand
Bought a currant bun and took it away**

**Four currant buns in the baker's shop
Round and fat with sugar on the top
Along came a boy with a penny in his hand
Bought a currant bun and took it away**

**Three currant buns in the baker's shop
Round and fat with sugar on the top
Along came a boy with a penny in his hand
Bought a currant bun and took it away**

**Two currant buns in the baker's shop
Round and fat with sugar on the top
Along came a boy with a penny in his hand
Bought a currant bun and took it away**

**One currant bun in the baker's shop
Round and fat with sugar on the top
Along came a boy with a penny in his hand
Bought a currant bun and took it away**

(Children hold up four fingers and a thumb. Every time the boy buys a currant bun and takes it away, one finger goes down. Or, lots of children stand in a circle with five children in the middle. As the music plays they move around. Then one child from the outside circle chooses a child to take away)

Rain

**Rain, rain, go away
Come back another day**

**Rain, rain, go away
Come back another day**

(Listen to the rain by putting your hand to your ear)

**Are you looking out your window?
Is your nose against the pane?
Is it going to last forever?
This rain, rain, rain, rain**

(Pretend your hands are the rain pouring down)

**Rain, rain, go away
Come back another day**

**Are you looking out your window?
Is your nose against the pane?
Is it going to last forever?
This rain, rain, rain, rain**

**Rain, rain, go away
Come back another day**

Where Is Thumbkin?

**Where is Thumbkin?
Where is Thumbkin?
Here I am, here I am
How are you today sir?
Very well I thank you
Go away, 'pip'
Go away, 'pip'**

**Where is Thumbkin?
Where is Thumbkin?
Here I am, here I am
How are you today sir?
Very well I thank you
Go away, 'pip'
Go away, 'pip'**

(Hold up both thumbs and wiggle them about as they talk to each other.
They chatter to each other, then when the 'pip' comes they disappear,
putting your hands behind your back!)

My Little House

My little house won't stand up straight

(Make hands look like a roof of a house in a triangle shape, with tips of fingers touching. Then rock them from side to side)

My little house has lost it's gate

(Drop down two fingers)

My little house bends up and down

(Hands rock dramatically to and fro)

My little house is the oldest one in town

(Crumple them a bit)

Here comes the wind, it blows and blows again

(Blow through your hands)

Down falls my little house

(Hands drop right down)

Oh, what a shame

My little house won't stand up straight

My little house has lost it's gate

My little house bends up and down

My little house is the oldest one in town

Here comes the wind, it blows and blows again

Down falls my little house

Oh, what a shame

Building Bricks

**We're building bricks, 'til they're really high
One on one, 'til they reach the sky
Did I see a wobble, a tremble on the ground?
Crash, bang, wallopy bang, they've all tumbled down**

(music)

**We're building bricks, 'til they're really high
One on one, 'til they reach the sky
Did I see a wobble, a tremble on the ground?
Crash, bang, wallopy, bang, they've all tumbled down**

**We're building bricks, 'til they're really high
One on one, 'til they reach the sky
Did I see a wobble, a tremble on the ground?
Crash, bang, wallopy, bang, they've all tumbled down**

(This song is great fun. You can pretend to build the bricks and imagine them all falling down. Or better still, why not get the building bricks from your toy box and build them into a tower. At the end of the song, you've guessed it, knock them all down!)

I'm A Little Teapot

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First verse...

(Pretend to be a teapot, make one arm into handle and the other into a spout)

Second verse...

(Lean to the side and pretend to pour a cup of tea out, mmmm, delicious!)

One Finger One Thumb

**One finger, one thumb, keep moving
One finger, one thumb, keep moving
One finger, one thumb, keep moving
We'll all be merry and bright**

**One finger, one thumb, one arm, keep moving
One finger, one thumb, one arm, keep moving
One finger, one thumb, one arm keep moving
We'll all be merry and bright**

**One finger, one thumb, one arm, one leg, keep moving
One finger, one thumb, one arm, one leg, keep moving
One finger, one thumb, one arm, one leg, keep moving
We'll all be merry and bright**

**One finger, one thumb, one arm, one leg,
one nod of the head, keep moving
One finger, one thumb, one arm, one leg,
one nod of the head, keep moving
One finger, one thumb, one arm, one leg,
one nod of the head, keep moving
We'll all be merry and bright**

(Repeat all)

(Start with one finger and a thumb wiggling, then add all the other parts of the body, one by one. This is great fun!)

Rock-A-Bye Your Teddy

**When your teddy's weary
And he needs a little rest
Pop him in his cradle
That's the place that he likes best
Or rock-a-bye your teddy instead**

**Swaying very gently
His favourite story read
Now pop him in his cradle
His own little bed
Or rock-a-bye your teddy instead**

(Gently rock-a-bye your teddy in your arms, until he's fast asleep)

Jelly On The Plate

**Jelly on the plate
Jelly on the plate
Wobble, wobble, wobble, wobble
Jelly on the plate**

**Jelly on the plate
Jelly on the plate
Wobble, wobble, wobble, wobble
Jelly on the plate**

**Jelly on the plate
Jelly on the plate
Wobble, wobble, wobble, wobble
Jelly on the plate**

**Jelly on the plate
Jelly on the plate
Wobble, wobble, wobble, wobble
Jelly on the plate**

(Repeat all)

(In this one, a whole lot of wibbling and wobbling of your body is going on!)

One Misty Moisty Morning

**One misty, moisty morning
When cloudy was the weather
There I met an old man
Clothed all in leather**

**I took him by the hand
And told him very plain
How do you do?
How do you do?
And how do you do again?**

(Shake hands with a family member or friend every time, “how do you do”
is spoken)

Hello Song

**Hello, hello, hello and how are you?
Hello, hello, hello how do you do?
Hello, hello, hello and how are you?
Hello, how do you do?**

(Every time you say “how do you do?”, turn to someone and shake hands)

**I'm well, I'm well, I'm well and I thank you
I'm well, I'm well, I'm well and I thank you
I'm well, I'm well, I'm well and I thank you
I'm well and I thank you**

(Repeat all)

One Man Went To Mow

**One man went to mow
Went to mow a meadow
One man and his dog, woof, woof
Went to mow a meadow**

**Two men went to mow
Went to mow a meadow
Two men and their dog, woof, woof
Went to mow a meadow**

(music)

**Three men went to mow
Went to mow a meadow
Three men and their dog, woof, woof
Went to mow a meadow**

**Four men went to mow
Went to mow a meadow
Four men and their dog, woof, woof
Went to mow a meadow**

(music)

**Five men went to mow
Went to mow a meadow
Five men and their dog, woof, woof
Went to mow a meadow**

**Six men went to mow
Went to mow a meadow
Six men and their dog, woof, woof
Went to mow a meadow**

(music)

Continued...

One Man Went To Mow - continued

**Seven men went to mow
Went to mow a meadow
Seven men and their dog, woof, woof
Went to mow a meadow**

**Eight men went to mow
Went to mow a meadow
Eight men and their dog, woof, woof
Went to mow a meadow**

(music)

**Nine men went to mow
Went to mow a meadow
Nine men and their dog, woof, woof
Went to mow a meadow**

**Ten men went to mow
Went to mow a meadow
Ten men and their dog, woof, woof
Went to mow a meadow**

(Children can hold up four fingers and a thumb, then put them down one by one. Or ten children could be sitting down and one jump up when each number is added.)

When All The Cows Were Sleeping

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(Pretend to be a scarecrow with your arms out stretched to the sides.
Jump when the song says so and then shake your hands and feet at the
right time too!)

Incy Wincy Spider

**Incy Wincy spider
Climbing up the spout**

(Make your finger look like a little spider climbing up a spout)

**Down came the rain
And washed poor Incy out**

(Then pretend your hands are the rain coming down)

**Out came the sun
And dried up all the rain**

(Splay your hands out just like the sunshine)

**Then Incy Wincy spider
Climbed up the spout again**

(Make your fingers like a spider again and climb back up the spout)

Row Row Row Your Boat

**Row, row, row your boat
Gently down the stream
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily
Life is but a dream**

(Repeat)

(Pretend to be in a boat and row for all your worth!)

Copy-Cat

**Can you be a copy-cat?
Can you wave your arms like that?
I can be a copy-cat
I can wave my arms like that**

**Can you be a copy-cat?
Can you nod your head like that?
I can be a copy-cat
I can nod my head like that**

**Can you be a copy-cat?
Can you clap your hands like that?
I can be a copy-cat
I can clap my hands like that**

**Can you be a copy-cat?
Can you shake your hips like that?
I can be a copy-cat
I can shake my hips like that**

(Copy all the actions in the song)

Oh Dear What Can The Matter Be?

**Oh dear, what can the matter be?
Oh dear, what can the matter be?
Oh dear, what can the matter be?
Johnny's so long at the fair**

**He promised to buy me a bunch of blue ribbons
He promised to buy me a bunch of blue ribbons
He promised to buy me a bunch of blue ribbons
To tie up my bonnie brown hair**

**Oh dear, what can the matter be?
Oh dear, what can the matter be?
Oh dear, what can the matter be?
Johnny's so long at the fair**

**He promised to buy me a bunch of blue ribbons
He promised to buy me a bunch of blue ribbons
He promised to buy me a bunch of blue ribbons
To tie up my bonnie brown hair**

**Oh dear, what can the matter be?
Oh dear, what can the matter be?
Oh dear, what can the matter be?
Johnny's so long at the fair**

(Pretend to tie a beautiful ribbon in your hair as you sing the song)

Lady's Knives And Forks

Here are the lady's knives and forks

(Interlace your fingers with your palms upwards)

Here is the lady's table

(Turn your hands over with your fingers still interlaced)

Here is the lady's looking glass

(Raise the first finger of each hand and touch at the tips, so you can look through)

And here is the baby's cradle

(Raise both your fore fingers and touch at the tips, and raise both your little fingers and touching at the tips, to make a cradle. Rock your hands gently)

(Repeat all)

Head Shoulders Knees And Toes

Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes
And eyes and ears and mouth and nose
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes

(sing 5 times and then last verse...)

Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes
And eyes and ears and mouth and nose
Head, shoulders, knees and
Head, shoulders, knees and
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes

(Touch the parts of the body as they are sung about in the song. And watch out, it gets faster!)

Two Little Dickie Birds

Two little dickie birds, sitting on a wall

(Hold a finger up from each hand)

One named Peter, one named Paul

(Wiggle one and then the other as the names are mentioned)

Fly away Peter, fly away Paul

(Make one finger go and then the other)

Come back Peter, come back Paul

(Bring your fingers back)

(Repeat all)

Slippy Snake

I'm a s..slippy s..snake

Slithering in the sun

I'm a s..slippy s..snake

Slithering in the sun

I'm a s..slippy s..snake

Slithering in the sun

Slithering in the sun

I'm a s..slippy s..snake

Slithering in the red hot sun

(Make your arm into a little snake, slithering along)

I'm a t-t-tiny t-t-toe

Tapping on a tin

I'm a t-t-tiny t-t-toe

Tapping on a tin

I'm a tap tap tapping, ra-a-tat-a-tat

Rat-a-tat-a-tat, rat a-tat-a-tat

I'm a tap tap tapping, rat a tat a tat

Rat-a-tat-a-tat-tat-tat

(Are you tapping your tiny toe?)

Continued...

Slippy Snake - continued

**I'm a n-n-noisy nanny-goat
N..nibbling in the grass
I'm a n-n noisy nanny-goat
N..nibbling in the grass**

**I'm a n-n-noisy nana-nanny-goat
Nibbling in the grass
Nibbling in the grass
I'm a n-n-noisy nana-nanny-goat
Nibbling in the new mown grass**

(You have to make a loud nnnnn sound for that one)

**I'm a p-p-popping, pop-popcorn
Popping in the pan
I'm a p-p-popping, pop-popcorn
Popping in the pan
I'm a p-p-popping, pop-a-popping corn
Popping in the pan
Popping in the pan
I'm a p-p-popping, pop-a-popping corn
Popping in the deep, deep pan**

(Do you like popcorn? Try to make the sound of it popping in the pan by making a 'P' sound with your lips)

**I'm an angry alligator
With an appetite
I'm an angry alligator
With an appetite
I'm an a-a-alligator
With an appetite, with an appetite
I'm an a-a-alligator
So you'd better not come into sight**

(This verse is always the children's favourite. As you sing "appetite" make your arms like an alligator's mouth and snap them together with a loud clap!)

Wind The Bobbin Up

**Wind the bobbin up
Wind the bobbin up
Pull, pull, clap, clap, clap**

**Wind it back again
Wind it back again
Pull, pull, clap, clap, clap**

**Point to the ceiling
Point to the floor
Point to the window
Point to the door
Clap your hands, one, two, three
Place your hands upon your knees**

(Repeat)

(Imagine you are winding up a cotton reel, then unwind it. Clap when the song tells you to. Follow the actions)

I Really Want To

**I really, really, really want to whisper
I really, really, really want to shout
I really want to tap my little finger
And then I really want to stomp about**

**I really, really, want to very gently
Tinkle on a very tiny bell
And then I really, really want to clang it
Up and down as loud as I can as well**

(Repeat)

(A song going from soft to LOUD!)

One Two Three Four Five
Thought I Caught A Fish Alive

One, two, three, four, five
Thought I caught a fish alive
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten
Then I put it back again

(Hold up two hands with fingers clenched and as the numbers are sung, release your fingers. Then on the last line clench them again)

Why did you let him go?
Because he bit my finger so
Which finger did he bite?
This little finger on the right

(Hold up the finger, which was bitten!)

One, two, three, four, five
Thought I caught a fish alive
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten
Then I put it back again

Why did you let him go?
Because he bit my finger so
Which finger did he bite?
This little finger on the right

Ten Green Bottles

**Ten green bottles hanging on the wall
Ten green bottles hanging on the wall
But if one green bottle should accidentally fall
They'll be nine green bottles hanging on the wall**

**Nine green bottles hanging on the wall
But if one green bottle should accidentally fall
They'll be eight green bottles hanging on the wall**

**Eight green bottles hanging on the wall
Eight green bottles hanging on the wall
But if one green bottle should accidentally fall
They'll be seven green bottles hanging on the wall**

**Seven green bottles hanging on the wall
But if one green bottle should accidentally fall
They'll be six green bottles hanging on the wall**

**Six green bottles hanging on the wall
Six green bottles hanging on the wall
But if one green bottle should accidentally fall
They'll be five green bottles hanging on the wall**

**Five green bottles hanging on the wall
But if one green bottle should accidentally fall
They'll be four green bottles hanging on the wall**

Continued...

Ten Green Bottles - continued

**Four green bottles hanging on the wall
Four green bottles hanging on the wall
But if one green bottle should accidentally fall
They'll be three green bottles hanging on the wall**

**Three green bottles hanging on the wall
But if one green bottle should accidentally fall
They'll be seven green bottles hanging on the wall**

**Two green bottles hanging on the wall
Two green bottles hanging on the wall
But if one green bottle should accidentally fall
They'll be one green bottle hanging on the wall**

**One green bottle hanging on the wall
But if one green bottle should accidentally fall
They'll be no green bottles hanging on the wall**

(Hold all your fingers and thumbs up and gradually put them down as the bottles fall. Go all the way down until there are no green bottles left!)

Peter Hammers With One Hammer

**Peter hammers with one hammer
One hammer, one hammer
Peter hammers with one hammer
All day long**

**Peter hammers with two hammers
Two hammers, two hammers
Peter hammers with two hammers
All day long**

**Peter hammers with three hammers
Three hammers, three hammers
Peter hammers with three hammers
All day long**

**Peter hammers with four hammers
Four hammers, four hammers
Peter hammers with four hammers
All day long**

**Peter hammers with five hammers
Five hammers, five hammers
Peter hammers with five hammers
All day long**

(Repeat all)

(Pretend to hammer to the music)

I'm A Little Scarecrow

**I'm a little scarecrow, on my own
I have no house, this field's my home
Every time the birds come near today
I'll jump up, wave my arms, and frighten them away**

(Repeat)

(Make yourself into a scarecrow and when the birds come near, jump up very high and wave your arms about!)

We Wave Bye-Bye

**It's the time of day
When we have to say
Bye-bye to everybody that is here**

**It's the time of day
When we have to wave
Bye-bye to everybody that is here**

**We wave bye-bye
We wave bye-bye**

(Repeat)

(Wave bye-bye to everyone throughout the song)

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