

Rhyme Time

Fun learning with your toddler



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Dear Parents, Guardians and Teachers:

All those nonsensical verses from your childhood really do matter. They matter, because they rhyme. Rhyming is fun. And it's a very important part of reading success.

Why Is Rhyming Important?

1. Rhyming teaches children how language works. It helps them notice and work with the sounds within words.
2. Rhymes help children experience the rhythm of language. As they recite nursery rhymes they learn to speak with animated voices. Someday they'll read with expression, too.
3. When children are familiar with a nursery rhyme or rhyming book, they learn to anticipate the rhyming word. This prepares them to make predictions when they read, another important reading skill.
4. Rhyming is also important for writing. It can help children understand that words which share common sounds often share common letters. For example, the rhyming words cat and bat both end with -at.
5. When listening to rhyming songs and poems, children create a mental picture, expanding their imaginations.
6. Because rhyming is fun, it adds joy to the sometimes daunting task of learning to read.

We hope you and the children enjoy exploring this book together.

Go Bananas!

Peel bananas

(Pretend to peel a banana in your hand)

Peel, peel bananas

Chop bananas

(With one arm straight out, "chop" it with opposite hand)

Chop, chop bananas

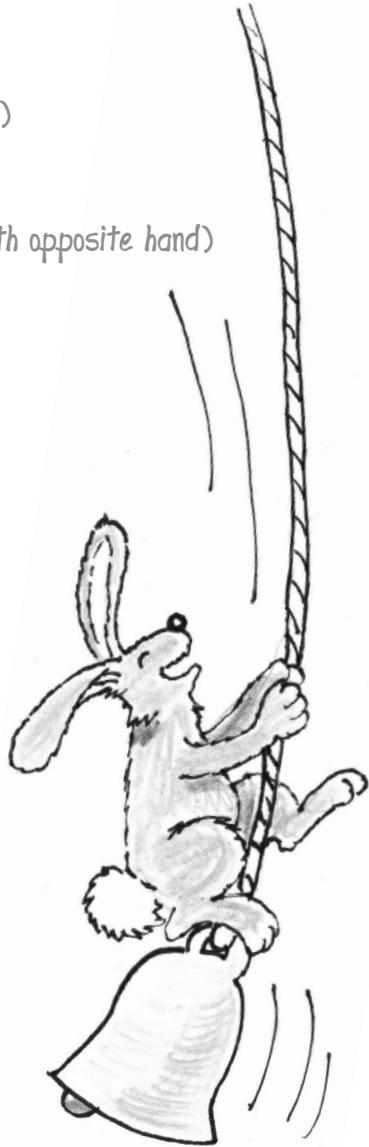
Eat bananas

(Pretend to eat a banana)

Eat, eat bananas

Go bananas!

(Wiggle whole body around)



Ring the Bell

Ting the bell

(Tug at a lock of the child's hair)

Knock at the door

(Knock gently on her forehead)

Peek in

(Look in her eyes)

Lift up the latch

(Push up on the end of her nose)

Walk in

(Walk your fingers on her lips)

Let's go down cellar and eat apples

(Run your fingers down the child's body to her tummy.)

Then tickle.)

Here is the Beehive

Here is the beehive

(Make a fist)

Where are the bees?

(Shrug shoulders)

Hidden away where nobody sees

(Tap fist with finger)

Soon they come creeping out of the hive

One, two, three, four, five

(hold up fingers)

Bzzzzzzzz....they're alive!

(Wiggle fingers)



Mother and Father and Uncle John

Mother and Father and Uncle John

(Bounce baby on your knees)

Went to the market one by one

Mother fell off

(Tilt baby to one side)

And Father fell off

(Tilt baby to the other side)

But Uncle John went on and on and on and on...

(Bounce baby again)

Where is Thumbkin?

Where is Thumbkin?

(Stick up one thumb)

Where is Thumbkin?

(Stick up other thumb)

Here I am

(Wiggle thumb)

Here I am

(Wiggle other thumb)

How are you this morning?

(Wiggle thumb as if it is talking)

Very well I thank you

(Wiggle other thumb as if it is talking)

Run away

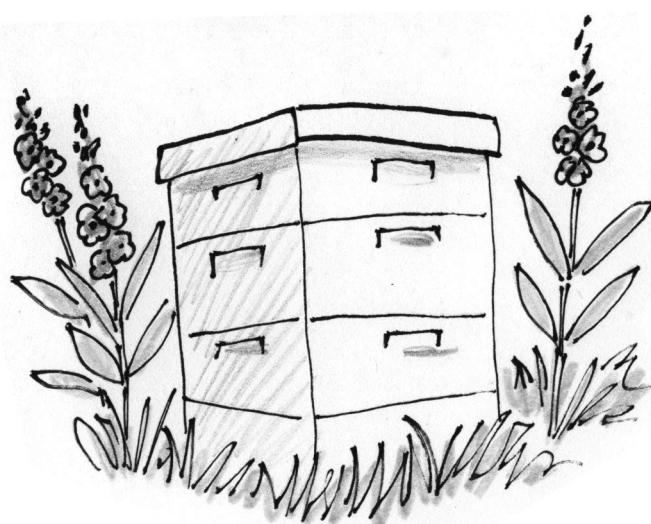
(Put thumb behind your back)

Run away

(Put other thumb behind your back)



Repeat the verse using each of your fingers -- pointer, mid man, ring man and pinky.



Row, Row, Row Your Boat

(Sit your child in your lap and rock back and forth, or lie child on the floor and move arms or legs in rowing motion)

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



A Smooth Road

A smooth road, a smooth road,
a smooth road, a smooth road

(Sway baby gently on your knees)

A bumpy road, a bumpy road,
a bumpy road, a bumpy road

(Bounce baby gently on your knees)

A rough road, a rough road,
a rough road, a rough road

(Bounce baby harder)

A HOLE!

(Drop baby between your legs while holding onto him)

On My Foot There is a Flea

On my foot there is a flea

(Touch foot)

Now he's climbing up on me

(Creep fingers up leg)

Past my belly

(Creep fingers past belly)

Past my nose

(Creep fingers past nose)

On my head where my hair grows

On my head there is a flea

(Touch head)

Now he's climbing down on me

(Creep fingers down)

Past my belly

(Creep fingers past belly)

Past my knee

(Creep fingers past knee)

On my foot

(Touch foot)

Take that you flea!

(Slap foot gently as if you are squishing a flea)



I Have a Little Bicycle

Do this rhyme with your baby lying on your lap with her legs toward you. Move her legs or arms as if she is riding a bike.

I have a little bicycle

(Move legs)

I ride it to the shop

And when I see a red light

I know it's time to stop

(Stop moving legs)

I have a little bicycle

(Move legs)

I ride it to the gate

And when I see a yellow light

I know it's time to wait

(Stop moving legs)

I have a little bicycle

(Move legs)

I ride it to and fro

And when I see a green light

I know it's time to go, go, go, go, go...

(Move legs faster)

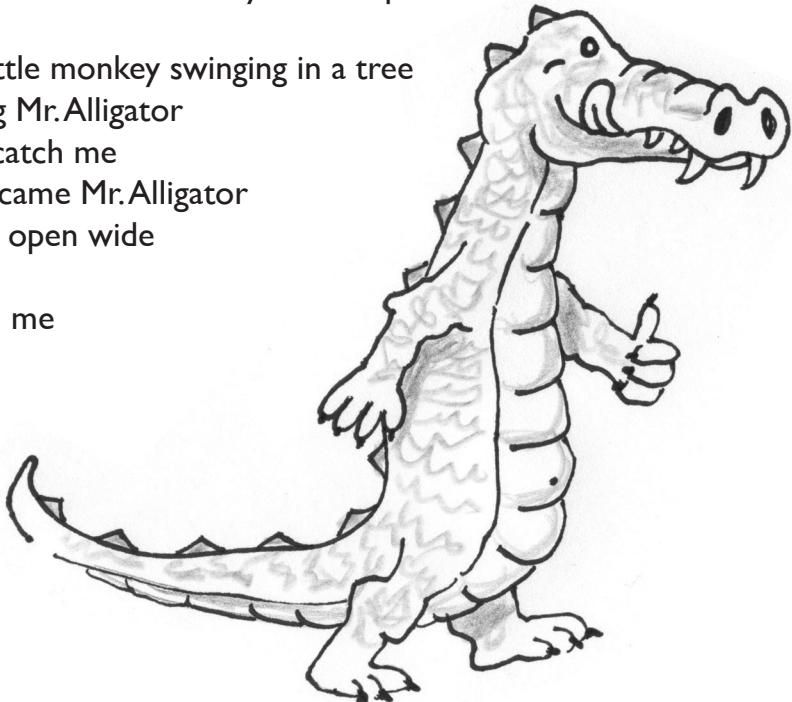


Three Little Monkeys

Three little monkeys swinging in a tree
Teasing Mr. Alligator
Can't catch me
Along came Mr. Alligator
Mouth open wide
Snap!
The first little monkey was deep inside.

Two little monkeys Swinging in a tree
Teasing Mr. Alligator
Can't catch me
Along came Mr. Alligator
Mouth open wide
Snap!
The second little monkey was deep inside.

One little monkey swinging in a tree
Teasing Mr. Alligator
Can't catch me
Along came Mr. Alligator
Mouth open wide
Snap!
Missed me



Round and Round the Garden

Round and round the garden

(Circle your child's tummy with your hand)

Like a teddy bear

One step, two step

(Walk fingers up your child's arm)

Tickle you under there

(Tickle under your child's arm)

Round and round the lighthouse

In the wind and rain

One step, two step

Tickle you there again



Hokey Pokey

You put your right foot in

You put your right foot out

You put your right foot in and you shake it all about

You do the hokey pokey and you turn yourself about

That's what it's all about

Repeat with left foot, right arm, left arm, head, tongue and whole self.

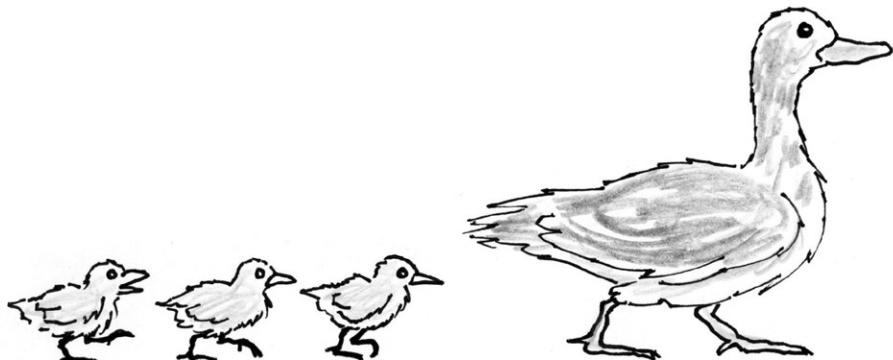
Four Little Ducks

Four little ducks went out to play
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said, "quack quack quack quack"
But only three little ducks came quacking back

Three little ducks went out to play
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said, "quack quack quack quack"
But only two little ducks came quacking back

Two little ducks went out to play
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said, "quack quack quack quack"
But only one little duck came quacking back

One little duck went out to play
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said, "quack quack quack quack"
And all four ducks came quacking back



Open Them, Shut Them

Open them shut them
Open them shut them
Give them a little clap, clap, clap

Open them shut them
Open them shut them
Lay them in your lap, lap, lap

Creep them creep them
Creep them creep them
Right up to your chin, chin, chin

Open up your little mouth but do not let them in, in, in!



If You're Happy and You Know It

If you're happy and you know it
Clap your hands
If you're happy and you know it
Clap your hands
If you're happy and you know it
And you really want to show it
If you're happy and you know it
Clap your hands

Repeat using:

If you're sad and you know it, cry a tear
If you're mad and you know it, stomp your feet
If you're glad and you know it, shout "hurray!"

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are



Sleeping Bunnies

See the little bunnies sleeping 'til it's nearly noon
Come and let us gently wake them
With this happy tune

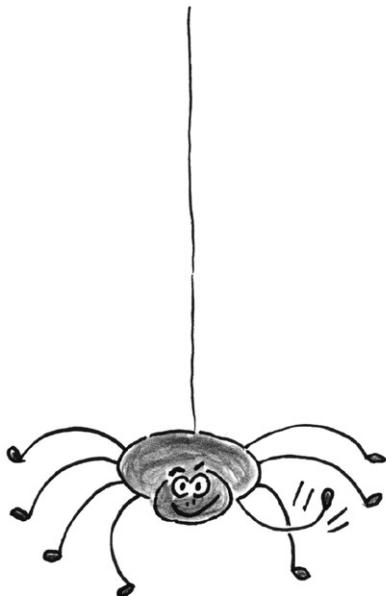
Oh, so still...Are they ill?
NO!!

Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop
And STOP!



Rock a Bye Baby

Rock a bye baby
On the treetop
When the wind blows
The cradle will rock
When the bough breaks
The cradle will fall
And down will come baby
Cradle and all



Itsy Bitsy Spider

The itsy bitsy spider climbed up the water spout
Down came the rain and washed the spider out
Up came the sun and dried up all the rain
And the itsy bitsy spider climbed up the spout again

Mommy Loves Baby

This lullaby has the same tune as Rock a Bye Baby. You can substitute other people or names, such as "auntie" or "sister" into this song.

Mommy loves baby, yes she does
Daddy love baby, yes he does
Grandma loves baby, Grandpa does too
We all love baby, yes we do

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

Do the actions along with this rhyme.

Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn around
Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the ground
Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch your nose
Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch your toes
Teddy bear, teddy bear, show your shoe
Teddy bear, teddy bear, that will do
Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn out the light
Teddy bear, teddy bear, say good night

I'm a Little Teapot

I'm a little teapot
Short and stout
Here is my handle
Here is my spout
When I get all steamed up
Hear me shout
Tip me over and pour me out



Hush Little Baby

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

And if that mockingbird won't sing
Mama's going to buy you a diamond ring

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

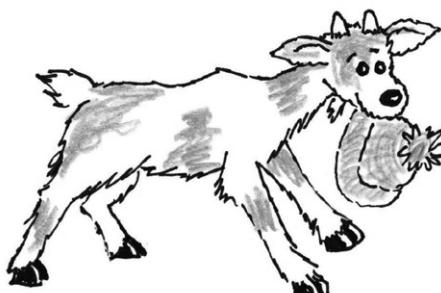
If that looking glass gets broke
Mama's going to buy you a billy goat

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

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

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

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



It's Cold Outside

This song has the same tune as Farmer and the Dell. Parents can use it to help get their children dressed in the winter.

Let's put on your boots
Let's put on your boots
High ho, it's cold outside
Let's put on your boots

Substitute with mitts, hat,
snow pants, etc.



Zoom, Zoom, Zoom

Zoom, zoom, zoom
We're going to the moon
Zoom, zoom, zoom
We're going to the moon
If you'd like to take a trip
Climb aboard my rocket ship
Zoom, zoom, zoom
We're going to the moon
5, 4, 3, 2, 1... BLASTOFF!



Three Little Kittens



Three little kittens lost their mittens,
And they began to cry
Oh mother dear, we sadly fear our mittens we have lost
What! Lost your mittens, you naughty kittens
Then you shall have no pie
Mee-ow, mee-ow, mee-ow
No, you shall have no pie

The three little kittens they found their mittens
And they began to cry
Oh mother dear, see here, see here, our mittens we have found
Put on your mittens, you silly kittens
And you shall have some pie
Purr-rr, purr-rr, purr-rr
Oh, let us have some pie



The three little kittens put on their mittens
And soon ate up the pie
Oh mother dear, we greatly fear our mittens we have soiled
What! Soiled your mittens, you naughty kittens
Then they began to sigh
Mee-ow, mee-ow, mee-ow
Then they began to sigh



The three little kittens they washed their mittens
And hung them out to dry
Oh mother dear, do you not hear, our mittens we have washed
What! Washed your mittens, then you're good kittens
But I smell a rat close by
Mee-ow, mee-ow, mee-ow
We smell a rat close by

Once I Caught a Fish Alive

One, two, three, four, five,
Once I caught a fish aliv
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten
Then I let it go again

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

One, two, three, four, five
Once I caught a crab alive
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten
Then I let it go again



Hey Diddle Diddle

Hey diddle diddle
The cat and the fiddle
The cow jumped over the moon
The little dog laughed
To see such sport
And the dish ran away with the spoon

Oh where, Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone?

Oh where, oh where has my little dog gone
Oh where, oh where can he be
With his ears cut short and his tail cut long
Oh where, oh where can he be?

Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Head and shoulders, knees and toes,
knees and toes, knees and toes
Head and shoulders, knees and toes,
Eyes, ears, mouth and nose

Feet and tummies, arms and chins,
arms and chins, arms and chins
Feet and tummies, arms and chins,
Eyes, ears, mouth and shins

Hands and fingers, legs and lips,
legs and lips, legs and lips
Hands and fingers, legs and lips,
Eyes, ears, mouth and hips

Head and shoulders, knees and toes,
knees and toes, knees and toes
Head and shoulders, knees and toes,
Eyes, ears, mouth and nose



How Much is that Doggy in the Window?

How much is that doggie in the window (arf arf)
The one with the waggle tail?
How much is that doggie in the window (arf arf)
I do hope that doggie's for sale.

I must take a trip to California
And leave my poor sweetheart alone
If he has a dog he won't be lonesome
And the doggie will have a good home

How much is that doggie in the window (arf arf)
The one with the waggle tail?
How much is that doggie in the window (arf arf)
I do hope that doggie's for sale

I read in the papers there are robbers (roof roof)
With flashlights that shine in the dark
My love needs a doggie to protect him
And scare them away with one bark

I don't want a bunny or a kitten
I don't want a parrot that talks
I don't want a bowl of little fishies
He can't take a goldfish for a walk

How much is that doggie in the window (arf arf)
The one with the waggle tail?
How much is that doggie in the window (arf arf)
I do hope that doggie's for sale

The More We Get Together

The more we get together
Together, together
The more we get together
The happier we shall be
For your friends are my friends
And my friends are your friends
The more we get together
The happier we shall be



The Grand Old Duke of York

Oh, the grand old Duke of York
He had ten thousand men
He marched them up to the top of the hill
And he 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

Aikendrum

There was a man lived in the moon
In the moon, in the moon
There was a man lived in the moon
And his name was Aikendrum



And he played upon a ladle
A ladle, a ladle
He played upon a ladle
And his name was Aikendrum

And his hair was made of spaghetti
Spaghetti, spaghetti
His hair was made of spaghetti
And his name was Aikendrum

And his eyes were made of meatballs
Meatballs, meatballs
His eyes were made of meatballs
And his name was Aikendrum

And his nose was made of cheese
Cheese, cheese
His nose was made of cheese
And his name was Aikendrum

And his mouth was made of pizza
Pizza, pizza
His mouth was made of pizza
And his name was Aikendrum



Five Little Speckled Frogs

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



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

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

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

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



Pop Goes the Weasel

Half a pound of tupenny rice
Half a pound of treacle
That's the way the money goes
Pop! Goes the weasel

Every night when I get home
The monkey's on the table
Take a stick and knock it off
Pop! Goes the weasel

Up and down the city road
In and out the Eagle
That's the way the money goes
Pop! Goes the weasel



A-Tisket A-Tasket

A-tisket a-tasket
A green and yellow basket
I wrote a letter to my love
And on the way I dropped it
I dropped it, I dropped it
And on the way I dropped it
A little boy he picked it up and put it in his pocket

B-I-N-G-O

There was a farmer who had a dog
And Bingo was his name-O

B-I-N-G-O

B-I-N-G-O

B-I-N-G-O

And Bingo was his name-O

There was a farmer who had a dog
And Bingo was his name-O

(clap)-I-N-G-O

(clap)-I-N-G-O

(clap)-I-N-G-O

And Bingo was his name-O

There was a farmer who had a dog
And Bingo was his name-O

(clap)-(clap)-N-G-O

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(clap)-(clap)-N-G-O

And Bingo was his name-O

There was a farmer who had a dog
And Bingo was his name-O

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(clap)-(clap)-(clap)-G-O

(clap)-(clap)-(clap)-G-O

And Bingo was his name-O



There was a farmer who had a dog
And Bingo was his name-O
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(clap)-(clap)-(clap)-(clap)-O
(clap)-(clap)-(clap)-(clap)-O
And Bingo was his name-O

There was a farmer who had a dog
And Bingo was his name-O
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(clap)-(clap)-(clap)-(clap)-(clap)
And Bingo was his name-O



Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush

Here we go round the mulberry bush
The mulberry bush
The mulberry bush
Here we go round the mulberry bush
So early in the morning

She'll be Coming 'Round the Mountain

She'll be coming 'round the mountain when she comes,
(when she comes).

She'll be coming 'round the mountain when she comes,
(when she comes).

She'll be coming 'round the mountain, she'll be coming 'round
the mountain,

She'll be coming 'round the mountain when she comes,
(when she comes).

She'll be driving six white horses when she comes
(when she comes)

She'll be driving six white horses when she comes
(when she comes)

She'll be driving six white horses, she'll be driving six white
horses

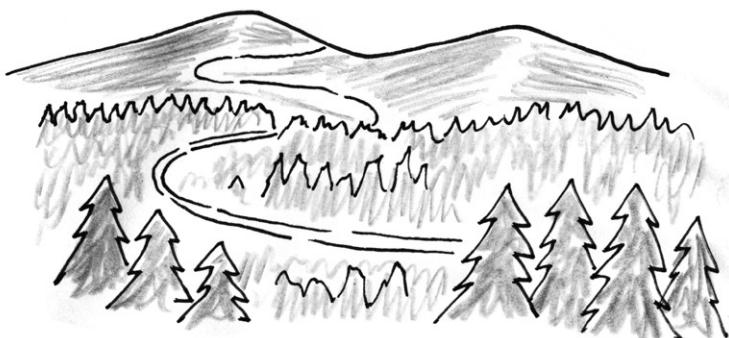
She'll be driving six white horses when she comes
(when she comes)

We'll all go out to meet her when she comes

We'll all go out to meet her when she comes

We'll all go out to meet her, we'll all go out to meet her

We'll all go out to meet her when she comes.



Everybody Knows That I Love My Toes

Everybody knows that I love my toes
Everybody knows that I love my toes
I love my eyes, my ears, my elbows and my nose
But everybody knows that I love my toes

Everybody knows that I love my lips
Everybody knows that I love my lips
I love my eyes, my ears, my elbows and my hips
But everybody knows that I love my lips

Everybody knows that I love my Mum
Everybody knows that I love my Mum
I love my eyes, my ears, my elbows and my thumb
But everybody knows that I love my Mum

Everybody knows that I love my toes
Everybody knows that I love my toes
I love my eyes, my ears, my elbows and my nose
But everybody knows that I love my toes



Hot Cross Buns

Hot cross buns
Hot cross buns
One ha' penny, two ha' penny
Hot cross buns
If you have no daughters
Give them to your sons
One ha' penny, two ha' penny
Hot cross buns



This Little Piggy

This little piggy went to market
This little piggy stayed home
This little piggy had roast beef
This little piggy had none
And this little piggy cried wee wee wee all the way home

Jack and Jill Went Up the Hill

Jack and Jill went up the hill
To fetch a pail of water
Jack fell down and broke his crown
And Jill came tumbling after
Up Jack got and home did trot
As fast as he could caper
And went to bed and bound his head
With vinegar and brown paper

Little Bo-Peep

Little Bo-Peep has lost her sheep
And doesn't know where to find them
Leave them alone, and they'll come home
Wagging their tails behind them



One, Two, Buckle My Shoe

One, two, buckle my shoe
Three, four, open the door
Five, six, pick-up sticks
Seven, eight, lay them straight
Nine, ten, a big, fat hen
Eleven, twelve, dig and delve
Thirteen, fourteen, maids a-courtin'
Fifteen, sixteen, maids in the kitchen
Seventeen, eighteen, maids a-waiting
Nineteen, twenty, my plate's empty

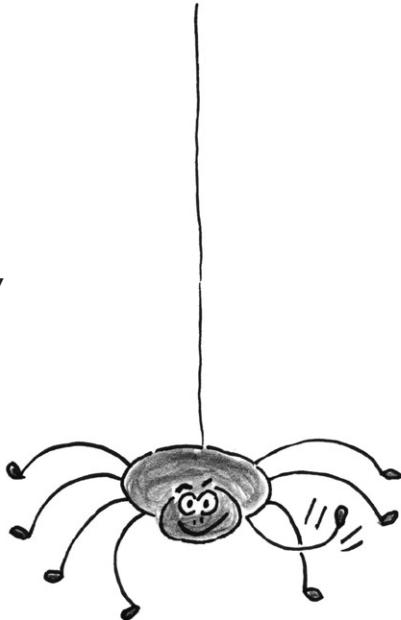
Frère Jacques

Frère Jacques, Frère Jacques
Dormez-vous? Dormez-vous?
Sonnez les matines
Sonnez les matines
Ding, daing, dong, ding, daing, dong

Are you sleeping, are you sleeping
Brother John? Brother John?
Morning bells are ringing
Morning bells are ringing
Ding, dang, dong, ding dang, dong

Little Miss Muffet

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

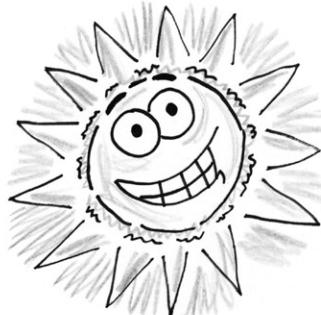


Oh, Mr Sun

Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun
Please shine down on me

Oh Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun
Hiding behind a tree
These little children are asking you
To please shine down so we can play with you

Oh Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun
Please shine down on
Please shine down on
Please shine down on me



Horsey Horsey

Horsey horsey don't you stop
Just let your feet go clippity clop
Let your tail go swish and your wheels go round
Giddy-up we're homeward bound



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The Yukon Literacy Coalition (YLC) is a community based organization committed to increasing literacy and essential skills for all learners throughout the Yukon. Offering an ever-expanding selection of outreach programming, the YLC is very excited to continue building and creating resource material for the communities of Yukon to use and enjoy. In the summer, look for our *Literacy Wall Tent*, and *Book Bike*, and join us in our summer home of fun and learning at the Pioneer Hotel in Shipyards Park. Drop by the Family Literacy Centre (2nd Floor of the Canada Games Centre).

For more information about YLC and the work we do, please visit *www.yukonliteracy.ca* or go to our Facebook page at *Yukon Family Literacy*.

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Family literacy is all the ways that parents and their children learn together. Family and community literacy offers opportunities for adults to access literacy programming in a non-threatening, supportive environment. It sets the foundation for children to gain the literacy skills they will need to participate in a successful future and it teaches parents tools that support lifelong learning for themselves and their children.

To find out more about family literacy, visit us at our Yukon Family Literacy Centre (2nd floor of the Canada Games Centre in Whitehorse), call (867)668-8698, or go to our Facebook page - *Yukon Family Literacy Centre*

