



# Storytime Seedlings

\*Fingerplays

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## Episode 1: Delicious & Nutritious

### Songs & Fingerplays:

#### Mix a Pancake

#### The Handwashing Song

#### Five Fat Peas

#### Five Ripe Berries

#### Coffee!



#### Mix a Pancake

Mix a pancake, (mix)

Stir a pancake, (stir)

Pop it in the pan; (place the pancake in pan)

Fry the pancake, (use pretend spatula)

Toss the pancake, (pretend to toss)

Catch it if you can! (pretend to catch--or not!)

Source: [Jbrary Storytime Rhyme](#)



#### The Handwashing Song

(to the tune of *Frere Jacques*)

Tops and bottoms, tops and bottoms (rub top and bottom of hands)

In between, in between (rub in between fingers)

Scrub them all together, scrub them all together (scrub hands) Now we're clean, squeaky clean (put hands up to show) Source: [Jbrary](#)

#### Five Fat Peas

Five fat peas in a pea pod pressed

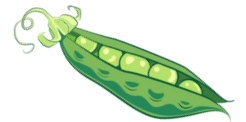
(hold hand in a fist).

One grew, two grew, so did all the rest  
(slowly open your fingers).

They grew and grew and did not stop  
(raise your hand high),

Until one day the pod went POP! (clap hands)

Source: [King County Library System, Tell Me a Story](#)



#### Five Ripe Berries

Five ripe berries sitting in a bowl (hold up five fingers)

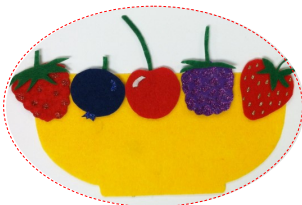
The (strawberry, etc.) fell out and started to roll (*hold up finger, and roll hands*)

It bumped the table and bounced off my toe (*clap once at "bumped" and again at "bounced"*)

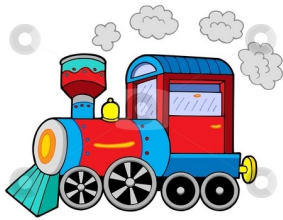
How many berries in the bowl? 1-2-3-4 (*count berries*)

Repeat rhyme until there are no more berries left in the bowl Berries: strawberry, blueberry, boysenberry, raspberry, blackberry

Source: [Sunflower Storytime Blog](#)







## Coffee, an Action Rhyme

*This song sounds like a train slowly starting to move and then chug-chug- chugging along! Use your arms as train wheels that slowly rotate into action.*

Coffee, (say the words and move your arms very slowly)

coffee,

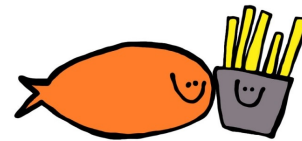
coffee



Fish and chip, (a little faster)

fish and chips,

fish and chips



Cheese and crackers, (even faster)

cheese and crackers,

cheese and crackers



Meat and potatoes, (faster still!)

meat and potatoes,

meat and potatoes



Soup! (Mimic a train whistle)

Soup!

Soup!



Source:

[King County Library System, Tell Me a Story](#)



## Episode 2: Teeth

### Fingerplays

#### Ten Little Baby Teeth

#### Brush, Brush, Brush Your Teeth

#### Five Little Teeth

#### This is the Way We Brush Our Teeth



#### Brush, Brush, Brush Your Teeth

(Sung to the tune of  
"Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

Brush, brush, brush your teeth,  
Brush them everyday,  
Scrubbing, scrubbing, scrubbing, scrubbing,  
Whisking the plaque away!  
(repeat the verse again)

#### Five Little Teeth

There were five little teeth in my teeny tiny mouth  
I pulled and I twisted and one popped out!  
Now there are...four, three, two, one.  
(count down)

Credit: [What Happens In Storytime](https://www.what-happens-in-storytime.com/)



#### Ten Little Baby Teeth

(to the tune of *Ten Little Indians*)

(Hold up both hands in a fist, then as you sing the  
song, hold up one finger at a time up to 10. Fold one  
finger back down as you count back.)



One little, two little, three little baby teeth,

Four little, five little, six little baby teeth,

Seven little, eight little, nine little baby teeth--

Ten little baby teeth we can see.

(Fingers of both hands are held out)

Now count back - (subtracting )

(fold one finger down at a time):

Ten little, nine little, eight little baby teeth,

Seven little, six little, five little baby teeth,

Four little, three little, two little baby teeth,

One little baby tooth is all we see!



#### This is the Way We Brush Our Teeth

(Sung to the tune of "*Here We Go Round  
the Mulberry Bush*")

This is the way we brush our teeth,  
Brush our teeth, brush our teeth,  
This is the way we brush our teeth  
So early in the morning.



## Episode 3: L-O-V-E

### Songs & Fingerplays

**This is the Mother**

**I Put My Hands Together**

**A Kiss**

**Red is the Color**



**Red is the Color**

*(Tune: Someone's in the Kitchen with Dinah)*

Red is the color of apples.  
Red is the color of cherries,  
too. Red is the color of a fire  
truck. I like red don't you?



Source: Childcarelounge

**This is the Mother**

*(Hold up your hand, wiggle one finger one at a time, starting with your thumb, as you name the family, then give yourself a big hug at the end.)*

This is the mother,  
This is the father,  
This is the brother tall. This is  
the sister,  
This is the baby,  
Oh, how we love them all!



Source: [Musicmakers for Kids Blog](#)

### I Put My Hands Together

I put my hands together This is how I start  
I curve my fingers right around,  
And I can make a heart!



Source: [Jbrary](#)



**A Kiss**

*(A Rhyme to Kiss Your Baby)*

A kiss when I wake in the morning,  
A kiss when I go to bed,  
A kiss when I burn my fingers,  
A kiss when I bump my head.

A kiss when my bath begins,  
A kiss when my bath is over,  
My mamma is as full of kisses  
As a field is full of clover.

Source: [King County Library Tell Me a Story](#)





## Songs, Fingerplays, & a Story

1. Red is the Color I See
2. My Crayons Talk to Me
3. Colors Action Rhyme
4. Rainbow Colors
5. Rainbow Stew



### My Crayons Talk to Me

(To the tune Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

My crayons talk to me.  
They tell which to use.

If I wanted to color the sky,  
Which one could I choose?

#### Other verses:

- Grass — Green
- Banana — Yellow
- Strawberry — Red
- Grape — Purple
- Orange — Orange

### Red is the Color I See

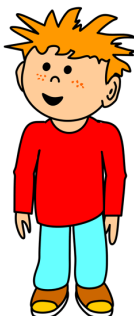
Red, red is the color I see

If you're wearing red, then show  
it to me!

Stand up, take a bow, turn  
around,

Show me your red,  
then sit back down!

Try other colors like Orange,  
yellow,  
green, blue, purple,  
etc



### Rainbow Stew

Take an **apple**  
Put it in the pot.  
Stir it, stir it, stir it a lot.  
Take it out now. What will it be?  
The **prettiest red** you ever did see!

Take an **orange**  
Put it in the pot.  
Stir it, stir it, stir it a lot.  
Take it out now. What will it be?  
The **prettiest orange** you ever did see!

Take a **banana**  
Put it in the pot.  
Stir it, stir it, stir it a lot.  
Take it out now. What will it be?  
The **prettiest yellow** you ever did see!

Take a **pear**  
Put it in the pot.  
Stir it, stir it, stir it a lot.  
Take it out now. What will it be?  
The **prettiest green** you ever did see!

Take some **blueberries**  
Put it in the pot.  
Stir it, stir it, stir it a lot.  
Take it out now. What will it be?  
The **prettiest blue** you ever did see!

Take some **grapes**  
Put it in the pot.  
Stir it, stir it, stir it a lot.  
Take it out now. What will it be?  
The **prettiest purple** you ever did see!

What did we make with our rainbow stew?  
*A magical rainbow for me and you!*

### Colors Action Rhyme

Blue is the lake (*point to the floor*).

Yellow is the sun (*raise your arms and  
make a circle for a sun*).

Silver are the stars (*wiggle your fingers  
like twinkling stars*).

Red is the apple (*make an apple with  
your hands making a circle*).

Green is the tree (*raise your arms like  
branches up toward the sky*).

Brown is the color of the chocolate chip  
cookie for you and me (*make a small  
circle with your hands*).

Yum (*rub your belly*).



### Rainbow Colors

(To the tune Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)

*Bring your arms up over your head, then  
slowly bring them down shoulder high,  
like you are making a rainbow. Then  
make your fingers move like raindrops.*

First comes red and orange, too  
Shiny yellow, green, and blue.

Purple ends the pretty rays Only  
seen on rainy days.

First comes red and orange, too  
Shiny yellow, green and blue.

Source: [Jbrary.com](http://Jbrary.com)



Source: [King County Library Tell Me a Story](http://King County Library Tell Me a Story)



### Songs & Fingerplays

Had a Little Turtle  
Five Elephants Baby  
Bumblebee  
Five Little Monkeys

### Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed

Hold up five fingers of one hand and have them bounce from the top of your other hand.

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed,

One fell down and bumped his head,

(Hold one finger up to "fall down")

Mama called the doctor

(hold one hand to your ear like talking on a phone)

and the doctor said,

(point and wag your finger)

"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"



—Four little monkeys jumping on the bed, etc

—Three little monkeys, etc

—Two little monkeys, etc. .

One little monkey jumping on the bed,  
He/She fell down and bumped his/her head,  
Mama called the doctor and the doctor said,  
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

How many monkeys jumping on the bed?

Zero! (Make a zero with your fingers)

### Five Elephants in the Bathtub

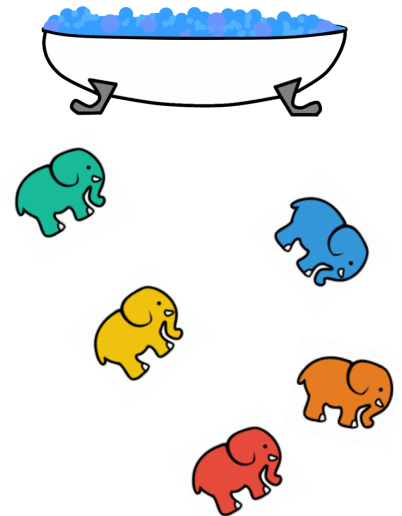
One elephant in the bathtub (hold up one finger)

Going for a swim. (Make swimming motions.)

Knock, Knock, (Slap knees with "Knock, Knock.")

Splash, Splash, (Clap twice with "Splash, Splash.") Come on in! (Motion with hands to come in.) Two elephants elephants in the bathtub... etc.

(Add more elephants - 3—4, then—)



Five elephants in the bathtub

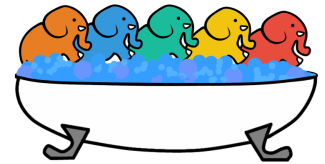
Going for a swim.

Knock, Knock,

Splash, Splash,

They all fell in!

Source: [Jbrary.com](http://Jbrary.com)



### Tiny Tim (I Had a Little Turtle)

I had a little Turtle,

His name was Tiny Tim.

I put him in the bathtub,

To see if he could swim.

He drank up all the water

And ate a bar of soap.

And now he's in his bed,

With bubbles in his throat.

Bubble, Bubble,

Bubble, Bubble, Bubble,

Bubble, Bubble, Bubble,

Bubble Bubble, POP!



### Baby Bumblebee Song

Bzzzzzzz (Catch the bumblebee with both hands.)

I'm bringing home my baby bumble bee

Won't my Mommy be so proud of me

I'm bringing home my baby bumble bee -

OUCH! It stung me!

Bzzzzz! (Open hands to let bumblebee fly away.)

Source: [www.funnysongsforkids.com](http://www.funnysongsforkids.com)





# Podcast Episode #6: Bunnies



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## Fingerplays

- **Baby Bunny Bounces**
- **Here Comes a Bunny**
- **This is a House for a Bunny**



## Fingerplays

### BABY BUNNY BOUNCES

Baby bunny bounces high; (Older children jump; babies bounce on caregiver's knee.)  
Baby bunny bounces low; (Jump low)  
Baby bunny blinks his eyes; (Blink eyes as you point to them)  
Baby Bunny waves good-bye. (Wave good-bye)

Source: Sunflower Storytime



### HERE COMES A BUNNY (Adapted Traditional)

Here comes a bunny - hippity, hop, (child squats down and hops)  
With ears so funny - floppity, flop. (put index fingers on side of head & wiggle them)  
When in danger he -sniffity, sniffs, (wiggle nose)  
Then hides in his hole - jiffity, jiff! (place hands over head to hide)

Source: Preschool Express

### THIS IS A HOUSE FOR A BUNNY

Here is a nest for robin (cup hands)  
Here is a hive for a bee (close fists)  
Here is a hole for a bunny (make circle with both hands)  
And here is a house for me (make roof with hands)

Source: King County Library- Tell Me a Story





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## Fingerplays

- Five Little Monkeys Swinging in the Tree
- Two Little Birds

# Episode 7 Hello! Good-Bye! Fingerplays

## Five Little Monkeys Swinging in The Tree



Five little monkey's swinging in the tree  
(hold up one hand, fingers spread wide)



Teasing Mr Alligator can't catch me, can't catch me!

(hold both hands on top of your ears and wiggle)

Along came Mr Alligator quiet as can be

(hold up one hand, fingers wide and make the other hand the alligator, with fingers pressed together, thumb underneath, like an alligator. Move this hand slowly toward the other hand that is the monkeys)



And snapped that monkey out that tree

(quickly clap both hands as snapping one monkey)

Continue, subtracting: 4, 3, 2, 1, 0

(repeat as above, folding one finger at a time)

No more monkey's swinging in the tree! Zero!



Source: [www.english-for-students.com/](http://www.english-for-students.com/)

## Two Little Birds

Two little birds, sitting in a tree,

(hold up a finger from each hand)

My name's Lucy.

(bend one finger as if it's talking)

My name's Lee.

(bend the other finger as if it's talking)

Hello, Lucy.

(address the first finger)

Hello, Lee.

(address the second finger)

Goodbye, Lucy.

(put the hand behind your back)

Goodbye, Lee.

(put other hand behind your back)



Source: Oxford Parents, Oxford University Press



## Episode 8: Summer Fun

### Fingerplays

#### Five Red Strawberries

#### Ice Cream, Ice Cream

#### Sing a Song of Lemonade

### Ice Cream, Ice Cream

Ice cream, ice cream

In a bowl *(make a circle with hands.)*

Ice cream, ice cream

Nice and cold. *(shiver)*

Ice cream, ice cream,


What a treat! *(clap 3 times)*

Ice cream, ice cream

Good too eat! *(rub tummy)*



### Five Red Strawberries

Five red strawberries, sweet to the core. 

Bear came and ate one and then there were four.

Four red strawberries, growing near a tree.


Bear came and ate one and then


there were  three.

Three red strawberries, for you and you and you.

Bear came and ate one and then there were two.

Two red strawberries, sitting in the sun.

 Bear came and ate one and there was one.

One red strawberry, left all alone. 

Bear came and ate one and then there were none!

Source: [storytimekatie.com](http://storytimekatie.com)

### Sing a Song of Lemonade

Sing a song of lemonade.

We'll pour it in a cup. *(make a cup with your hand,)*

We'll stir it with a straw. *(make stirring motion with your other hand)*

And then we'll sip it up. *(pretend to sip)*

It will be so refreshing *(smile big)*

We'll have to have some more,

And we'll be drinking lemonade forever,  
ever more! *(rub your tummy)*

Source: [www.oocities.org](http://www.oocities.org)







## Episode 9: Down By the Station, Old Time Songs for Children from America, Part I



### Songs, Fingerplays, & a Story

Shortin' Bread

Down By the Station

Ten in a Bed

### Down By the Station

by Slim Gaillard & Lee Ricks, 1948

Down by the station  
Early in the morning  
See the little pufferbellies  
All in a row.

See the station master  
Turn the little handle  
*(Put your hand up like you are reaching to turn a handle.)*  
Chug chug toot, toot!  
*(Hold your hand in a circle like it's a whistle to your mouth.)*  
Off they go!



### Shortin' Bread

(Author Unknown, 1800's,  
Southern United States)

Mama's little baby loves  
Short'nin', short'nin',  
*(Rock your arms like holding a baby.)*  
Mama's little baby loves  
Short'nin' bread,  
Mama's little baby loves  
Short'nin', short'nin',  
Mama's little baby loves  
Short'nin' bread.

Put on the skillet,  
*(Hold one hand out flat like it's a skillet.)*  
Slip on the lid,  
*(Put other hand on top like a lid.)*  
Mama's gonna make  
A little short'nin' bread.  
That ain't all  
She's gonna do,  
Mama's gonna make  
A little coffee, too.  
*(Make a cup with your hand drink.)*

Mama's little baby loves  
Short'nin', short'nin',  
Mama's little baby loves  
Short'nin' bread,  
Mama's little baby loves  
Short'nin', short'nin',  
Mama's little baby loves  
Short'nin' bread.

### Ten in a Bed (or Roll Over)

(Author Unknown,  
1800-1900's)



There were **ten** in a bed\*  
*(Hold up both hands, 10 fingers spread)*  
And the little one said  
"Roll over, roll over!"  
*(Roll your hands over each other)*  
So they all rolled over  
And one fell out.  
*(Hold up one finger.)*

There were nine in a bed...  
*(Hold up nine fingers and continue to subtract down to one.)*  
There were eight in a bed...  
There were seven in a bed...  
There were six in a bed...  
There were five in a bed...  
There were four in a bed...  
There were three in a bed...  
There were two in a bed...

There was one in a bed  
And the little one said, "Good night!"



## Episode 10: The Little Red Caboose

### Old Time Songs for Children from America, Part 2

#### Fingerplays

##### Little Red Caboose

Row, Row, Row Your Boat Here

is the Beehive

Rock-a-Bye Baby



##### Little Red Caboose

By DeLoyce (Deke) White  
Moffitt in 1940

Little red caboose, chug, chug, chug.  
(Fists at shoulder level, alternate shoulders  
on the "chug, chug, chug")

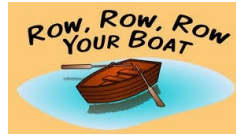
Little red caboose, chug, chug, chug.  
(Repeat "chug" motions)

Little red caboose behind the train,  
train, train, train.  
(Point thumb back over your shoulder)

Smoke stack on his  
back, back, back, back.  
(Repeat "chug" motions)

Comin' around the  
track, track, track, track.  
(Repeat "chug" motions)

Little red caboose behind the train,  
CHOO, CHOO!  
(Pull down, like pulling a whistle chain)



Row, Row, Row Your  
Boat is a traditional  
nursery rhyme first time  
published in 1852 in USA.

It is still very popular! It is used in many homes,  
preschools and schools all over the world.

*Movements: Singers can sit opposite one  
another and pretend to row forwards and  
backwards with joined hands.*

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

Row, row, row your boat,  
Gently to the shore.  
If you see a lion  
- Don't forget to ROAR!

Row, row, row your boat,  
Gently down the stream.  
If you see a crocodile  
- Don't forget to scream!

#### Rock-a-Bye Baby

Rock-a-Bye Baby was originally a song of the Abenaki and Wampanoag people who are Indigenous to the area of the present day states of Massachusetts and Vermont. It is believed to have been translated by the early English settlers in the 1600's. who were intrigued by the native custom of bundling babies in cradle boards. Sometimes the cradle boards were hung from trees to help the baby to sleep.



Rock-a-bye baby on the tree top.

When the wind blows  
the cradle will rock.

When the bough breaks,  
the cradle will fall.

And down will come Baby,  
Cradle and all.



#### XII. — THE COUNTING LESSON.

(Right hand.)

Here is the beehive. Where are the bees?  
Hidden away where nobody sees.  
Soon they come creeping out of the hive —  
One! — two! — three! four! five!



Source: *FingerPlays for Nursery and Kindergarten* by Emilie Poulson, 1893, Boston: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard. Co.  
(Digitized: Google Books, 2019)



# Episode 11: Cats



## Fingerplays

**I'm a Little Kitty Cat**  
**The Little Clapping Mouse**  
**Kitty Cat POUNCE!**

### I'm a Little Kitty Cat

*(to the tune of I'm a Little Teapot)*

I'm a little kitty cat

Nice and sweet

Here are my whiskers

and here are my feet

When I go out hunting,

mice beware

Or you might just have a scare!

Source: jbrary.com

### The Little Clapping Mouse

*(Clap twice after each line)*

Behind the tree \* \*

And under the house \* \*

There lived a teeny \* \*

Tiny mouse \* \*

She loved to sing \* \*

She loved to tap \* \*

But most of all \* \*

She loved to clap \* \*

She clapped all night \* \*

She clapped all day \* \*

She clapped to frighten \* \*

The cat away \* \* \* \* \*

*(lots of claps)*

Source: jbrary.com



### Kitty Cat POUNCE!

*(Roll up a scarf slowly while you say the words, then toss it high in the air on "Pounce!")*

Kitty cat, kitty cat sneaks out of the house.  
Kitty cat, kitty cat creeps up to a mouse,  
And... POUNCE!

Kitty cat, kitty cat, creeps up to a bird.  
Kitty cat, kitty cat, is not even heard,  
And... POUNCE!

But the mouse ran, and the bird flew away,  
So kitty cat found a ball of yarn to play  
And... POUNCE!

Source: literaryhoots.com



## Episode 12: Pumpkins

### Fingerplays

"Pumpkin, Pumpkin"

Five Little Pumpkins Sitting on a

Gate Pumpkin Bread

I'm a Little Pumpkin

I Made A Jack-O-Lantern



### Pumpkin Bread

Pumpkin, pumpkin, Pumpkin bread!

*(Hold hands flat one lying on top of the other)*

Pumpkin, pumpkin, Pumpkin head!

*(Put hands on head)*

Pumpkin, pumpkin, Pumpkin pie!

*(Hold hands in a big circle)*

Pumpkin, pumpkin, Pumpkin eye!

*(Curve hands around eyes)*

Pumpkin, pumpkin, Pumpkin cake!

*(Hold Hands flat five inches above the other)*

Pumpkin, pumpkin, Pumpkin shake!

*(Hold fists up close to years and shake hard)*

Pumpkin, pumpkin, Pumpkin stew!

*(Pretend to stir stew)*

Pumpkin, pumpkin, Pumpkin BOO!

*(make a circle)*



### Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.

*(hold up fingers for pumpkins)*

The first one said,

"Oh my! It's getting late."

*(wiggle thumb)*

The second one said,

"There are witches in the air."

*(wiggle pointer)*

The third one said,

"But we don't care."

*(wiggle tall finger)*

The fourth one said,

"Let's run and run and run."

*(wiggle ring finger)*

The fifth one said,

"It's Halloween fun."

*(wiggle pinkie finger)*

Ooooooh went the wind.

*(hold hands to mouth)*

And out when the lights.

*(clap hands to the word "out")*

And the five little pumpkins

rolled out of sight! *(roll arms)*



### I'm a Little Pumpkin

*(to the tune of I'm a Little Teapot)*

I'm a little pumpkin, short and round.

*(make circle with your arms)*

Here is my stem and there is the ground.

*(point to your head and then the ground)*

When I get all cut up, don't you shout.

*(side of hand cutting on top of the other)*

Just open me up, and scoop me out!

*(pull as off your head and scoop)*



### I Made A Jack-O-Lantern

I made a jack-o-lantern for Halloween night.

*(form circle)*

He has 3 crooked teeth, but he won't bite.

*(point to teeth and shake head)*

He has 2 round eyes, but cannot see.

*(circle eyes)*

He's a jolly jack-o-lantern as happy as can be

*(smile big)*



## Episode 13: Apples



### Fingerplays

Way Up High in the Apple Tree

Here We Go Round the Apple Tree

The Apple Tree Math

Ten Red Apples

### Way Up High in the Apple Tree

Way up high in an apple tree *(point)*

two big apples smiled down at me

*(Hold up two fingers and smile)*

I shook that tree as hard as *(shake body)*

I could and Down *(shout)* came the apples

Mm-mm, they were Good *(rub tummy)*



### Here We Go Round the Apple Tree

*(to the tune of Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush) (Start by joining hands and dancing in a circle.)*

Here we go round the apple tree,  
the apple tree, the apple tree

Here we go round the apple tree,  
on a cool and sunny morning.

*(Pretend to climb the tree together.)*

This is the way we climb the tree,  
climb the tree, climb the tree,

This is the way we climb the tree,  
on a cool and sunny morning.

*(Pretend to pick the apples.)*

This is the way we pick the apples,  
pick the apples, pick the apples,

This is the way we pick the apples,  
on a cool and sunny morning.

*(Pretend to eat the apples.)*

This is the way we eat the apples,  
eat the apples, eat the apples.

This is the way we eat the apples,  
on a cool and sunny morning.

YUM, Yumm! *(Rub your belly.)*

### Ten Red Apples

Ten red apples grow on an apple  
tree. *(Both hands held up high)*

Five for you and five for me. *(Hold out  
one hand, then the other, fingers spread)*

Let us shake the tree just so.

*(Wrap your hands like you are holding a tree  
and shake)*

And ten red apples fall below

*(Hold out hands and let them fall, then count  
1 to 10 holding up one finger at a time)*

**1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10**



### The Apple Tree Math

Way up high in the apple tree *(point)*,

Four little apples smiled down at me.  
*(Hold up four fingers and smile)*

I shook the tree as hard as I could.

Down came an apple and mmmmm!

Were they good!

Way up high in the apple tree,

Three little apples smiled down at me.

I shook the tree as hard as I could.

Down came the apples and mmmmm!

Were they good!

Way up high in the apple tree,

Two little apples smiled down at me.

I shook the tree as hard as I could.

Down came the apples and mmmmm!

Were they good!

Way up high in the apple tree,

One little apple smiled down at me.

I shook the tree as hard as I could.

Down came the apple and mmmmm!

Was it good!





## Episode 14: Fall



### Five Little Acorns



#### Fingerplays

#### Five Little Acorns

#### Five Little Leaves

Five little acorns, laying on the ground.

*(hold up 5 fingers, gesture to ground)*

The first one said, "I'm nice and round."

*(hold up 1 finger, then hold arms out in front)*

The second one said, "I think I'm getting fat."

*(hold up 2 fingers, hold arms out to sides)*

The third one said, "I have a nice hat!"

*(hold up 3 fingers, pretend to put on hat)*

The fourth one said,

"There's a squirrel up there!"

*(hold up 4 fingers, point up)*

The fifth one said, "I don't care."

*(hold up 5 fingers, shake head)*

Then down came the squirrel and

took them all away,

*(make climbing motions down, scoop up acorns)*

Back up to his nest, for a cold winter's day!

Source: adventuresinstorytime.com



### Five Little Leaves

Five little leaves on the tree next door

One fell off and then there were four

Four little leaves all over the tree

One fell off and then there were three

Three little leaves where the wind blew

One fell off and then there were two

Two little leaves sitting in the sun

One fell off and then there was one

One little leaf in the tree all alone

The wind blew and blew, now there are none.

Source: storytimekatie.com





## Episode 15: Thanksgiving and Families

### Fingerplays:

#### Mr. Turkey

#### Some Families



#### Mr. Turkey

I have a turkey,  
big and fat.

(Make a fist with one hand-thumb  
out for turkey's head)

He spreads his tail and walks  
like that.

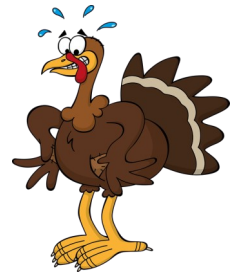
(Open your fingers and wobble your  
hand)

His daily corn he would not  
miss.

(Poke with thumb at floor)

And when he talks,  
it sounds like this:

Gobble-Gobble-Gobble!  
(wiggle thumb)





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## Episode 16: Jingle All the Way

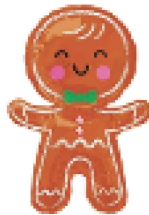


### Fingerplays

Let's All Do a Little Clapping

Gingerbread Men

Here is the Chimney



### Gingerbread Men (Action Rhyme)

Stir a bowl of gingerbread, smooth and spicy brown.

*(Pretend to stir.)*

Roll it with the rolling pin up and down.

*(Making rolling motions.)*

Take a cookie cutter and make some little men.

*(Use imaginary cutter to cut imaginary shape.)*

Put them in the oven 'til half past ten.

*(Pretend to slide cookie tray into oven.)*

MMMM!

Credit: [www.theholidayzone.com](http://www.theholidayzone.com)

### "Let's All Do a Little Clapping"

(Tune: We Wish You a Merry Christmas)

Let's all do a little clapping

Let's all do a little clapping

Let's all do a little clapping

And spread Christmas cheer.

Additional verses:

jumping, bending, twirling

Source: [www.preschooleducation.com](http://www.preschooleducation.com)



### Here is the Chimney

Here is the chimney *(Make fist, enclose thumb)*

Here is the top *(Palm of hand on top of fist)*

Open the lid *(Remove hand quickly)*

And out Santa will pop *(Pop up thumb)*

Source: Sunflower Storytime





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## Episode 17: A WONDeRFUL New Year

### Fingerplays

#### Celebrate the New Year

#### Hickory, Dickory, Dock

#### Hello New Year

#### Oh, Happy New Year



#### Celebrate the New Year

(Tune: Row, Row, Row your boat)

Cheer, cheer, cheer the year,  
A new one's just begun.  
Celebrate with all your friends,  
Let's go have some fun!  
Clap, clap, clap your hands,  
A brand new year is here.  
Learning, laughing, singing,  
clapping, Through another year.

Source: [thebestkidsbooksite.com](http://thebestkidsbooksite.com)



hickory dickory dock

#### Hickory, Dickory, Dock

(Note: Hold up arm, bent at the elbow, swing it like a pendulum, use other hand as the mouse

running up the clock. Strike 1, 2, or 3 by holding up fingers to count, then run mouse back down arm/clock)

Hickory, Dickory, Dock,  
The mouse ran up the clock,  
The clock struck one and  
The mouse ran down.  
Hickory, Dickory dock.

Hickory, Dickory, Dock,  
The mouse ran up the clock,  
The clock struck two and  
The mouse said Boo!  
Hickory, Dickory dock.

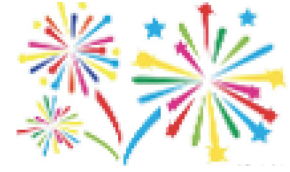
Hickory, Dickory, Dock,  
The mouse ran up the clock,  
The clock struck three and  
The mouse ran Weee!  
Hickory, Dickory dock.

Source: "Literate Beginnings"  
by D. Jeffery, 1994

#### Hello New Year

(Tune: "Are You Sleeping?")

Hello New Year  
Hello New Year  
Good bye old  
Good bye old  
Hello New Year  
Hello New Year  
We're glad you're here  
We're glad you're here



#### Oh, Happy New Year

(Tune: La Cucaracha!)

Oh, Happy New Year,  
Oh, Happy New Year  
It's a brand new day to start  
CHA CHA CHA  
(Shake your hands like you're shaking maracas and do a little dance.)

Oh, Happy New Year,  
Oh, Happy New Year  
Everybody dance the part  
CHA CHA CHA

Oh, Happy New Year,  
Oh, Happy New Year  
It's a brand new way to start  
CHA CHA CHA

Oh, Happy New Year,  
Oh, Happy New Year  
Everybody dance the part  
CHA CHA CHA





## Fingerplays

### Five Silly Snowmen

#### I Built a Little Snowman

#### Snowflake



#### I Built a Little Snowman

I built a little snowman

*(Outline the form of a snowman.)*

He had a carrot nose

*(Point to nose.)*

Along hopped a bunny

*(Move two fingers up and down)*

And what do you suppose?

That hungry bunny

*(Rub tummy)*

Looking for his lunch

*(Look around)*

Ate that snowman's nose,

*(Point to nose.)*

Nibble, nibble, crunch!

*(Open and close fingers.)*

Source: [crafts-for-preschool-kids.com](http://crafts-for-preschool-kids.com)



#### Snowflake

*(To the tune Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)*

Snowflake, snowflake dance around,

*(Dance and spin around in circles.)*

Snowflake, snowflake touch the ground.

*(Wiggle your fingers, then touch them to the floor.)*

Snowflake, landing on my nose,

*(Touch your nose.)*

Snowflake, landing on my toes,

*(Touch your toes.)*

Snowflake, snowflake

dance around,

*(Dance and spin around in circles.)*

Snowflake, snowflake

touch the ground.



### Five Silly Snowmen

Five Silly Snowmen dancing outside my door,

*(Hold up five fingers and dance them.)*

One rolled away, and then there were four.

*(Hold up one finger then roll hands over each other.)*

Four Silly Snowmen climbing up a tree,

*(Hold up four fingers and climb them up.)*

One fell down, and then there were three.

*(Hold up one finger and then let it fall down.)*

Three Silly Snowmen didn't know what to do

*(Hold up three fingers and shrug your shoulders)*

One ran away, and then there were two.

*(Hold up one finger and hide it behind your back.)*



Two Silly Snowmen baking in the sun,

*(Hold up two fingers, make a sun with your hands.)*

One melted away, and then there was one.

One Silly Snowman dancing round and round,

*(Hold up one finger, dancing then point to the ground.)*

He danced so much he melted to the ground. No

more silly snowmen, they all have gone away, I hope

I get to see them, on another winter's day!



## Episode 19: Hugs & Kisses

### Fingerplays

#### I Can Hug

#### 10 Little Hugs and a Great

#### Big Kiss

#### Different Kinds of Kissess

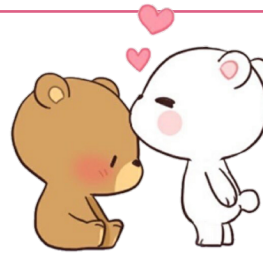
#### Five Kisses

#### I'll Kiss Mommy

#### Rhymes for Baby

### I Can Hug

I can hug, hug, hug,  
I can hop, hop, hop,  
I can kiss, kiss kiss,  
I can stop, stop, stop.  
I can nod my head yes,  
And I can shake my head no,  
And I can sit down very low.



### 10 Little Hugs and a Great Big Kiss

1 little, 2 little, 3 little hugs,  
4 little, 5 little, 6 little hugs,  
7 little, 8 little, 9 little hugs,  
10 little hugs and a  
GREAT BIG KISS!

[surlalunefairytales.com](http://surlalunefairytales.com)

### Different Kinds of Kisses

Grandma kisses (*grab cheeks and squeeze*)

Fish kisses (*purse lips and move them*)

Movie star kisses (*blow big ones*)

Rabbit kisses (*wiggle nose*)

Dog kisses (*stick out your tongue and lick*)

Credit: SurLaLune Storytime

### Five Kisses

I have five kisses that I want to give away.  
(*Hold up 5 fingers on one hand*)

Who should I kiss this Valentine's Day?

#### I'll kiss Mommy!

(*Blow a kiss*)

I have four kisses that I want to give away.  
(*Hold up 4 fingers on one hand and so on*)

Who should I kiss this Valentine's Day?

#### I'll kiss Daddy!

I have three kisses that I want to give away.

Who should I kiss this Valentine's Day?

#### I'll kiss Grandma!

I have two kisses that I want to give away.

Who should I kiss this Valentine's Day?

#### I'll kiss Grandpa!

I have one kiss that I want to give away.

Who should I kiss this Valentine's Day?

#### I'll kiss you

### Rhymes for Baby

Bunny kisses (*rub noses*)

Butterfly kisses (*brush eyelashes on cheek*)

Goldfish kisses (*suck in your cheeks and kiss on the lips*)

Billy goat kisses (*gently bump foreheads*)

And a big bear hug!

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Up up up in the sky like this

(*lift baby in the air, facing you*)

Down down down for a great big kiss

(*lower baby down again and give a kiss*)

Up like this (*lift up*)

Down for a kiss (*lower down*)

You're my special baby!

[veronastorytime.com/hugs-kisses-story-time-baby/](http://veronastorytime.com/hugs-kisses-story-time-baby/)





## Episode 20: Dogs

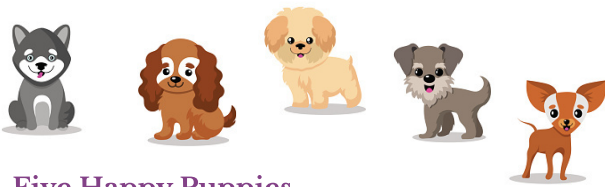


### Fingerplays

#### If You're a Dog and You know It

#### Five Happy Puppies

#### My Dog Rags



#### If You're a Dog and You Know It

*(To the tune, If You're Happy and You Know It)*

If you're a dog and know it, wag your tail....(*wag, wag*)

If you're a dog and know it, wag your tail....(*wag, wag*)

If you're a dog and know it, and you really want to show it,  
you're a dog and know it, wag your tail....(*wag, wag*)

#### ditional verses:

*ou're a dog and you know it, dig a hole....(dig, dig)*

*If you're a dog and know it, give a bark....(woof, woof)*

*If you're dog and you know do all three.... (wag, wag, dig, dig, woof, woof!)*

Source: [adventuresinstorytime.com](http://adventuresinstorytime.com)

#### Five Happy Puppies

Five happy puppies were playing in the sun.  
*(Hold up 5 fingers of one hand)*

This one saw a rabbit, and he began to run.  
*(Hold up 1 finger and make it run)*

Four curious puppies were playing in the sun  
*(Hold up 4 fingers of one hand)*

This one saw a butterfly, and he began to race.  
*(Hold up 1 finger and make it run)*

Three excited puppies, playing in the sun.  
*(Hold up 3 fingers of one hand)*

This one saw an orange cat, and he began to chas  
*(Hold up 1 finger and make it run)*

Two bored puppies were lying in the sun.

This one tried to catch his tail,  
and he went round and round.  
*(Hold up 1 finger and circle it around)*

One lonely puppy, sitting all alone.

He was so quiet, he never made a sound.  
*(Hold 1 finger to your lips, "shhhhh")*



#### My Dog Rags

I have a dog. His name is Rags.

He eats so much that his tummy sags,  
*(hold out hands in a circle and make a big belly)*

His ears flip flop (*flap hands by your ears*)  
and his tail wig wags (*wiggle*).

And when he walks, he goes zig zag  
*(hold hands together, move them in a zig-zag).*

He goes flip flop, wig wag, zig zag.

He goes flip flop, wig wag, zig zag.

He goes flip flop, wig wag, zig zag.

I love Rags (*point to your heart*) and he loves me (*hug yourself*).





## Fingerplays for Feeling Healthy

### 1. Restful Sleep - restful sleep helps our brains and body work better.

#### Five in the Bed *(To the tune, Ten in the Bed)*

There were **five** in the bed and the little one said, "Roll over, roll over."  
So they all rolled over and one fell out,  
there were **four** in the bed,  
and the little one said, "Roll over, roll over."  
So they all rolled over and one fell out, there were **three** in the bed,  
and the little one said, "Roll over, roll over."  
So they all rolled over and one fell out, there were **two** in the bed,  
and the little one said, "Roll over, roll over."  
So they all rolled over and one fell out, there were **one** in the bed,  
and the little one said, "  
"I got the whole bed to myself, I got the whole big bed to myself,  
I got the whole bed to myself, I've got the whole bed to **myself**."

#### This is the Way We Yawn and Stretch

*(To the tune, Mulberry Bush)*

This is the way we yawn and stretch,  
*(Yawn and stretch your arms)*  
Yawn and stretch, yawn and stretch.  
This is the way we yawn and stretch,  
On our way to bed.

This is the way we take a bath...

*(pretend to scrub in the tub)*

This is the way we read a book...

*(hold hands together like a book)*

This is the way we hug and kiss...

*(hug yourself and blow kisses)*

This is the way we close our eyes...

*(close eyes, rest head hands)*



#### Five Little Peas - eating well gives us energy!

Five little peas in a pea pod pressed *(hold hand in a fist)*.

One grew, two grew, so did all the rest *(slowly open your fingers)*.

They grew and grew and did not stop *(raise your hand high)*,

Until one day the pod went POP! *(clap hands)*



Source: King County Library System, Tell Me a Story

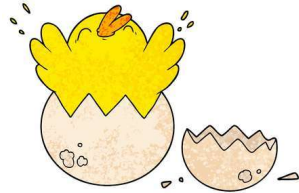






## Egg-cellent Finger-plays, and Songs

**\*Five Little Eggs \*Shaker Egg Song \*Little Chick Waits \*Eggs in a Nest \*Five Little Chicks**



### Five Little Eggs

There are five little eggs  
And what do we see  
They're about to crack open  
"My goodness me,"  
said Mother Hen.

The first egg cracks open  
And what do we see  
It's a fuzzy, little duckling  
Looking at me.

The second egg cracks open  
And what do we see  
It's a little turkey gobbler  
Looking at me.

The third egg cracks open  
And what do we see  
It's a little fuzzy owl  
Looking at me.

The fourth egg cracks open  
And what do we see  
It's a pretty little bluebird  
Looking at me.

The fifth egg cracks open  
And what do we see  
It's a little yellow chicken  
Looking at me.

"My baby!"  
said the mother hen,  
as happy as can be.  
"Mommy!" said the chick.  
"Did you meet my sisters and  
brothers?"  
"What!" shrieked Mother Hen,  
"My goodness me."

*Adapted from: 10 Little Eggs  
Source: jeninthelibrary.com*

### Shaker Egg Song:

#### If You're Happy & You Know It, Give a Shake

If you're happy and you know it, give a shake

If you're happy and you know it, give a shake

If you're happy and you know it and you really want to show it

If you're happy and you know it, give a shake

Verses: Give a tap, clap your hands, do all three

*Source: Jbrary.com*

### Little Chick Waits

By Jeanne Warren

Little chick waits in his shell of white

Curled up cozy, oh so tight!

Then he taps out a hole with his beak,  
beak, beak

And pops from his shell with a peep,  
peep, peep!

### Eggs in a Nest

Here's an egg in a nest up in a tree.

*(make fist with right hand and place in palm  
of cupped left hand)*

What's inside? What can it be?

*(shrug shoulders)*

Peck, peck, peck,

Peep, peep, peep.

Out hatches a little bird,

*(Wiggle fingers of fisted hand)*

Cute as can be!

*Source: childfun.com*



### Five Little Chicks

Said the first little chicken,  
With a strange little squirm,  
"I wish I could find  
A fat little worm."

Said the next little chicken,  
With an odd little shrug:  
"I wish I could find  
A fat little bug."

Said a third little chicken,  
With a small sigh of grief,  
"I wish I could find  
A green little leaf!"

Said the fourth little chicken,  
With a faint little moan,  
"I wish I could find  
A wee gravel stone."

"Now, see here!" said the mother,  
From the green garden patch,  
"If you want any breakfast,  
Just come here and scratch!"



## Earth Loving Finger-plays, and Songs

### Fingerplays

### Earth Day Song

### Here is the Beehive



### Earth Day Song

*(To the tune Mary Had a Little Lamb)*

Plant a seed and you will  
see,

*(pretend to plant a seed by one hand putting a "seed"  
into the other hand)*

you will see, you will see,  
Plant a seed and you will see  
Oh, how beautiful the world it can be.

Watch the seed sprout and grow,  
*(slowly raise your hand and arm like it's a  
growing sprout)*

Sprout and grow, sprout and grow  
Watch the seed sprout and grow,  
Oh, the beautiful world you'll know.

Look at how the sprout has bloomed,  
*(raise and open your hand like it is a blooming  
flower)*

sprout has bloomed,  
sprout has bloomed  
Look at how the sprout has bloomed,  
Oh, what a beautiful world to groom.



### Here is the Beehive

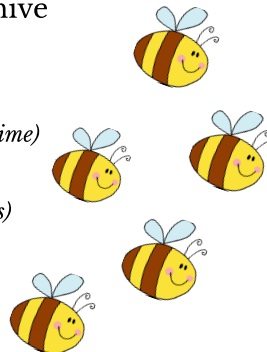
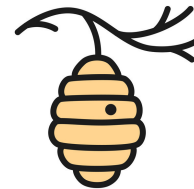
Here is the beehive  
*(hold up one hand curled into a fist)*  
but where are the bees?  
*(shrug your shoulders)*

Hidden away where nobody sees  
*(put one hand over the fist)*

Watch and you'll see them  
come out of the hive  
1, 2, 3, 4, 5...

They're alive!  
*(unfold one finger at a time)*  
Buzzzzzzzzzz  
*(make hands fly like bees)*

Source: Jbrary.com





## Episode 24: Sheepish Lambs

### Fingerplays

#### Ten Little Lambs

(Hold up one finger at a time and count one)

One little, two little, three little lambs  
Four little, five little, six little lambs,  
Seven little, eight little, nine little lambs,  
Ten little baby lambs ---baaaa!

#### The Lamb Went

The lamb went...  
Around the cow in the corn  
(trace circle in palm)  
Under the haystack  
(go under the hand)  
Up the hill and down the hill  
(go up the arm and down the arm)  
Over the fence (go above the hand)  
Through the door (slide hands and clap)  
And was back in time to meet the  
each other (trace circle in palm)

source: storytimekatie.com

One little woolly lamb with coat so new,  
(start by holding up 1 finger then add as you read)  
Along comes another lamb, and that makes two.  
Two little woolly lambs roaming so free,  
Along comes another lamb, and that makes three.  
Three little woolly lambs by the barn door,  
Along comes another lamb, and that makes four.  
Four little woolly lambs so glad to be alive,  
Along comes another lamb, and that makes five.  
Five little woolly lambs having so much fun,  
Together now, let's count them one by one.  
1-2-3-4-5.

#### Five Little Woolly Lambs - An Addition Fingerplay

Instructions: Cut-out the little lambs (below) and the fingerplay (left) to learn about counting and addition. Start by having your child place one sheep on a flat surface, as you help your child repeat the finger-play rhyme and actions, let them add one lamb at a time up to five. (Source: hubardscupboard.org)



#### Five White and Fluffy Sheep - A Subtraction Fingerplay

Instructions: Cut-out the five sheep (below) and the fingerplay (right) to learn about subtraction. Place all five sheep on a flat surface, as you help your child perform the finger-play rhyme and actions, let them "take-away" or subtract one sheep and then repeat rhyme and actions to zero. (Source: Dr. Jean Warren, preschoolexpress.com)



Five white and fluffy sheep (hold up five fingers)  
In the pasture fast asleep  
(hands under head, lean over)  
Their wool kept them cozy all night long  
(hug yourself)  
Snore! Snore! (make snore sounds)  
The farmer slipped away with one  
(hold up one finger)  
And sheared the wool till he was done (clap)  
Then there were 4 white fluffy sheep  
(hold up four fingers) Baa! Baa!  
(Repeat subtracting from 4 3 2 1 0)





## Episode 25: May Flowers

### Fingerplays for May Flowers



#### Two Little Bluebirds Sitting on a Lily

Two little bluebirds sitting  
on a lily  
(Hold up one finger on each hand)

One named Serious and  
one named Silly

Fly away Serious  
(Fly one finger away)

Fly away Silly  
(Fly the other finger away)

Come back Serious  
(Bring back first finger)

Come back Silly  
(Bring back other finger)



#### Five Pretty Flowers

Five pretty flowers  
In the meadow grew.  
“Hmmm,” I said  
“I bet they smell pretty too!”  
I bent down to sniff (sniff big)  
But they ticked my nose!  
Ah-CHOO! (sneeze really big)  
Oh, no!

Away one flower blows.  
(Remove one flower.)

(Repeat verse take away one, 4,3,2,1)

Source: jeninthelibrary.com



#### Five Little Daffodils

(Hold up one finger at a time, then add 2, 3, 4, and 5)

One little daffodil had nothing much to do,  
Out popped another one, then there were two.  
Two little daffodils were smiling at a bee,  
Out popped another one, then there were three.  
Three little daffodils were growing by the door,  
Out popped another one, then there were four.  
Four little daffodils were glad to be alive,  
Out popped another one, then there were five.  
Five little daffodils were wearing golden crowns,  
They danced in the breeze in green satin gowns.

Source: SurLaLuneStorytime

#### Ten Little Flowers

(Hold up a finger as you count)

1 little, 2 little, 3 little flowers  
4 little, 5 little, 6 little flowers  
7 little, 8 little, 9 little flowers  
10 little flowers in the spring

Give them rain and lots of sunshine  
(wiggle fingers down, circle arms over head)  
Give them rain and lots of sunshine  
Give them rain and lots of sunshine  
So they'll grow up big and tall  
(move both hands up high)

Source: Sunflowerstorytime.com



#### Dig a Little Hole

Dig a little hole (dig)  
Plant a little seed (drop seed)  
Pour a little water (pour)  
Pull a little weed (pull up and away)  
Chase a little bug (chasing motion)  
Heigh-ho, there he goes! (shade eyes)  
Give a little sunshine (make sun)  
Grow a little rose (smell flower, eyes closed)

#### A Flower Blooming

A hand is a bud  
(close hand into a fist)  
Closed up tight  
Without a tiny  
Speck of light.

Then slowly the petals  
(slowly open hand,  
one finger at a time)  
Open for me  
And here is a beautiful  
Flower I see!

Source: preschoolsexpress.com

#### Flower Planting Song

(To the tune: Row, Row, Row your Boat)

Dig, dig, dig the earth  
(pretend to dig)  
Then you plant the seeds  
(pretend to plant)  
A gentle rain  
(wiggle fingers down)  
The bright sunshine  
(circle arms overhead)  
And flowers you will see  
(open arms wide)



## Episode 26: A Garden Green



### Green Garden Fingerplays

#### The Gardener Plants the Seeds

*(To the tune: The Farmer in the Dell)*

The gardener plants the seeds.  
*(pretend to put a seed in the ground)*  
The gardener plants the seeds.  
Heigh-ho, let's watch it grow,  
The gardener plants the seeds.

Additional verses:

The rain begins to fall...

*(move your hands down & wiggle fingers like rain)*

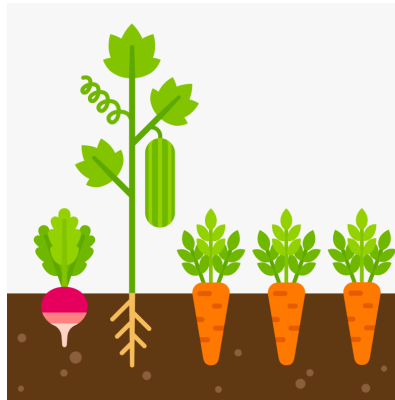
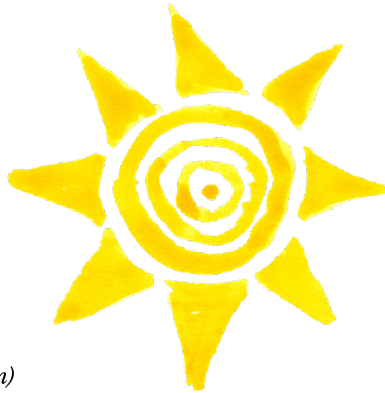
The sun begins to shine...

*(open and close hands to form finger "rays")*

The plant begins to grow...

*(hands together, move upwards)*

*(Adapted) Source: jeninthelibrary.com*



#### Little Seed in the Ground

*(Action rhyme)*

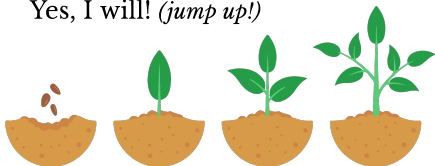
Little seed in the ground

*(crouch down on the floor)*

Sitting so still *(stay crouching)*

Little seed, will you sprout?

Yes, I will! *(jump up!)*



*Source: sunflowerstorytime.c*

#### Big Round Sun

Big round sun in the summer sky

*(hold arms in circle over head)*

Waved to a cloud that was passing by *(wave)*

The little cloud laughed as it started to rain

*(wiggle fingers downward)*

And out came the big round sun again

*(hold arms up in circle again)*

*Source: pasadena-library.net*



#### In My Garden

There's something in my garden,

Now, what can it be?

There's something in my garden,

That I can't really see.

I hear it's funny sound....

BUZZ - BUZZ - BUZZ

A BEE is what I found!

BUZZ - BUZZ - BUZZ

Additional verses:

TWEET - Bird

THUMP - Rabbit

RIBBIT - FROG

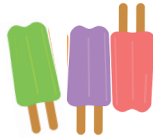
WIGGLE - Caterpillar

*(Adapted) Source: adventuresinstorytime.com*



## Episode 27: Picnics & Popsicles

### Fingerplays for picnics!



#### Three Melting Popsicles

Three melting popsicles sticky and sweet  
ate the **green** one - what a yummy treat!

*Rub stomach and say, "Yum yum!"*

Two melting popsicles sticky and sweet  
ate the **purple** one - what a yummy treat!

*Rub stomach and say, "Yum yum!"*

One melting popsicle sticky and sweet  
ate the **red** one - what a yummy treat!

*Rub stomach and say, "Yum yum!"*

No more popsicles sticky and sweet  
guess I'll have to find something else to eat!

*Source: storytimesecrets.blogspot.com*



#### Four Hungry Ants

4 hungry ants, marching in a line  
They come upon a picnic,  
where they could dine  
They marched into the salad  
They marched into the cake  
They marched into the pepper  
Oh-uh! That was a mistake!  
AAAAACCCCCHHHHHOOOO!

3, 2, 1 hungry ants. . .

No more hungry ants,  
marching in a line

#### Ladybugs' Picnic

(Sesame Street)

One, two, three  
Four, five, six  
Seven, eight, nine  
Ten, eleven, twelve  
Ladybugs  
Came to the ladybugs' picnic



One, two, three  
Four, five, six  
Seven, eight, nine  
Ten, eleven, twelve  
And they all played games  
At the ladybugs' picnic  
They had twelve sacks,  
so they ran sack races  
They fell on their backs, and  
they fell on their faces  
The ladybugs twelve  
At the ladybugs' picnic.  
They played jump rope,  
but the rope - it broke  
So they just sat around telling  
knock-knock jokes  
The ladybugs twelve  
At the ladybugs' picnic

One, two, three  
Four, five, six  
Seven, eight, nine  
Ten, eleven, twelve  
And they chatted away  
At the ladybugs' picnic  
They talked about the  
high price of furniture and rugs  
And fire insurance for ladybugs  
The ladybugs twelve  
At the ladybugs' picnic  
Twelve!

*Source: genius.com/Sesame-street-ladybugs-picnic-lyrics*



## Episode 28: Starry Summer

### Fingerplays for Summer



#### Twinkling Stars

At night I see the twinkling stars  
(wiggle fingers)  
And the great big shining moon  
(arms overhead in circle)  
My mama tucks me into bed  
(fists under chin)  
And sings this goodnight tune...  
(Sing - TwinkleTwinkleLittle Star)

Source: sunflowerstorytime.com

#### Twinkle Little Stars

(Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)

Twinkle, twinkle, little stars,  
(Wiggle fingers)  
Stand and twinkle where you are.  
(Stand and wiggle fingers)  
Twinkle high and twinkle low.  
(Move hands up then down)  
Twinkle fast and twinkle slow.  
(Shake hands fast then slow)  
Twinkle, twinkle, little stars,  
(Wiggle fingers)  
Now sit and twinkle where you are.  
(Sit down)

Source: norweld.com

#### Five Bright and Shining Stars

(Tune: Five Green and Speckled Frogs)

Five bright and shining stars  
(Hold hand up high, fingers twinkling)  
Up in the dark night sky  
Glowing as brightly as they can  
(Clap, clap)  
One disappears from sight,  
(One finger is a star--shooting off)  
as the sun brings its morning light  
(Make a sun with your arms in a circle)  
Now there are four bright and  
shining stars.

(Repeat and count down 4, 3, 2, 1 -  
until the sun is up and the stars are gone)

Source: Jbrary.com





## Fingerplays By the Sea

### A Sailor Went To Sea

A sailor (*hold hand in salute at forehead*)  
went to sea, sea, sea (*clap 3 times*)  
To see (*cup hand to eyes*)  
what he could see, see, see (*clap 3 times*)  
But all that he could see, see, see (*clap 3 times*)  
Was the bottom of the deep blue  
sea, sea, sea! (*clap 3 times*)

Source: [nurseryrhymes.org](http://nurseryrhymes.org)

### The Waves on the Beach

(To the tune - The Wheels on the Bus)

The waves on the beach go up  
and down,  
up and down, up and down,  
The waves on the beach go up  
and down  
All day long  
The crabs on the beach go snap,  
snap, snap..  
The clams on the beach go open  
and shut..  
The sand on the beach goes  
swish, swish, swish..

Source: [Jbrary.com](http://Jbrary.com)

### Swing Me Over the Ocean

Swing me over the ocean  
(*swing arms over head one way*)  
Swing me over the sea  
(*swing arms over head other way*)  
Swing me over the garden  
(*swing arms in front of you*)  
And have me home for tea.  
(*rest hands on hips*)



### Crabs are Crawling

Crabs are crawling (*make crawling motions with hands*) (*repeat*)  
on the rocks (*repeat*)  
Watch out for their pinchers  
(*make crawling pinching motions with hands*) (*repeat*)  
Snap, snap, snap! (*repeat*)

Additional:

Lobsters are crawling...

Source: [Jbrar.com](http://Jbrar.com)





### Big Sea Star

A big sea star, a big sea star  
Little cuddle clam, and a big sea star  
A big sea star, a big sea star  
Little cuddle clam, and a big sea star  
A puffer fish, a puffer fish,  
Little cuddle clam and a big sea star  
A puffer fish, a puffer fish,  
Little cuddle clam and a big sea star



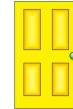
## Fingerplays

### The Alphabet Beat

First clap your hands.  
Then stomp your feet.  
Everybody do the alphabet beat.  
Apple, Apple, Apple – a – a – a,  
Apple, Apple, Apple – a – a – a,  
Wave your arms high.  
Swing your arms low.  
The alphabet beat is the way to go.  
Blue, Blue, Blue – b – b – b  
Blue, Blue, Blue – b – b – b  
Move to the left.   
Move to the right.   
The alphabet beat is way out of sight.  
Car, Car, Car – c – c – c  
Car, Car, Car – c – c – c  
Now give a high five to a nearby friend.  
The alphabet beat has come to the end!

Source: [preschoolstorytimeoutlines.blogspot.com](http://preschoolstorytimeoutlines.blogspot.com)

### One, Two, Buckle My Shoe



One, two,  
Buckle my shoe;  
Three, four,  
Knock at the door;  
Five, six,  
Pick up sticks;  
Seven, eight,  
Lay them straight;  
Nine, ten,  
A big fat hen.



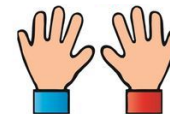
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### Here is the Beehive



Here is the the beehive  
(hold up one hand in a fist)  
but where are the bees?  
Hidden away where  
nobody sees  
Watch and you'll see them  
come out of the hive  
(open fingers as you count)  
1, 2, 3, 4, 5... They're alive  
Bzzzzzzzz  
(Buzz your fingers away)

Source: [Jbrary.com](http://Jbrary.com)



### Two Hands, Ten Fingers

Two little hands and ten little fingers,  
Count them now with me!  
Two little hands - one, two  
(hold up both hands, hold up higher as you count)  
And ten little fingers,  
(hold up one finger at a time as you count)  
1 little, 2 little, 3 little fingers,  
4 little, 5 little, 6 little fingers,  
7 little, 8 little, 9 little fingers,  
10 little fingers and that is all!





## Fingerplays

### Five Little Monsters Underneath the Bed



FIVE little monsters underneath the bed

*(hold up one hand five fingers, these are the monsters, hold the other hand over the first, this is the bed they are underneath)*

One stood up and bumped his head;

*(hold up one finger standing under the bed, then point to bumped head)*

Mother called the doctor

*(make pretend phone with hand)*

And the doctor said:

No more monsters underneath the bed!

*(shake finger)*

*(Repeat verse for four, three, two, one and no monsters under the bed)*

Source: [pasadena-library.net](http://pasadena-library.net)

### Horns, Fangs, Knees and Claws

*To the tune Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes*

Horns, fangs

*(make horns with two fingers, one on each side of your head, point to your fangs/teeth)*

Knees and claws

*(touch knees, make claws with your hands)*

Knees and claws.

Horns, fangs

Knees and claws

Knees and claws.

Eyes and ears and tail and paws

Horns, fangs

Knees and claws

Knees and claws.

Source: [Jbrary.com](http://Jbrary.com)

### Ten Little Monsters

One little, two little, three little monsters

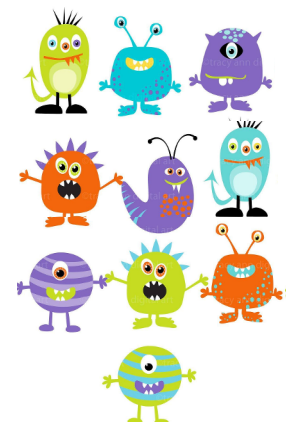
*(Hold up both hand, fingers in a fist, lift one finger at a time as you count with the song)*

Four little, five little, six little monsters,

Seven little, eight little, nine little monsters

Ten little monsters can't scare me!

Source: [sunflowerstorytime.com](http://sunflowerstorytime.com)





## Fingerplays

### One Whole Pie

One whole pie set by the door,  
Cut into pieces, I count four  
*(hold up four fingers and count)*

Four pieces of pie, all for me  
I ate one piece, now there are three.

Three pieces of pie, delicious, that's true,  
I ate another piece, now there are two.

Two pieces of pie -- Oh! What fun!  
I ate another piece, now there is one.

One piece of pie, the last on my plate,  
I ate this piece -- I just couldn't wait!

Source: [toddlertalesfun.blogspot.com](http://toddlertalesfun.blogspot.com)



### Baking an Apple Pie

*To the tune Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush*

This is the way we pick the apples,  
Pick the apples, pick the apples.  
This is the way we pick the apples  
On an autumn day.

This is the way we *wash the apples...*

This is the way we *slice the apples...*

This is the way we *add the cinnamon...*

This is the way we *roll the dough...*

This is the way we *bake the pie...*

This is the way we *eat the pie...*

On an autumn day!

Source: [kcls.org](http://kcls.org)

### Alligator Pie

Alligator, Alligator, Alligator pie.

*(open & close hands like an alligator's mouth)*

If I don't get some,

I think I'm gonna cry.

*(pretend to cry)*

You can take away the grass,

*(wiggle fingers like grass blowing)*

Take away the sky,

*(hands over head)*

But don't take away

*(do alligator's mouth again)*

My Alligator pie.



Source: [kcls.org](http://kcls.org)





## Fingerplays for Toys



### Toys

Fire truck, fire truck, roll on the ground *(roll hands over hand)*

Princess, or prince, come get crowned *(touch head)*

Airplane, airplane, take off and fly *(make airplane arms out to sides)*



Baby doll, baby doll, start to cry *(rub eyes)*

Rattle, rattle, make some noise *(shake a pretend rattle)*

Oh how much I love my toys! *(give yourself a hug)*

Source: pasadena-library.net



### A Little Ball

A little ball,  
*(form circle with thumb and finger)*

A bigger ball,  
*(form circle with hands)*

A great big ball I see.  
*(form circle with arms)*

Now let's count them. Are you ready?

One, *(form circle with arms)*

Two, *(form circle with hands)*

Three! *(form circle with thumb and finger)*

Source: handleylegional.org



### Ten Teddy Bears Sleeping

By Susan Pflug

Ten little teddy bears sleeping in the bed,

Five at the foot and five at the head.

One little teddy said, "This bed is TOO full!"

So he grabbed the blanket and started to pull.

He pulled and he pulled and he pulled some more,

Until two little teddies went BOOM to the floor!

*(Make pulling motions with PULL and clap with the BOOM)*

*(Count down until...)*

One little teddy bear sleeping in the bed,

Zero at the foot and one at the head.

This little teddy said, "This is not right!"

I don't want to sleep alone tonight!"

So...

One little teddy bear sleeping in the bed,

Zero at the foot and one at the head.

This teddy said, "This bed is NOT full!"

So he put out his paw and started to pull.

He pulled and he pulled and he pulled some more,

Until four little teddies climbed up from the floor!

*(Count up until...)*

Ten little teddy bears sleeping in the bed,

Five at the foot and five at the head.

One little teddy said, "This is JUST right!"

So ten little teddy bears said, "Good Night!"

Source: storytimekatie.com

### Bumping Along in My Little Red Wagon

Bumpin' up and down in my little red wagon

*(bounce up and down like you are in a wagon)*

Bumpin' up and down in my little red wagon

Bumpin' up and down in my little red wagon

Won't you be my darling? *(give yourself a hug)*

One wheel's off and the axle's broken...(3 x)

*(roll hands over hand the fly them apart)*

Won't you be my darling? *(give yourself a hug)*

I'm gonna fix it with my hammer...(3 x)

*(make a hammering motion)*

Won't you be my darling? *(give yourself a hug)*

Bumpin' up and down in my little red wagon...(3 x)

Won't you be my darling? *(give yourself a hug)*

Source: handleylegional.org



Source: kcls.org



## Hopping Froggy Fingerplays

### The Hop Toad



Hop Toad, Hop Toad, see how he can hop;

*Fliperty-flaperty-flumperty-flop!*

This way, that way--does he ever stop?

*Hiperty-hoperty-humperty-hop!*

Hop Toad, Hop Toad, see how he can jump;

*Fliperty-flaperty-flumperty-flop!*

This way, that way--what a funny lump;

*Hiperty-hoperty-humperty-hop!*

Source: [www.flicker.com/photos/katinthecupboard](http://www.flicker.com/photos/katinthecupboard) original:  
"John Martin's Book for Little Children," April 1913, Vol.II. No.1.



### Where Are the Frogs

Where are the frogs in the pond in the sun?

One hopped up on a log and then there was one.

Where are the frogs in the pond so blue?

One hopped up on a log and then there were two.

Where are the frogs in the pond by the tree?

One hopped up on a log and then there were three.

Where are the frogs in the pond next door?

One hopped up on a log and then there were four.

Where are the frogs in the pond so alive?

One hopped up on a log and then there were five.

Source: [cantonpl.org](http://cantonpl.org)

### If You're a Frog and You Know It

*To the tune If You're Happy and You Know it*

If you're a frog and you know it, jump up and down

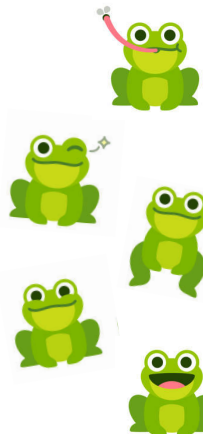
If you're a frog and you know it, jump up and down

If you're a frog and you know it, and you really want to show it,

If you're a frog and you know it, jump up and down

*(Additional verses: catch a fly, make puffy cheeks, hop into your seat, say "ribbit")*

Source: [cantonpl.org](http://cantonpl.org)



### Five Little Speckled Frogs

Five little speckled frogs  
*(hold up 5 fingers of one hand across the other arm)*

Sitting on a speckled log

Eating the most delicious bugs – YUM YUM  
*(clap hands together on Yum, Yum)*

One jumped into the pool  
*(hold up one finger and jump it off the log)*

Where it was nice and cool

Now there are only four speckled frogs

*(count down from four to one)*

### Two Little Frogs

Two little frogs sitting on a hill,  
*(hold up index fingers of both hands)*

One named Jack and one named Jill.  
*(wiggle right finger, wiggle left finger)*

"Jump," said Jack. "Jump," said Jill.  
*(jump right finger, jump left finger)*

And the both jumped down the great hill.

Come back, Jack. Come back, Jill.  
*(jump right, then left finger back)*

And the both jumped up the great big hill.





## Fingerplays



### Pat-A-Cake

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man  
Bake me a cake as fast as you can  
Roll it, *(make rolling motions with hands)*  
and pat it, *(make patting motions)*  
and mark it with a "B" *(draw a B in the air)*  
And put it in the oven for baby and me *(hug)*

### Baby's Nap

This is baby, ready for a nap. *(Hold up 1 finger)*  
Lay him down in Mama's lap. *(Lay finger across palm of other hand)*  
Cover him up so he won't peep. *(Close fingers over)*  
Rock him til he's fast asleep. *(Rock hands)*

*\*Source: Perry Public Library*

### Five Little Babies

Five little babies sitting in their cribs  
*(hold up all five fingers of one hand- wiggle a different finger for each line)*  
The first one said, "I need another bib!"  
The second one said, "I wish I had my ball."  
The third one said, "I wish that I could crawl!"  
The fourth one said, "Oh, when can we play?"  
The fifth one said, "It's been a busy day."  
Then Shhhhhh went the mommies and out went the lights,  
And five little babies said goodnight.

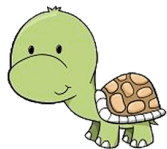
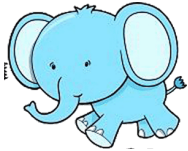
*\*Source: Perry Public Library*

### Five Babies

One little baby rocking in a tree.  
*(hold up 1 finger, rock arms)*  
Two little babies splashing in the sea.  
*(hold up 2 fingers, pretend to splash)*  
Three little babies crawling on the floor.  
*(hold up 3 fingers, make crawling motion)*  
Four little babies knocking on the door.  
*(hold up 4 fingers, pretend to knock)*  
Five little babies playing "hide and seek."  
*(hold up 5 fingers, cover eyes)*

Keep your eyes closed now, until I say....PEEK!

*Source: Perry Public Library*



### Baby Bumblebee

I'm bringing home a baby bumblebee  
Won't my mommy be so proud of me?  
I'm bringing home a baby bumblebee  
Buzz-a-buzz-a-buzz-buzz  
Ouch! It stung me.

