THE INFANT-TODDLER PLAYBOOK
SONGS, GAMES, & FINGERPLAYS

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1. **STORY SONGS**

1. **The Airplane**

   The airplane has great big wings
   And a propeller that goes round and sings
   -BRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR.
   It goes up, up, up, up
   And down, down, down, down.

   The airplane has great big wings (arms outstretched)
   Its propeller spins around and sings (spin in a circle)
   -BRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR.
   The airplane goes up (lift arms and body)
   The airplane goes down (lower arms and body)
   The airplane flies high (arms outstretched, turn body around)
   Over our town!

1. **Alligator Game**

   (have child pretend to be an alligator while you say this)

   I was walking in the jungle far, far away.
   I didn’t know where I was going so I became lost.
   But I knew if I crossed the river, I would get home.
   As I started across the river, I saw an alligator. Then I saw
   Another … and another … and another.
   How will I ever get across the river? Help! Help! Help!

1. **The Big Gray Cat**

   The big gray cat goes
   MEEEEEEE-OWWWWWWWW, MEEEEEEE-OWWWWWWWW,
   The big gray cat goes
   MEEEEEEE-OWWWWWWWW, MEEEEEEE-OWWWWWWWW.

1. **Five Little Babies**

   One little baby rocking in a tree (pretend to rock baby)
   Two little babies splashing in the sea. (make splash sound with hands)
   Three little babies crawling
   On the floor (make 3 fingers crawl on arm)
   Four little babies banging on the door. (clap hands)
   Five little babies playing hide and seek (cover eyes)
   Keep your eyes closed tight
   Till I say PEEK!
Fuzzy Wuzzy Caterpillar

Fuzzy, wuzzy caterpillar
Into a corner will crawl. (squat and move to a corner)
He'll spin himself a blanket (move head in a spin)
And then go fast asleep (pretend to sleep)
Fuzzy, wuzzy caterpillar
Wakes up by and by (wake up, slowly move arms)
To find he has wings of beauty
Changed into a butterfly. (fly with arms)

Happy Birthday

Today is __________’s birthday,
Lets make him/her a cake.
Mix and stir, stir and mix (stirring motion)
Then into the oven to bake. (pretend to put in oven)
Here is your cake so nice and round (arms round)
Let’s frost it pink and white. (frosting motion)
And put _____ candles on it (hold up fingers for age of child)
To make a birthday light

Hold up a candle and make a good wish,
Wish 1, 2, 3, blow!
______ is ____ years old today,
Wish him the best you know.

Here is a Ball for Baby

Here is a ball for baby,
Big and soft and round.
Here is baby’s hammer,
See how he can pound.
Here is baby’s music,
Clapping, clapping so.
Here are baby’s soldiers,
Marching in a row.
Here is baby’s horn,
Toot, toot, toot, toot.
Here is the way baby
Plays peek-a-boo.
Here is a big umbrella
To keep our baby dry.
Here is baby’s cradle,
Sing rock-a-baby-bye.

If You’re Happy and You Know It – Traditional

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,
Then your face will surely show it.
If you’re happy and you know it, Clap your hands.
Repeat with: happy, stomp your feed
Happy, shout hooray
Happy, do all three
Sad, cry a tear.
Mad, say I’m mad.
Surprised, raise your hands.
(use actions to fit the verse)
I’m Being Eaten by a Boa Constrictor
(sound more and more scared with each verse)
I’m being eaten by a boa constrictor
And I don’t like it very much.
Oh, no! Oh, no! He’s eating my toes,
He’s eating my toes!
Oh, gee! Oh, gee! He’s eating my knees,
He’s eating my knees!
Oh, my! Oh, my! He’s eating my thighs,
He’s eating my thighs!
Oh, fiddle! Oh, fiddle! He’s eating my middle. He’s eating my middle!
Oh, heck! Oh, heck! He’s eating my neck. He’s eating my neck!
Oh, dread! Oh, dread! He’s eating my . . .

Jack-in-the-Box

Down in a box (squat to ground’ talk softly and slowly)
There lives a little man.
He waits and he waits,
As quiet as he can
Until I open the lid – POP!

Jack in the Box by Louise B. Scott and Lucille F. Wood
Singing for Fun c. 1954
Bowmar Publishing Corp.
Jack the box, Small as a mouse,
Deep down inside, His dark little house.
Jack the box, Resting so still.
Will you come out? Yes, I will!
(Start stooping down and jump up at end. Can be sung on a scale.)

Johnny Works With One Hammer

Johnny works with one hammer,
One hammer, one hammer,
Johnny works with one hammer,
Then he works with two.
(repeat with 2, 3, 4)
Johnny works with five hammers,
Five hammers, five hammers,
Johnny works with five hammers,
Then he goes to sleep.

Looby Loo

Here we go Looby Loo,
Here we go Looby light,
Here we go Looby Loo,
All on a Saturday night.
I put my right hand in,
I put my right hand out,
I give my right hand
A shake, shake, shake, and turn myself about.
Additional verses: left hand, right foot
                            Left foot, head
                            Whole self

Look and See – Traditional
Look and see what I can do,
What I can do, what I can do.
Look and see what I can do,
You can do it too.

Look at My Big Balloon
(to the tune of “Pop! Goes the Weasel”)
Look at my big balloon.
Watch me while I blow.
Small at first, then bigger
Watch it grow and grow.
Do you think it’s big enough?
Maybe I should stop
For if I blow much longer
My balloon will POP!

Miss Polly – unknown
Miss Polly had a dolly who was sick, sick, sick (cradle dolly in arms).
She called up the doctor to come quick, quick, quick (pretend to dial phone).
The doctor came to the door with his bag and cap (hold bag and pat head).
He knocked at the door with a rap, rap, rap (knock on floor).
He looked at the baby and he shook his head (shake head).
He said, “Miss polly, put her straight to bed.” (shake finger)
The doctor wrote a note for some pills, pills, pills (write on hand).
And said, “See you in the morning with my bill, bill, bill.” (wave)

Mister Mole
(tune: “My Darling Clementine”)
Mister mole, mister mole,
Mister mole, oh how you dig,
Dig a tunnel, dig a tunnel,
Dig a tunnel through the ground.

Dig a tunnel, dig a tunnel,
With your hands, and with your feet,
Dig a tunnel, dig a tunnel,
Through the dirt into the ground.
Mouse

I saw a little furry mouse
Hiding by the door.
He was the nicest little mouse
To come into the store.

I liked the little furry mouse,
But Mama said, “Now scat.”
Don’t let him get into the cheese
Before I get the cat!”

I saw the little furry mouse
Hide behind the door.
He could have been a friend to me,
But Mama said, “No more!”

My Balloon

Here I have a new balloon,
Help me while I blow!
Small at first, then bigger,
Watch it grow and grow.
Do you think it is big enough?
Maybe I should stop?
For if I give another blow,
My balloon will surely POP!

My Little Bunny Has 2 Big Ears

My little bunny has 2 big ears, 2 big ears, 2 big ears.
My little bunny has 2 big ears and a funny little nose.
He likes to nibble carrots, carrots, carrots.
He likes to nibble carrots and he hops wherever he goes.

Old MacDonald – Traditional

Old MacDonald had a farm, e, i, e, i, o
And on the farm he had a chick, e, i, e, i, o
With a peep, peep here
And a peep, peep there
Here a peep, there a peep
Everywhere a peep, peep.
Old Macdonald had a farm, e, i, e, i, o.
Repeat verse adding animals as you go
   Duck, quack; cow, moo; pig, oink;
   Horse, neigh; dog, woof; cat, meow
   Turkey, gobble; lamb, baa
Song can also be sung using child’s
Name instead of Old MacDonald

Our Snowman
(sung to the tune of “This Old Man”)

Our snowman
Stands so tall
We just made him from snowballs
With a big black hat,
To shade him from the sun.
Making him was so much fun!
The Peanut Song

Oh, the peanut sat on the railroad track,
His heart was all aflutter.
The choo-choo train came down the track,
Toot, toot, peanut butter.

People on the Bus from Singing on Our Way

C. 1959 Ginn & Company (Xerox Corp)
The people on the bus go up and down,
Up and down, up and down.
The people on the bus go up and down
All through the town.

(other verses, repeat above pattern)

Peter, Peter Penguin

Peter, Peter Penguin
Marching by
Toes turned out
And his head up high.
Long black coat and
A clean white vest,
Peter, Peter Penguin.

Popcorn

Stoop down and pretend you are kernels being poured into the pot.
The oil makes you sizzle until you pop and jump up!
Sizzle, sizzle, sizzle, sizzle, POP!

Raindrops

Raindrops, raindrops, falling all around (move fingers to imitate rain)
Pitter-patter on the rooftops (tap softly on the floor)
Pitter-patter on the ground.
Here is my umbrella.
It will keep me dry. (hands over head)
When I go walking in the rain
I hold it up so high! (raise hands in air)

Ride, Ride the Bicycle

Ride, ride the bicycle. Ride, ride the bicycle
Ride, ride the bicycle. Ride, ride, ride, ride, ride
(lay on back and do bicycle motion with legs,
going fast for last line)
Row, Row

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

Six Little Ducks

Six little ducks that I once knew,
Fat ones, skinny ones, fair ones too.
But the one little duck
With a feather on his back,
He led the others
With a quack, quack, quack!
Quack, quack, quack!
He led the others
With a quack, quack, quack!

Additional verses:
Down to the river they would go,
Wibble, wabble, wibble, wabble
To and fro.
But the one little duck …

Home from the river they would come,
Wibble, wabble, wibble wabble
Ho, hum, hum. But the one little …

Teddy Bear

Teddy Bear, teddy bear turn around, (turn around)
Teddy Bear, teddy bear touch the ground. (touch the ground)
Teddy Bear, teddy bear how do you do? (shake hand with a neighbor)
Teddy Bear, teddy bear I love you. (hug child)
Teddy Bear, teddy bear go upstairs (walk in place)
Teddy Bear, teddy bear say your prayers (fold hands)
Teddy Bear, teddy bear turn out the light.
Teddy Bear, teddy bear say good night! (palms together under cheek, eyes closed)

Three Blind Mice – Traditional

Three blind mice, three blind mice,
See how they run, see how they run.
They all ran after the farmer’s wife,
She cut off their tails with a
Carving knife,
Did you ever see such a sight in
Your life,
As three blind mice.
Tug Boat
(tune “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star”)

Little boat, come out to sea.
Chug-chug, chug-chug, follow me.
Pull big boats out in the bay,
Other boats must pull away.
Tug-tug, tug-tug, tug-tug-tug,
Other boats will pull away.
Little boat, come out to sea.
Chug-chug, chug-chug, follow me.

Turtle in a Box

There was a little turtle
Who lived in a box.
He swam in a puddle,
He climbed on the rocks.
He snapped at a mosquito,
He snapped at a flea.
He snapped at a minnow,
He snapped at me.
He caught the mosquito,
He caught the flea.
He caught the minnow,
But he didn’t catch me!

ACTION GAMES

All About the Snowman

Five little snowmen were happy and gay,
The 1st one said “It’s a beautiful day.”
The 2nd one said “We’ll never have tears.”
The 3rd one said “We’ll stand for years.”
The 4th one said “But what will happen in May?”
And the 5th one said “Look!! We’re melting away!”

Blue Bird

Blue bird, blue bird, in and out my window,
Blue bird, blue bird, in and out my window.
Blue bird, blue bird, in and out my window.
Oh blue bird I’m so tired.
(Hold hands in circle, move up and down; pretend to sleep)

Duke of York adapted from Mother Goose

The mighty Duke of York
He had ten thousand men.
He marched them up to the
Top of the hill
And marched them down again.
Oh when you’re up you’re up.
And when you’re down you’re down.
But when you’re only half way up
You’re neither up nor down.
Elephant Song

One elephant went out to play,
Upon a spider’s web one day.
He had such enormous fun,
That he called for another elephant to come.

Repeat: two elephants, three elephants

All the elephants were out at play,
Upon a spider’s web one day.
They had such enormous fun,
But there were no more elephants left to come.
(Can be done with child(ren) pretending to be elephants)

Elevator

(move legs up, up until at right angle with trunk; down, down to floor)

The Farm Plants the Seeds
(Tune: Farmer in the Dell)

The farmer plants the seeds,
The farmer plants the seeds,
Hi, ho the derry-oh,
The farmer plants the seeds.

The sun begins to shine,
The sun begins to shine,
Hi, ho the derry-oh,
The sun begins to shine,

The rain begins to fall,
The rain begins to fall,
Hi, ho, the derry-oh,
The rain begins to fall,

The wind begins to blow,
The wind begins to blow,
Hi, ho, the derry-oh,
The wind begins to blow,

The flower starts to grow,
The flower starts to grow,
Hi, ho, the derry-oh,
The flower starts to grow.

Hanukkah Lights

One light, two lights,
Three lights, and four (hold up four fingers)
Five lights, six lights,
And three more. (hold up five more fingers)
Twinkle, twinkle,
Nine pretty lights (move fingers)
In a gold Menorah bright! (cup palms of hands)
Hokey Pokey – Traditional
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 around,
That’s what it’s all about.
Repeat with: left foot, right arm
Left arm, whole self

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 then I shout.
Tip me over and pour me out.

I’m a Little Turkey
(tune: “I’m a Little Teapot”)
I’m a little turkey,
Fat and round,
Here is my waddle,
Here are my wings.
When I get all grown up
Then I shout,
“Gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble”

“I’m All Full of Hinges
I’m all full of hinges
And everything bends (explore joints with child)
From the top of my head (hands on head)
Way down to my ends. (hands on toes)
I’m hinges in front (bend forward)
I’m hinges in back. (bend back)
If I didn’t have hinges
I think I would crack!

I’m Walking, Now I Stop by Jackie Weissman
Songsisters
Ann Arbor, MI
I’m walking, walking, walking,
I’m walking, walking, walking,
I’m walking, walking, walking,
Now I stop.
Repeat with: marching, jumping,
Rocking, sleeping,
Swaying, running
Use any motion, and freeze after “stop.”

Little Orange Pumpkin
Little orange pumpkin
You’re happy I can see.
For when I smile at you,
You smile right back at me.
2 Mama Cat

See the big fat mama cat,
See the big fat mama cat,
She creeps along all through the house,
Looking for a little mouse.

2 Mr. Snake

Wiggly, wiggly, wiggly snake,
Crawling, crawling all around.
Oh, he’s a slippery, slippery snake,
Crawling, crawling on the ground.
(have child crawl on ground)

2 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.

2 My Aunt Came Back by Songsisters
Ann Arbor, MI

Oh, my Aunt came back (child repeats)
From Old Agiers (child repeats)
And she brought me back (child repeats)
A pair of shears (child repeats; uses 2 fingers to cut like shears)
Repeat: Old Japan, paper fan (fan face)
Holland, too, wooden shoe (stomp one foot)
Old Belgium, some chewing gum
(smack lips like chewing gum)
the County Fair, a rocking chair
(rock back & forth)
Old Chile, an itchy flea (scratch your ribs)
the City Zoo, nut like you (point at everyone)
(Do each motion, keep it going while adding others!)

2 Punchinello by Tossi Aaron
Coda Publishing Co.

What can you do,
Punchinello funny fellow?
What can you do,
Punchinello funny do?
We’ll do it too,
Punchinello funny fellow.
We’ll do it too.
Punchinello funny do.
Pumpkin, Pumpkin
Pumpkin, pumpkin, round and fat
Change into a jack-o-lantern
Just like that! (spin arms around and clap hands)

Snail
(tune: “Twinkle Twinkle, Little Star”)
Little snail, oh, where are you?
In your shell, you go so slow.
You’ve no hands; you have no feet,
What can ever make you go?

Hide your winky little head,
And you cannot see, see, see.
Little snail, you go so slow,
But you are such fun to show.

This is The Way
(to the tune of “Mulberry Bush”)
This is the way we wash our face,
Wash our face, wash our face.
This is the way we wash our face
So early in the morning.
(substitute for face: clean our room
brush our teeth
build with blocks
iron our clothes
(make up your own!)
(Make-up actions for each verse)

Three Little Monkeys
Three little monkeys jumping on the bed.
One fell off and bumped his head
Mama called the doctor
And the doctor said…
No more monkeys jumping on the bed.
(repeat 2 little monkeys, 1 little …)

Three Little Witches
(Tune: “Three Little Indians”)
One little, two little,
Three little witches,
Flying over haystacks,
Flying over ditches.
Sliding down moonbeams
Without any hitches,
Hi, Ho! Halloween is here!

Turtle
(tune: “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star”)
Turtle, turtle, where are you?
Oh, you are so slow, slow, slow.
First, one hand and then the other,
That’s what makes you go, go, go.
Hide your winky, winky head,
Then you cannot see, see, see.
Turtle, turtle, peek-a-boo,
Peek-a-boo at me, me, me.

2 Two, Four, Six, Eight by Songsisters
   Ann Arbor, MI

Two, four, six, eight,
Tell me what is on your plate? Pizza
We’re gonna have some pizza,
Hooray, hooray
We’re gonna have some pizza,
Hooray, hooray
It’s pizza for our breakfast,
Pizza all the day
Pizza, pizza in our bellies,
Hip, hip, hip, hooray!
Repeat adding one food each time.

2 Way Up in the Apple Tree

Way up in the apple tree,
Two little apples smiled at me.
I shook that tree
Just as hard as I could;
Down came the apples,
   MMMMMM, MMMMMM good!

2 Where Is?

(to the tune of “Thumbkin”)
Where is (child’s name)?
Where is (child’s name)?
There she is.
There she is.
How are you today? (wait for answer)
Yes, you are.
(This can be greatly varied while encouraging learning by asking things such as:
   What is on your shirt?
   What is in your hair?
   Where are your buttons?
   What color are your eyes?
   Where is your mommy?
   Etc.

2 Wiggle Worms

Oh, wiggly, wiggly worms
Are squirming all around,
Squiggle, squiggle, wiggle worms
Crawl in and out the ground.

(Have child crawl while saying the rhyme. Substitute “snakes” for “worms” reminding child snakes usually move faster than worms.)
Worms Are Crawling

Worms are crawling, crawling, crawling,
Worms are crawling all around.
Making little tunnels, tunnels, tunnels,
Making little tunnels underneath the ground.

Little worms can you hear me under there?
Is it hot or cold under the ground?
Is it light or dark?
I think it is going to rain.

Rain, rain, raining and the worms are crawling,
Out of the tunnels, up above the ground.

(have child crawl on ground as you say the rhyme)

FINGER PLAYS

Counting at the Zoo

(hold up hands with fingers extended and bend down 1 at a time.)

1, 1 the zoo is lots of fun!
2, 2 see the kangaroo!
3, 3 see the chimpanzee!
4, 4 hear the lions roar!
5, 5 watch the seal dive!
6, 6 there’s a monkey doing tricks!
7, 7 elephants eleven!
8, 8 a tiger and his mate!
9, 9 penguins in a line!
10, 10 I want to come again! (clap hands)

The Elephant

The elephant has a trunk for a nose,
And up and down is the way it goes.
(clasp hands together, extend arms, and raise and lower them)
He wears such a saggy, baggy hide:  (Relax body)
Do you think two elephants would fit inside? (Hold up 2 fingers)

Fe, Fi, Fo Fum

Fe, fi, fo fum
See my finger, See my thumb.
Fe, fi, fo fum,
Fingers gone, so is thumb.

Here’s a Cup

Here’s a cup, and here’s a cup
(make a circle with thumb and index finger, repeat)
And here’s a pot of tea.
(make a fist with other hand and extend thumb for a spout)
Pour a cup and pour a cup (tip fist to pour)
And have a drink with me.  (make drinking motions)
Here’s a Little Baby

Here’s a little baby
Ready for a nap (hold up one finger)
Put him down right here
Into his mother’s lap. (lay finger in other hand as cradle)

Soon the little baby
Opens wide his eyes;
He looks and looks around
Then up you see him rise. (let finger come up)

Here is the Beehive

Here is the beehive.
Where are the bees?
Hiding inside
Where nobody sees.
Soon they will come
Out of the hive.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, bzzzzzzz!
(closed fist is beehive, look in; open at end and wave hand)

I Have a Little Bunny

I have a little bunny with ears so funny. (bend 2 fingers
On one hand)
And here is his hole in the ground (make hole with other hand)
When a noise he hears, he pricks up his ears (unbend fingers)
And jumps into his hole in the ground. (put fingers in hole made by other hand)

I Hear Thunder
(Tune: “Frere Jacques”)

I hear thunder, I hear thunder (drum feet on floor)
Do you, too? Do you too? (pretend to listen)
Pitter-patter raindrops,
Pitter-patter raindrops. (Indicate rain with fingers)
I’m wet through. (shake body vigorously)
So are you. (point to a neighbor)

I’m a Little Snowman
(tune: “I’m a Little Teapot”)

I’m a little snowman, round and fat.
Two stiff arms (outstretched) and a
Stovepipe hat. (hands on side of head)
Two bright eyes and a mouth and a nose.
And big shiny buttons
Clear down to my toes. (start at chin, make buttons to toes)
I Wiggle My Fingers by Louise Binder Scott
   Lucille Wood
   From Singing Fun
   c. 1954 Bowman Publishing Company

I wiggle my fingers (wiggle fingers)
I wiggle my toes (wiggle toes)
I wiggle my shoulders (wiggle shoulders)
I wiggle my nose (wiggle notes)
Now no more wiggles are left in me,
So I will be still, as still as can be.  (finger to lips)

Open, Shut Them – Traditional

Open, shut them, Open, shut them
Give a little clap.
Open, shut them, Open, shut them
Lay them in your lap.
Creep them, creep them, creep them
Creep them right up to your chin.
Open up your little mouth
But do not let them in!
(Use hands to do motions.  Say last line fast and put hands down quickly.)

Pat-a-Cake – Traditional

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake baker’s man.
Bake me a cake as fast as you can.
Pat it, and roll it
And mark it with a B.
And put it in the oven
For baby and me.

Teensy, Weensy, Spider – Traditional

Teensy, weensy spider
Went up the water spout.
Down came the rain
And washed the spider out.
Out came the sun
And dried up all the rain.
The teensy, weensy spider
Went up the spout again.

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star by Jane Taylor (French Folk Tune)

Twinkle, twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are.
Way above the world so high.
Like a diamond in the sky.
Twinkle, twinkle little star.
How I wonder what you are.
Two Little Blackbirds

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill;
One named Jack, and the other named Jill.
(show finger of one hand, then other)
Fly away Jack, fly away Jill. (put fingers behind back)
Come away Jack, come back Jill. (bring fingers back to front)

Two little blackbirds sitting on a wall
One named Peter,
And the Other named Paul.
Fly away Peter, fly away Paul (put fingers behind back)
Come back Peter, come back Paul. (bring fingers back to front)

Where is Thumbkin? – Traditional

Where is Thumbkin? Where is Thumbkin?
Here I am, here I am.
How are you today sir?
Very well, thank you.
Run away, run away.
Repeat with: Where is pointer?
   Where is middle man?
   Where is ring man?
   Where is baby?
   Where is family?
(Hide hands behind back; bring appropriate finger to front as you sing. Then return back at end.)

POEMS

Baa, Baa Black Sheep from Mother Goose

Baa, baa black sheep, have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes, sir, Three bags full.
One for my master, One for my dame,
One for the little boy
Who lives down the lane.
Baa, baa black sheep, Have you any wool?
Yes, sir, yes, sir, Three bags full.

Fishy, Fishy

Fishy, fishy in the brook
Daddy caught him by the hook.
Mommy fried him in the pan,
And (child’s name) ate him
Like a man!

Hickory, Dickory, Dock – from Mother Goose

Hickory, dickory, dock;
The mouse ran up the clock;
The clock struck one;
The mouse ran down;
Hickory, dickory, dock.
Hot Cross Buns

Hot cross buns,
Hot cross buns!
One a penny,
Two a penny,
Hot cross buns!

Humpty Dumpty from Mother Goose

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall,
All the king’s horses,
And all the king’s men,
Couldn’t put humpty together again.
(Rock back and forth on feet, turn around and clap on last line.)

I’m a Little Acorn Brown

I’m a little acorn brown,
Lying on the cold, cold ground.
Everyone steps on me.
That why I’m cracked you see.
I’m a nut (click, click)
I’m a nut (click, click)
I’m a nut (click, click)

Mary Had a Little Lamb – from Mother Goose

Mary had a little lamb,
Little lamb, little lamb,
Mary had a little lamb,
It’s fleece was white as snow.
And ev’ry where that Mary went,
Mary went, Mary went,
Ev’ry where that Mary went,
The lamb was sure to go.
It followed her to school one day,
School one day, school one day,
It followed her to school one day,
Which was against the rule.
It made the children laugh and play,
Laugh and play, laugh and play,
It made the children laugh and play,
To see a lamb in school.

Me!

Me i, me i
Me a, me a
Me o, me o
Me u.
Nonsense Song – Sandy LaForce

Ma, ba, ba; Oo, la, la.
Ee, ii, ee, ii; A, pa, pa
(do with inflection; good for phrase patterns, nonsense jargon)

One, Two, Buckle My Shoe

One, two, buckle my shoe;
Three, four, shut the door;
Five, six, pick up sticks;
Seven, eight lay them straight;
Nine, ten a good fat hen.

Peek-a-boo

Peek-a-boo, Peek-a-boo,
Mommy’s playing a game with you.
Peek-a-boo, Peek-a-boo,
See if you can play it, too.
(use appropriate actions. Substitute other names such as daddy, brother, etc.)

Pop goes the Weasel

All around the cobbler’s bench,
The monkey chased the weasel.
The monkey thought t’was all in fun,
POP! Goes the weasel.

Ring Around the Rosey

Ring around the rosey, A pocket full of posies;
Ashes, ashes, we all fall down.

The Snowman
(sing down the scale)

A chubby little snowman
had a carrot nose. A-
long came a bunny, and what do you sup-
pose?

That hungry little bunny,
looking for his lunch,
Ate that little snowman’s nose,
Nibble, nibble, crunch!

(go up the scale)
Nibble, nibble, nibble,
nibble, nibble, nibble,
nibble, nibble, CRUNCH!!
Ten Little Indians

One little, two little,
Three little Indians,
Four little, five little
Six little Indians,
Seven little, eight little
Nine little Indians,
Ten little Indian boys.
(repeat verse starting with 10 and counting backwards)

RHYTHM SONGS AND GAMES

The Bear
(tune: “The Farmer in the Dell”)

Oh, here comes the bear,
Oh, here comes the bear,
Bending over in the middle,
Here comes the bear.

Oh, see how he walks,
Oh, see how he walks,
Like a broken teddy bear,
Oh, see how we walk.
(have child(ren) walk like a bear)

The Bells

Big bells ring a long full
Song – ding, dong, ding, dong!
Small bells ring a clear sweet
Song – ding, ding, ding, ding!
Wee bells ring a tinkling song –
Ting-a-ling, ting-a-ling, ting-a-ling.
(imitate bells with variety of pitch and sound)

Bingo

There was a farmer who had a dog,
And bingo was his name –0.
B-I-N-G-O, B-I-N-G-O, B-I-N-G-O
And Bingo was his name-o.

(Sing song as written. Then repeat and clap – don’t sing for the “B” in Bingo; then “B” and “I”, etc.

Bobby Snake

Oh, _________ snake is crawling, crawling
Crawling right up to me.
(Use child(ren)’s name; adjust tempo to movement)
Clap Your Hands

Clap your hands, stamp your feet, (child’s full name) can’t be beat!
Wipe your knees, rest a while, (name) makes me smile!
Clap your hands, jump up and down, (name) is the best kid in town!

Crabs

Oh, when I go down to the beach, What do you think I see? Crabs a walking, crabs a walking, Walking after me.

Crocodiles

Hey, hey, hey there crocodile, Stay away from me. Hey, hey, hey there crocodile, Swim out to the sea.
Hey, hey, hey there crocodile, Please go the other way, Hey, hey, hey there crocodile, You’re chasing me away.

Did You Ever See Sally Jump?

(Tune: Did You Ever See a Lassie) Did you ever see Sally jump, Sally jump, Sally jump? Did you ever see Sally jump, Jump this way and that? Jump this way and that way. Jump this way and that way. Did you ever see Sally jump. Jump this way and that?

Fall Leaves

Leaves are floating softly, softly down. They make a carpet on the ground. When swish, the wind comes whirling by And sends them dancing to the sky.

I Take My Little Hand

I take my little hand And clap, clap, clap Clap, clap, clap, Clap, clap, clap. Clap, clap all day long. Repeat with: arm and wave bye, bye Feet and stamp Eyes and blink Add others
Motor Boat

Motor boat, motor boat, Go so slow.
Motor boat, motor boat, Go so fast.
Motor boat, motor boat, Step on the gas!
(Hold hands with child, start slow, then get faster,
going in a circle.)

Pease, Porridge – Traditional
(clap hands or clap hands and slap knees)

Pease porridge hot.
Pease porridge cold.
Pease porridge in the pot
Nine days old

Put Your Hands Up, Up

Put your hands up, up,
Reach them to the sky.
Let your hands come slowly down,
Touch the floor without a sound.

Reach for the Ceiling

(do actions as indicated)
Reach for the ceiling, touch the floor.
Stand up again, let’s do more.
Touch your head, then your knee.
Up to your shoulder, like this, see?
Reach for the ceiling, touch the floor,
That’s all now – there isn’t anymore!

Salamander

Funny salamander, I see you.
Crawling on your tummy,
A-one and a-two.
First you reach with one hand,
Then with the other,
Each time a hand goes out,
You push a little further.

Sound Game – Sandy LaForce

Imitate environmental sounds:
  Car – beep
  Motorcycle – varoom
  Train – toot
  Add your own

Spiders

The great big spider’s walking on the ground.
The great big spider’s walking all around.
Walking, walking, walking all around.
This Old Man

This old man, he played one,
He played nick-nack on my thumb;
Nick-nack, paddy whack,
Give a dog a bone,
This old man came rolling home.
Additional verses:  two … on my shoe
Three … on my knee
Four … on my door
Five … on my hive
Six … on my sticks
Seven … up in heaven
Eight … on my plate
Nine … on my spine
This old man, he played ten,
He played nick-nack once again;
Nick-nack, paddy whack,
Give a dog a bone,
Now we’ll all go running home.

Two Little Hands

Two little hands go clap, clap, clap (clap hands three times)
Two little feed go tap, tap, tap (tap feet three times)
Two little hands go thump, thump, thump.  (thump three times)
Two little feet go jump, jump, jump.  (jump three times)
One little body turns around (turn around)
One little child sits quietly down. (sit down)
(repeat substituting child’s name)

SMALL MOTOR TASKS

Clap Your Hands

Clap, clap, clap your hands,
Clap your hands together.
Stamp, stamp, stamp your feet,
Stamp your feet together.
Repeat using:  nod your head
Tap your feet
Shake your leg

Draw a Circle

Draw a circle, draw a circle
Round as can be;
Draw a circle, draw a circle
Just for me.

Draw a square, draw a square
Shaped like a door.
Draw a square, draw a square
With corners four.

Draw a triangle, draw a triangle
With corners three.
Draw a triangle, draw a triangle
Just for me!
Eyes, Ears, Nose, and Mouth
(tune: “Ten Little Indians” – touch body parts)
Eyes, Ears, Nose, and Mouth
Eyes, Ears, Nose, and Mouth
Eyes, Ears, Nose, and Mouth
Are all a part of our face.

Fingers
Let your fingers so loudly clap, clap, clap.
Let your fingers briskly snap, snap, snap.
And fold your hands and shut your eyes
And quiet be.

Roll your hands so swiftly wide awake.
Let your fingers briskly shake, shake, shake.
And fold your arms and shut your eyes
And quiet be.

Fingers Are Funny
Fingers are funny.
They can poke like a stick.
They can curl into a ball like a cat.
They can hide secrets.
They can hump like a hill.
They can stretch out flat.
They can dance like feet.
Going down the street.
Funny fingers!

Grandma’s Glasses
Here are Grandma’s glasses (make small circles with fists)
and hold up to eyes)
And here is Grandma’s hat (put hands together to form
point and hold above head)
And this is the way she folds her hands (fold hands)
And puts them in her lap (put gently in lap)
But these are Grandpa’s glasses (larger circles this time)
And here is Grandpa’s hat (larger hat)
And this is the way he folds his hands (fold arms strongly)
Just like that! (sit proudly, arms folded across chest)

Hands on Shoulders
Hands on shoulders, hands on knees,
Hands behind you if you please;
Touch your hair and now your toes.
Hands up high in the air
Down at your sides and touch your hair.
Hands up high as before,
Now clap your hands, one, two, three, four.
6   Head, Shoulder, Knees, and Toes
   Head, shoulders, knees, and toes, knees and toes.
   Head, shoulders, knees, and toes, knees and toes.
   Eyes, and ears, and mouth, and nose
   Head, shoulders, knees, and toes, knees and toes.
   (Touch body parts while singing. You can also repeat the song, gradually omitting a body part – hum instead of saying it – until all you to is hum i.e. (hum), shoulders, knees, and toes, (hum), shoulders, knees, and toes, etc.)

6   I’ll Touch My Chin
   I’ll touch my chin, my cheek, my chair.
   I’ll touch my head, me heels, my hair.
   I’ll touch my knees, my neck, my nose.
   Then I’ll dip down and touch my toes.

6   My Hands Upon My Head
   My hands upon my head I place,
   On my shoulders, on my face.
   On my knees, and at my side.
   Then behind me they will hide.
   Then I raise them up SO high,
   Swiftly count to 1,2,3.
   And see how quiet then can be!

6   Touch Your Nose by Louise Binder Scott and J.J. Thompson
   Rhymes for Fingers and Flannelboards
   McGraw Hill, Inc., NY
   Touch your nose, touch your chin,
   That’s the way this game begins.
   Touch your eyes, touch your ears,
   Touch your two soft lips right here.
   Touch your elbow where it bends
   That’s the way this touch game ends!

3   Put Your Finger in the Air

2   Animal Pretend

2   All the Fish Go Swimming

1   I Need a Helper

46   This is What We Do When We Feel
   Hap Palmer Record: “Getting to Know Myself”

47   Who Stole Cookie?

48   Who Fed the Chickens
   Ella Jenkins Record:

49   Shout & Whisper
   Tickly Toddler Record