

Mother Goose Time
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Books:

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin

Can I Have a Hug? by Debi Gliori

Big Fat Hen by Keith Baker

Whose Baby Am I? by John Butler

Baby Gecko's Colors by Neecey Twinem

Time for Bed by Mem Fox

Hello Song

Hello, hello, hello and how are you?

I'm fine, I'm fine and I hope that you are too.

Hickory Dickory Dock

Hickory Dickory dock,

(use first two fingers, "walk" up the child's arm.)

The mouse ran up the clock.

The clock struck one, and down he run.

(Give one kiss, as noisy as possible)

Hickory dickory dock.

(let fingers run down arm)

Two Little Blackbirds

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill.

(Hands on knees with thumbs up)

One named Jack, one named Jill.

(Wiggle thumbs respectively)

Fly away Jack, fly away Jill.

(Fly behind back)

Come back Jack, come back Jill

(Hands come back to front)

An Elephant

An elephant goes like this and that

(tap knees)

He's terribly big

(hold hands up high)

And terribly fat

(hold hands out wide)

He has big ears

(wiggle ears)

And he has big toes

(wiggle toes)

And goodness gracious!

What a nose!

(wiggle nose)

Heggedy Peggedy

Heggedy Peggedy, my black hen

She lays eggs for gentlemen.

Gentlemen come every day

To see what my black hen doth lay.

Pop! Goes the Weasel

All around the cobbler's bench
The monkey chased the weasel.
The monkey thought 'twas all in fun,
Pop! Goes the weasel.

(While holding baby in arms, gallop around room.)

(On "pop" stop abruptly.)

Old MacDonald Had A Farm

Old MacDonald had a farm,
E-i-e-i-o
And on this farm he had a horse.
E-i-e-i-o.
With a neigh, neigh here,
And a neigh, neigh there.
Here a neigh, there a neigh.
Everywhere a neigh, neigh,
Old MacDonald had a farm.
E-i-e-i-o.
Repeat with other animals.

Activities to Do at Home

Mr. Bear (9-12 months)
Say the following poem:
Mr. Bear, Mr. Bear,
Where can you be?
I will find you
Wait and see.

Take the bear and hide it as your baby watches. Ask your child to find the bear. Describe where the bear is hidden using words like "under", behind, "inside" and so on. At this age, your baby is beginning to understand concepts of space.

One Elephant

(use fingers for elephants)
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.
COME OUT AND PLAY.

The Cow Says Moo (15 to 18 months)

Look through animal picture books and talk about the sounds that the animals make. Make an animal sound that your child will recognize and ask him to show you a picture in the book of the animal that makes that sound. This helps them develop beginning speech. The more they talk, the more they will want to talk.

More ideas in *Games to Play with Babies* by Jackie Silberg.

Two elephants ...

Repeat till five.

Five elephants went out to play,
Upon a spider's web one day,
They had such enormous fun,
And now their play is all done.

Little Frog

A little frog in a pond am I.
Hippety, hippity hop.
And I can jump in the air, so high!
Hippity, hippity hop.

(crouch on floor)

(hop)

(jump)

(hop)

Our Hands Say Thank You

Our hands say thank you with a clap, clap, clap.
Our feet say thank you with a tap, tap, tap.
Clap, clap, clap, tap, tap, tap.
We roll our hands around and we wave good bye.

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Grow, Babies! by Penny Gentieu
Water, Water by Eloise Greenfield
Bumpety Bump by Kathy Henderson
Peekaboo Morning by Rachel Isadora
Counting Kisses by Karen Katz
Baby's Boat by Jeanne Titherington

The Kiss Kiss Song

(Tune: Ten Little Indians)
One little, two little, three little kiss kiss,
Four little, five little, six little kiss kiss,
Seven little, eight little, nine little kiss kiss,
Ten little kisses say "I love you".
(Repeat game backwards)

Who Is This? Song

Who is this? Who is this?
This is somebody special.
Who is this? Who is this?
This is _____ s/he's special.

They're a Part of Me

(melody: Wheels on the Bus)
I can make my hands
Go clap, clap, clap, (clap hands)
Clap, clap, clap,
Clap, clap, clap.
I can make my hands
Go clap, clap, clap
They're a part of me.
I can make my feet,
Go stamp, stamp, stamp.
I can make my legs
Go hop, hop, hop.

Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes Song

Head and shoulders, knees and toes
Knees and toes, knees and toes.
Head and shoulders, knees and toes.
Eyes, ears, mouth and nose.
(repeat)

Activities to Do at Home

Texture Glove (3 months and up)
Cover an old glove with different textured materials, making sure they are fastened securely. Flannel, silk velvet, linen, buttons work well.

Copy Me (9-12 months)

Sit on the floor with your baby and have him repeat what you are doing.
Tap the floor with your hands.
Stick out your tongue & make silly sounds.
Put a hand on your head.
Open & close your fists.
Wiggle your fingers.
These are only ideas, come up with more yourself.
More ideas in *Games to Play with Babies* by Jackie Silberg.

(Do actions for other verses as appropriate.)

(Touch body parts as indicated)

Quilt Song

(To be used with textured quilt or pieces of cloth of different textures)

Put your little foot, put your little foot,
Put your little foot on a blue (or other color) square.
Put your little hand, put your little hand,
Put your little hand on a rough (or soft, silky, etc) square.

Knee Ride (the baby sits on your knees, facing you)

This is the way the ladies ride,
Pace, pace, pace, pace, pace. (knees move gently up and down.)
This is the way the gentlemen ride,
Gallop-a-trot, gallop-a-trot, gallop-a-trot. (knees move faster.)
This is the way the farmer men ride,
Hobble-de-hoy, hobble-de-hoy, (move first one knee and then the other to give the baby a bumpy ride)
Hobble-de hoy.

Roll Your Hands (tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Roll, roll, roll your hands (roll hands)
As fast as fast can be.
Do it now, let me see,
Do it now with me.
Clap, clap, clap your hands (clap hands)
As loud as loud can be.
Do it now, ...
Tap, tap, tap your feet
As softly as can be.
Do it now....

Walking, Walking

(Tune: Are You Sleeping)
Walking, walking, walking, walking (Infant - Hold baby in arms while you do movements. Toddler - child does movements)
Hop, hop, hop, hop, hop, hop
Running, running, running, running, running, running
Now let's stop, now let's stop!

Here Are My Ears

Here are my ears. (Touch body parts.)
Here is my nose.
Here are my fingers. Here are my toes.
Here are my eyes, both open wide.
Here is my mouth, with white teeth inside.
Here is my tongue, that helps me speak.
Here is my chin. Here are my cheeks.
Here are my hands, that help me play.
Here are my feet, for walking today.

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Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
Pots and Pans by Patricia Hubbell
Bounce, Bounce, Bounce by Kathy Henderson
Book! by Kristine O'Connell George
My Car by Byron Barton
Peanut Butter and Jelly by Nadine Westcott

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

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

Color Mittens

My poor little kitten lost her mitten,
And started to cry, "boo hoo"
So I helped her look for her mitten.
Her beautiful mitten of blue.

I found a mitten just right for a kitten,
Under my mother's bed.
Alas, the mitten was not the right mitten,
For it was colored red.

I found a mitten just right for a kitten,
Under my father's pillow.
Alas, the mitten was not the right mitten,
For it was colored yellow.

I found a mitten just right for a kitten,
Under the laundry so clean.
Alas, the mitten was not the right mitten,
For it was colored green.

I found a mitten just right for a kitten,
Inside my favorite shoe.
And this time the mitten was just the right mitten,
For it was colored blue.

Activities to Do at Home

Jelly in the Bowl (3-6months)
Playing with Jell-o is a wonderful way to introduce textures. Mix Jell-o and allow it to set. Cut it into blocks and put them on the baby's tray. Recite the poem as the child plays.

Jell-o in the bowl
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Wibble wobble, wibble wobble,
Jell-o in the bowl.

Gathering Treasures (9-12 months)
Take a bucket outside and help your baby discover rocks, branches and twigs and leaves to put in it. Let him hold the items as you name each treasure. Let him dump out the treasures and put them back in.

The Clock

The little clock goes tick, tock,
Tick tock, tick, tock.
The big clock goes ding, dong,
Ding dong, ding, dong.

(hold baby under the arms and swing side to side.)

(swing baby back and forth between your legs)

Way Up High In the Apple Tree

Way up high in the apple tree,
Two little apples smiled down at me.
I shook that tree as hard as I could,
Down came the apples,
Mmmm, were they good.

Choo-Choo Train

(Pretend to be a train by following the actions)
This is a choo-choo train, (bend arms at elbows)
Puffing down the track, (rotate forearms in rhythm)
Now it's going forward, (rotate arms forward)
Now it's going back. (rotate arms backwards)
Now the bell is ringing, (pull pretend bell cord)
Now the whistle blows, (hold fist near mouth and blow)
What a lot of noise it makes, (cover ears with hands)
Everywhere it goes. (stretch out arms)

Pease Porridge Hot

Pease porridge hot
Pease porridge cold.
Pease porridge in the pot,
Nine days old.
Some like it hot
Some like it cold.
Some like it in the pot
Nine days old.

(Clap hands in time.)

Shake Your Bells

Shake your bells in the air, in the air,
Shake them here and everywhere.
Shake them up,
And shake them down,
Shake them all around the town.
Shake your bells in the air, in the air.

(Suit actions to words.)

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My Dad is Awesome by Nick Butterworth
The Carrot Seed by Ruth Kraus
More, More, More, Said the Baby by Vera Williams
Nicky and Grandpa by Cathryn Falwell
When Mama Comes Home Tonight by Eileen Spinelli
My First Nursery Rhymes illustrated by Bruce Whatley

Little Bo Peep

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

Grandma, Grandma (use with shakers or bells)

Grandma, Grandma, you're not sick,
All you need is a peppermint stick.
Hands up...shake, shake, shake.
Hands down...shake, shake, shake.
All around...shake, shake, shake.
Put them down.

The Muffin Man Song

Oh do you know the muffin man, the muffin man, the muffin man?
Oh do you know the muffin man who lives on Drury Lane?
Oh yes I know the muffin man, the muffin man, the muffin man.
Oh yes I know the muffin man who lives on Drury Lane.

Mary Had a Little Lamb

Mary had a little lamb, little lamb, little lamb
Mary had a little lamb, it's fleece was white as snow.
And everywhere that Mary went, Mary went, Mary went
And everywhere 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 rules.
It made the children laugh and play, laugh and play, laugh and play,
It made the children laugh and play to see a lamb at school.

Patty Cake

Patty cake, patty cake, baker's man (Clap)
Bake me a cake as fast as you can.
Roll it and pat it and mark it with a B. (Mime rolling, patting, trace B on baby's hand)
And put it in the oven for Baby and me. (Point to baby and self)

Jack Be Nimble

Jack be nimble (Bounce baby on knees)

Jack be quick.

Jack jump over the candlestick. (Lift baby up)

Riding Game

This is the way the farmer rides, (Rock baby side to side on knees.)

A-jiggety-jog, a-jiggety-jog.

This is the way the lady rides, (Raise and lower baby slowly with knees)

A-prance, a prance.

This is the way the gentleman rides, (Bounce baby quickly up and down on knees.)

A gallop, a gallop.

Noble Duke of York

Oh, the noble Duke of York, (March in place.)

He had ten thousand men.

He marched them up to the top of the hill, (Raise arms.)

And marched them down again. (Lower arms.)

And when they're up, they're up, (Raise arms.)

And when they're down, they're down, (Lower arms.)

And when they're only half way up, (Raise halfway.)

They're neither up nor down.

Mother and Father and Uncle John

Mother and Father and Uncle John (bounce baby on knee)

Went to town, one by one.

Mother jumped off (lean to one side)

Father jumped off (lean to other side)

But Uncle John went on and on and on. (bounce baby on knee)

Activities to Do at Home

Mama, Dada (6-9 months)

Arrange large photographs of Mommy, Daddy and other relatives the baby knows next to his crib, high chair, etc.

When the baby begins making sounds like "dada", point to the picture of Daddy and say, "This is Daddy." Point to the pictures at other times and use the person's name in a sentence. "Grandma is coming today." At this age, babies begin to associate language with people and things.

