

Fun and Games with Songs

Here are some of kids' best-loved rhymes and songs. Learn the words, learn the motions and sing along with your child.

This Little Piggy

(can be done on fingers or toes)

This little piggy went to market.
This little piggy stayed home.
This little piggy had roast beef.
This little piggy had none.
And this little piggy cried,
 "Wee, wee, wee!"
All the way home.

touch and wiggle thumb
touch and wiggle index finger
touch and wiggle middle finger
touch and wiggle ring finger

touch and wiggle pinky



The Itsy, Bitsy Spider

The itsy, bitsy 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,
And the itsy, bitsy spider
Went up the spout again.

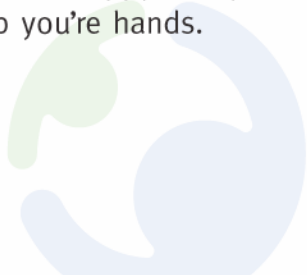
put finger to opposite thumb and pretend to crawl up
wiggle fingers from top of "spout" down to lap
move hands/arms across lap; ie, motion of safe in a
baseball game
move hands in large circles to show sun coming out

show spider again going up

If You're Happy and You Know It

If you're happy and you know it,
Clap your hands.
If you're happy and you know it,
Clap your hands.
If you're happy and you know it
Then you're face will surely show it,
If you're happy and you know it
Clap you're hands.

Suggestions for other verses:
stamp your feet
pat your legs
wiggle your ears



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Teapot

I'm a little teapot short and stout.
Here is my handle, here is my spout.

bend knees
put hand on hip with elbow out,
the other hand should go out to be a spout

When I get all steamed up,
Hear me shout
Tip me over and pour me out.

pretend to tip over

Where is Thumbkin?

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.

Hands behind back

Bring right hand out from behind back with thumb
Move right thumb as if it's talking
Move left thumb as if it's responding
Clap

Where is pointer?
Where is tall man?
Where is ring man?
Where is little man?

Motions are repeated for each of the five fingers

Baa Baa Black Sheep

Baa baa black sheep,
Have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir,
Three bags full;
One for the master,
One for the dame,
And 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.



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The Wheels On The Bus

The wheels on the bus go
round and round,
Round and round, round and round.
The wheels on the bus go
round and round,
All through the town.

bend your arms and make them go around like wheels

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

sit up and down



Other verses:

The wipers on the bus go
swish, swish, swish.

use your hands as wipers back and forth

The horn on the bus goes
beep, beep, beep.

pretend to beep a horn

The money on the bus goes
clink, clink, clink.

pretend to put money in

The driver on the bus says
“move on back.”

hand motion your thumb over your shoulder to move on back

The baby on the bus goes
waa, waa, waa.

rub your eyes as a child would when crying

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