



Early Learning Matters

Because parents are their children's first, best teachers.

Eensy Weensy Spider

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Climbed up the water spout.

Down came the rain

And washed that spider out!

Out came the sun

And dried up all the rain,

And Eensy Weensy Spider

Climbed up the spout again!

(crawl fingers upward)

(bring spread fingers downward)

(sweep hands to sides)

(arms make circle over head)

(repeat climbing motion)

("Itsy Witsy Spider" – tiny voice; "Great Big Hairy Spider" – deep voice)



Here are Grandma's Glasses

Here are Grandma's glasses.

Here is Grandma's cap.

This is how she folds her hands,

And puts them in her lap.

And here are Grandpa's glasses,

And here is Grandpa's hat,

And this is how he folds his arms -

Just like that!

(circle eyes with thumbs to fingers)

(hands on head)

(hands folded in lap)

(stretch fingers into bigger circles)

(hands make big hat)

(arms folded)

(nod head decisively)





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Where is Thumbkin?

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(fist behind back)

Where is Thumbkin?

Here I am!

(bring out one fist, thumb raised)

Here I am!

(bring out second fist, thumb raised)

How are you today, Sir?

(first thumb wiggles up and down)

Very well, I thank you!

(other thumb wiggles)

Run away!

(first hand behind back)

Run away!

(other hand behind back)

(repeat with each finger – Pointer, Tall Man, Ring Man, Little One)

Where is Family?

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Here we are!

(bring out first hand, fingers all wiggling)

Here we are!

(bring out other hand, fingers wiggling)

How are you today, Friends?

Very well, we thank you!

Run away!

Run away!

Five Fat Peas

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(make a fist)

In a pea pod pressed.

One grew, two grew,

So did all the rest.

(open fingers one by one)

They grew and grew,

And did not stop,

(wiggle fingers)

Until at last,

That pea pod popped!

(clap hands)





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Five Little Monkeys

Five 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!"

(five fingers)
(rest elbow on other hand, jump arm up and down)
(hold up one finger, bring down as if falling)
(hand to head)
(hold phone to ear)

(shake finger in scolding motion)

(Repeat: Four little monkeys...)

Mama called the doctor
And the doctor said "No
more monkeys
jumping on the bed!"

(hold phone to ear)

(shrug)

Five Little Ducks

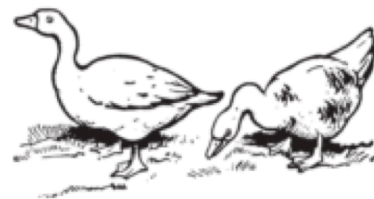
Five little ducks went out to play,
Over the hills and far away.
Mama Duck called them,
"Quack, quack, quack,"
Four little ducks came running back.

(hold up five fingers)
(point off to side)

(hands make duck's bill)
(hold up four fingers)

(Repeat with 4, 3, 2 little ducks going out)

One little duck went out to play,
Over the hills and far away.
Mama Duck called them,
"Quack, quack, quack,"
But no little ducks came running back.
Mama Duck called them,
"QUACK, QUACK, QUACK!"
And five little ducks came running back!





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Fire Truck

Hurry, hurry,
Drive the fire truck.

(put hands up like they are on the steering wheel)

Hurry, hurry,
Drive the fire truck.

Hurry, hurry,
Drive the fire truck.

Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding!

(pretend to ring bell)

Hurry, hurry,
Turn the corner.

(hands on steering wheel but lean into the corner)

Hurry, hurry,
Turn the corner.

Hurry, hurry,
Turn the corner.

Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding!

(pretend to ring bell)

Repeat with:

Climb the ladder.

(climb the ladder)

Spray the water.

(spray the water)

Ten Fluffy Chickens

Five eggs and five eggs,

That makes ten.

(hold up two hands)

Sitting on top is the Mother Hen.

(Fold one hand over the other)

Crackle, crackle, crackle;

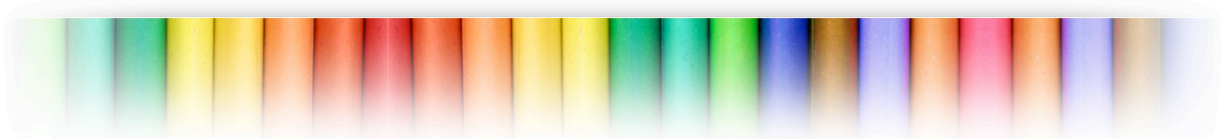
(clap three times)

What do I see?

Ten fluffy chickens,

(hold up ten fingers)

As yellow as can be.





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Elephant Song

One elephant went out to play,
Over the hills and far away.
She had such enormous fun,
That she called for another elephant to come.
"Oh Elephant!"...

*(hold up one finger)
(wave finger like it is going over the hills)
(on "enormous" circle arms out and around)
(cup hands over mouth)
(call out and then pound the floor
for the running elephant sound)*

Two elephants went out to play,
Over the hills and far away.
They had such enormous fun,
That they called for another elephant to come.
"Oh Elephant!"...

(use two fingers...repeat above actions)

(Repeat with as many elephants (fingers) as you want)

Open, Shut Them

Open, shut them,
Open, shut them,
Give a little clap!
Open, shut them,
Open, shut them,
Hide behind your back!
Creep them, creep them,
Slowly upward, right up to your cheek.
Open wide your shiny eyes,
And through your fingers peek.
Open, shut them,
Open, shut them,
Give a little clap!
Open, shut them,
Open, shut them,
Lay them in your lap.

(using hands, suit actions to rhyme)

