1-2-3 Rhyme with Me

Rhyme & Song Booklet

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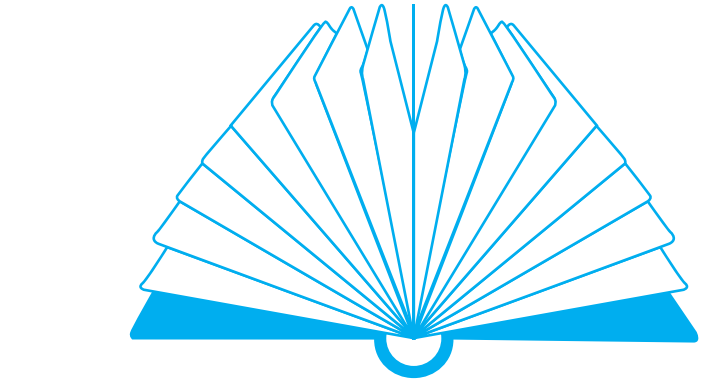

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Children Love to Rhyme and Sing!

Talking, rhyming and singing with your children are some of the most important things you can do to help them build strong language skills.

You can sing and rhyme with your children:

- While waiting in line
- In the car
- When they are fussy or cranky
- To calm them down before bedtime
- Anytime!

You can also sing songs or say rhymes in your aboriginal language.

The Moon is Round

The Moon is round
As round can be
Two eyes, two ears
And a mouth like me

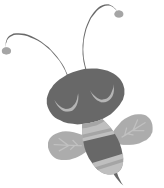
Go Bananas!

Peel bananas, *(Pretend to peel a banana in your hand)*
Peel, peel bananas
Chop bananas *(With one arm straight out, "chop" it with opposite hand)*
Chop, chop bananas
Eat bananas (*Pretend to eat a banana)*
Eat, eat bananas
Go bananas! (*Wiggle whole body around)*

Ring the Bell

Ring the bell (*Tug at a lock of the child's hair)*
Knock at the door (*Knock gently on her forehead)*
Peek in (*Look in her eyes)*
Lift up the latch (*Push up on the end of her nose)*
Walk in (*Walk your fingers on her lips)*
Let's go down cellar and eat apples (*Run your fingers down the child's body to her tummy. Then tickle.)*

Here is the Beehive



Here is the beehive.*(Make a fist)*
Where are the bees? (*Shrug shoulders*)
Hidden away where nobody sees.*(Tap fist with finger)*
Soon they come creeping out of the hive
One, two, three, four, five *(Hold up fingers)*
Bzzzzzzzzzzz…they're alive! *(Wiggle fingers)*

Elevator

For this bouncing rhyme, sit on the floor with your legs extended. Sit your child on your legs facing you.

Let's go riding on an elevator *(Bounce child gently on your legs)*
Let's go riding on an elevator
First floor *(Raise knees slightly)*
Second floor *(Raise knees higher)*
Third floor *(Raise knees higher)*
Fourth floor *(Raise knees higher)*
Down *(Return legs to floor)*

Where is Thumbkin?

Where is Thumbkin? *(Stick up one thumb)*
Where is Thumbkin? *(Stick up the other thumb)*
Here I am *(Wiggle thumb)*
Here I am *(Wiggle other thumb)*
How are you this morning? *(Wiggle thumb as if it is talking)*
Very well I thank you *(Wiggle other thumb as if it is talking)*
Run away *(Put thumb behind your back)*
Run away *(Put other thumb behind your back)*

Repeat the verse using each of your fingers –pointer, middle man, ring man and pinky.

Mother and Father and Uncle John

Mother and Father and Uncle John *(Bounce baby on your knees)*
Went to the market one by one
Mother fell off *(Tilt baby to one side)*
And Father fell off *(Tilt baby to the other side)*
But Uncle John went on and on and on and on...
(Bounce baby again)

A Smooth Road

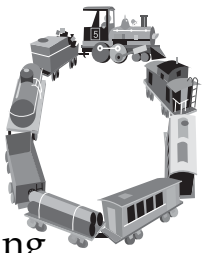
A smooth road, a smooth road, a smooth road, a smooth road
A bumpy road, a bumpy road, a bumpy road, a bumpy road *(Bounce baby gently on your knees)*
A rough road, a rough road, a rough road, a rough road *(Bounce baby harder)*
A HOLE! *(Drop baby between your legs while holding onto her)*

On My Foot There is a Flea

On my foot there is a flea
Now he's climbing up on me *(Creep fingers up leg)*
Past my belly *(Creep fingers past belly)*
Past my nose *(Creep finger past nose)*
On my head where my hair grows

On my heads there is a flea *(Touch head)*
Now he's climbing down on me *(Creep fingers down)*

Past my belly *(Creep fingers past belly)*
Past my knee *(Creep fingers past knee)*
On my foot *(Couch foot)*
Take that you flea! *(Slap foot gently as if you are squishing a flea)*

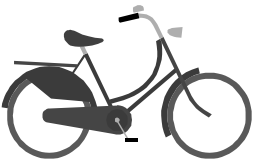


Down by the Station

Down by the station, early in the morning
See the little pufferbellies all in a row
See the stationmaster pull the little handle
Puff, puff, toot, toot, off they go!

I Have a Little Bicycle

Do this rhyme with your baby lying on your lap with her legs towards you. Move her legs or arms as if she is riding a bike.



I have a little bicycle *(Move legs)*
I ride it to the shop
And when I see a red light
I know it's time to stop (*Stop)*

I have a little bicycle *(Move legs)*
I ride it to the gate
And when I see a yellow light
I know it's time to wait *(Stop)*

I have a little bicycle *(Move legs)*
I ride it to and fro
And when I see a green light
I know it's time to go, go, go, go, go... *(Move legs faster)*

Tickly, Tickly

Tickly, tickly
On your knee
If you laugh
You must love me

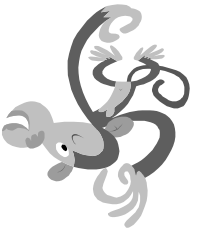
Round and Round the Garden

Round and round the garden (*Circle your child's tummy with your hand)*
Like a teddy bear
One step *(Walk fingers up your child's arm)*
Two step
Tickle you under there ***(****Tickle under the child's arm****)***

Round and round the lighthouse
In the wind and rain
One step
Two step
Tickle you there again

Three Little Monkeys

Three little monkeys swinging in a tree
Teasing Mr. Alligator
Can't catch me!
Along came Mr. Alligator
Mouth open wide
Snap!
The first little monkey was deep inside



Two little monkeys swinging in a tree
Teasing Mr. Alligator
Can't catch me!
Along came Mr. Alligator
Mouth open wide
Snap!
The second little monkey was deep inside

One little monkey swinging in a tree
Teasing Mr. Alligator
Can't catch me!
Along came Mr. Alligator
Mouth open wide
Snap!
Missed me!

Ga Goon Went the Little Green Frog

Ga goon went the little green frog one day
Ga goon went the little green frog
Ga goon went the little green frog one day
And they all went ga ga goon.

Now we all know frogs go (Clap) la de da de da
(Clap) la de da de da
(Clap) la de da de da
We all know frogs go (Clap) la de da de da
They don't go ga ga goon.

Row, Row, Row Your Boat

(Sit your child in lap and rock back and forth, or lie child on floor and move arms or legs in rowing motion)

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

Four Little Ducks

Four little ducks went out to play
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said, “quack quack quack quack”
But only three little ducks came quacking back

Three little ducks went out to play
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said, “quack quack quack quack”
But only two little ducks came quacking back

Two little ducks went out to play
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said, “quack quack quack quack”
But only one little duck came quacking back

One little duck went out to play
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said, “quack quack quack quack”
And all four ducks came quacking back

Open Them, Shut Them

Open them shut them
Open them shut them
Give them a little clap, clap, clap

Open them shut them
Open them shut them
Lay them in your lap, lap, lap

Creep them creep them
Creep them creep them
Right up to your chin chin
chin

Open up your little mouth
But do not let them in, in, in!

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
And you really want to show it
If you're happy and you know it
Clap your hands

**Repeat using:*
If you're sad and you know it, cry a tear
If you're mad and you know it, stomp your feet
If you're glad and you know it, shout "hurray!"

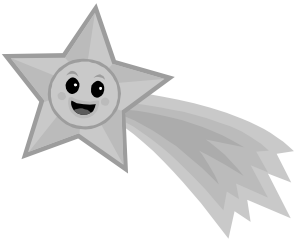
Hokey Pokey

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 shake it all about.
That's what it's all about

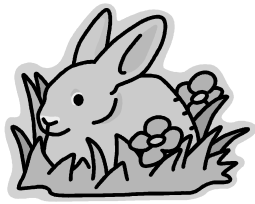
Repeat with left foot, right arm, left arm, head, tongue and whole self.

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



Sleeping Bunnies



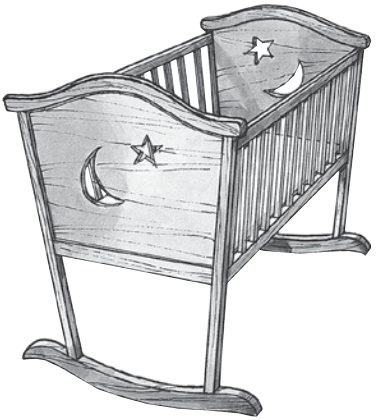
See the sleeping bunnies
Sleeping 'till it's noon
Shall we wake them
With our merry tune?

Oh so still...
Are they ill?

Wake up, wake up, wake up sleeping bunnies
Wake up, wake up, wake up sleeping bunnies
Wake up, wake up, wake up sleeping bunnies

Wake up little bunnies, hop, hop hop
Wake up little bunnies, hop, hop hop
Wake up little bunnies, hop, hop hop
And STOP!

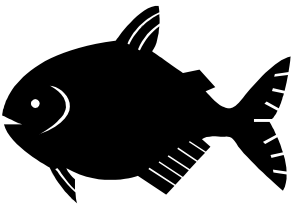
Rock a Bye Baby



Rock a bye baby
On the treetop
When the wind blows
The cradle will rock
When the bow breaks
The cradle will fall
And down will come baby
Cradle and all

Dance to Your Daddy

Dance to your daddy
My little laddie
Dance to your daddy
My little lamb



You shall have a fishy
In a little dish
You shall have a fishy
When the boat comes in

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

Do the actions along with this rhyme.

Teddy bear, teddy bear turn around
Teddy bear, teddy bear touch the ground
Teddy bear, teddy bear touch your nose
Teddy bear, teddy bear touch your toes
Teddy bear, teddy bear show your shoe
Teddy bear, teddy bear that will do
Teddy bear, teddy bear turn out the light
Teddy bear, teddy bear say good night!

Mommy Loves Baby

This lullaby has the same tune as Rock a Bye Baby. You can substitute other people or names, such as "auntie" or "sister" into this song.

Mommy loves baby, yes she does
Daddy loves baby, yes he does
Grandma loves baby, grandpa does too
We all love baby, yes we do

Hush Little Baby

Hush little baby don't say a word,
Mama's going to buy you a mockingbird

And if that mockingbird don't sing
Mama's going to buy you a diamond ring

If that diamond ring turns brass
Mama's going to buy you a looking glass

If that looking glass gets broke
Mama's going to buy you a billy goat

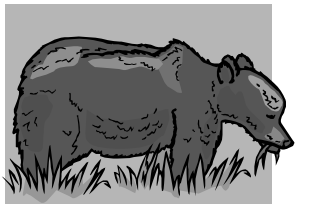
If that billy goat won't pull
Mama's going to buy you a cart and bull

If that cart and bull turn over
Mama's going to buy you a dog named Rover

If that dog named Rover won't bark
Mama's going to buy you a horse and cart.

If that horse and cart fall down
You'll still be the sweetest little baby in town

Hickory Dickory Dee



Hickory, dickory, dee
A bear climbed up a tree
When he heard a sound
The bear jumped down
Hickory, dickory dee

Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty fell in the snow
The temperature was forty below
And all of the nurses
And all of his friends
Couldn't get Humpty to warm up again

Jack

Jack is healthy
So is Pete
They both eat fish
And wild meat

Little Miss Moosehump

Little Miss Moosehump
Sat on a tree stump
Eating some tea and bannock
A raven came near
And cawed in her ear
Caw caw!
And caused poor Miss Moosehump to panic

It's Snowing

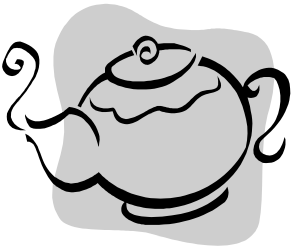
It's snowing
It's blowing
The old man is groaning
There is no heat
On the outhouse seat
And he has to go there in the morning

I'm a Great Big Snowman

I'm a great big snowman
Tall and fat. Here is my tummy
And here is my hat
Raisins for my eyes
And a carrot nose
I'm all snow from head to toe!

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
Hear me shout
Tip me over and pour me out

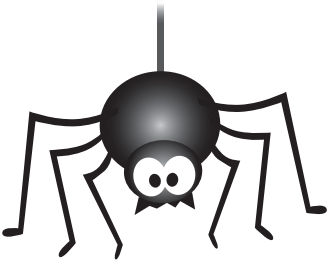


Zoom, Zoom, Zoom

Zoom, zoom, zoom
We're going to the moon *(Repeat twice)*
If you'd like to take a trip
Climb aboard my rocket ship
Zoom, zoom, zoom
We're going to the moon
5,4,3,2,1…BLASTOFF!

Zoom, zoom, zoom
We're going to the moon *(Repeat twice)*
Upside down and all around
I'll take you where the stars are found
Zoom, zoom, zoom
We're going to the moon
5,4,3,2,1…BLASTOFF!

Eeensy Weensy Spider



The eensy weensy spider climbed
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 eensy weensy spider
Climbed out the spout again

It's Cold Outside

This song has the same tune as Farmer and the Dell. Parents can use it to help get their children dressed in the winter.

Let's put on your boots
Let's put on your boots
High ho, it's cold outside
Let's put on your boots

Substitute with mitts, hat, snow pants, etc.