

Finger Plays and Activities for Babies and Toddlers

Open and Shut

Open, shut them; (open and shut hands)
Open, shut them; (open and shut hands)
Give a little clap. (clap hands)
Open, shut them; (open and shut hands)
Open, shut them; (open and shut hands)
Lay them in your lap. (hold hands together in lap)

Where Is Thumbkin?

Where is Thumbkin, where is Thumbkin?
Here I am, Here I am.
How are you today, sir? Very well I thank you.
Run away, run away.
Where is Pointer, Long Man, Ring Man, Little Man? Etc.

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!
Just tip me over
And pour me out

Pat-a-Cake

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, bakers man
Bake me a cake as fast as you can
Roll it
Pat it
Mark it with a B
Put it in the oven for baby and me

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.

Here is ...

Here is my book. I can open it wide,
To show the pictures that are inside.
Here's my ball so big and round
That I toss in the air or roll on the ground.
Here's my umbrella that keeps me dry,
When the raindrops drop from the cloudy sky.
Here's my kitty-just hear her purr
As I gently stroke her soft warm fur.

This Old Man

This old man, he played one
He played knick-knack on my thumb;
With a knick-knack paddywhack,
Give a dog a bone
This old man came rolling home.
... Two ... shoe
... Three ... knee
... Four ... door
... Five ... hive

Five Little Monkeys

5 little monkeys jumping on the bed
1 fell off and bumped his head
Momma called the doctor and the doctor said
No more monkeys jumping on the bed
4 little monkeys ...
3 little monkeys ...
2 little monkeys ...

1 little monkey jumping on the bed
She fell off and bumped her head ...

Head and Shoulders

Head, shoulders, knees and toes
Knees and toes
Head, shoulders, knees and toes
Eyes and ears and mouth and nose

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.

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

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

The driver on the bus says "Move on back"

...

The people on the bus go up and down ...

The baby on the bus says "Wah, wah, wah"

...

The mommy on the bus says "Shush, shush,
shush" ...

The people on the bus say, "We had a nice
ride"...

Hokey Pokey

You put your right hand in,

You take your right hand out.

You put your right hand in,

And you shake it all about.

You do the Hokey Pokey,

And you turn yourself around.

That's what it's all about.

... left foot

... nose

... tail

... whole self