

Fun and Games with Songs

Singing together is learning together. Songs help your child connect words with their meanings. So, fill your house with songs and music. Here are some of the rhymes and songs that children love best. 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 your face will surely show it,
If you're happy and you know it,
Clap your 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

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.

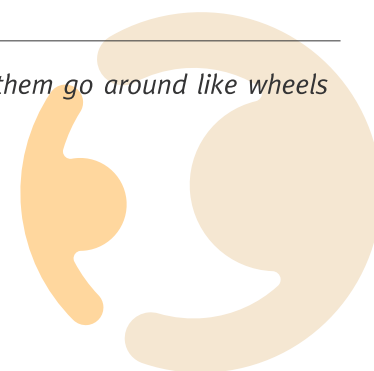
pretend to beep a horn

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



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