

Rhymes and Fingerplays

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Kiss Goodnight

Here's a little girl *(hold up index finger)*
Here is her little bed *(hold out other hand palm up)*
Here is her pillow *(lay thumb across the "bed" palm)*
And here is her head *(put index finger on "pillow")*
Here are her blankets *(wiggle "bed" fingers)*
Pull them up tight *(curl fingers over "girl")*
Sing her a lullaby *(rock "bed")*
And kiss her goodnight *(kiss "girl")*
Repeat for little boy.

Tom Thumb's Story

Now I'll tell you a story and this story is new
So listen very carefully, and do as I do.
This is Tom Thumb and this Tom Thumb's house
Hold up thumb, then make a roof shape with two index fingers
These are Tom Thumb's windows and this is Squeaky, Tom Thumb's mouse.
Make circles with fingers and thumbs, then hold up one finger for the mouse.
One morning very early when the sun began to shine;
Hold arms up high and gradually lower to each side.
Squeaky mouse sat up in bed and counted up to nine.
Wriggle the "mouse" finger. Point and count nine fingers.
Then Squeaky made a jump and landed right on Tom Thumb's bed;
Jump "mouse" finger onto palm of other hand.
She quickly ran up Tom Thumb's arm and sat on Tom Thumb's head.
Run finger up arm and on to head.
Squeaky pulled his hair and Squeaky pulled his nose,
Pretend to pull hair and nose.
Until Tom thumb jumped out of bed and put on all his clothes.
Run thumb and forefinger of one hand down the thumb of "Tom Thumb" to indicate dressing.
Then they sat down to breakfast and ate some crusty bread,
Pretend to be eating.
And when that was all quite finished, little Tom Thumb said;
Now I'll tell you a story and this story is new
Begin the actions again.

This is the Boat

This the boat, the golden boat	<i>(cup both hands to make a boat)</i>
That sails on the silvery sea	<i>(move hands like waves)</i>
And these are the oars of ivory white	<i>(lace fingers together, palms up)</i>
That lift and dip, that lift and dip	<i>(raise and lower hands)</i>
Here are the ten little fairy men	<i>(hold up ten fingers)</i>
Running along, running along	<i>(make fingers run)</i>
To take the oars of the ivory boat	<i>(repeat actions)</i>
That lift and dip, that lift and dip	
That move the boat, the golden boat	
Over the silvery sea.	

Love Grows by Carol Johnson

Love grows one by one,
Two by two, and four by four
Love grows round like a circle
And comes back knocking at your front door.

Threes Little Piggies *(do actions to match words)*

Three Little Piggies were sitting in the house
When along came the wolf as quiet as a mouse
He said: "little pigs, little pigs, let me come in!"
"Not by the hair of our chinny, chin, chin!"
Then that old wolf huffed, and that old wolf blew,
and away one little piggy flew
Two Little Piggies were sitting in the house
When along came the wolf as quiet as a mouse
He said: "little pigs, little pigs, let me come in!"
"Not by the hair of our chinny, chin, chin!"
Then that old wolf huffed, and that old wolf blew,
and away one little piggy flew
One little piggy was sitting in the house
When along came the wolf as quiet as a mouse
He said: "little pig, little pig, let me come in!"
"Not by the hair of my chinny, chin, chin!"
Then that old wolf huffed, and that old wolf blew,
and away the last little piggy flew
No little piggies were sitting in the house
When along came the wolf as quiet as a mouse
He said: "little pigs, little pigs, let me come in!"
But there was no one home to answer him.
So that old wolf turned and went on his way
Saying "I'll be back again another day"
Later that night, back the piggies did creep
They crawled into bed and fell fast asleep.

Reaching for the Stars

I am reaching for the stars, I am climbing up to Mars
I think I might never stop
I hope I don't drop Kerplop!

Hello Toes

Hello toes. Goodbye toes.
Hello toes. Goodbye toes.
Hello toes. My toes are feeling very shy.
But now they're feeling better.

Wibbleton to Wobbleton

From Wibbleton to Wobbleton is fifteen miles.
From Wobbleton to Wibbleton is fifteen miles.
From Wibbleton to Wobbleton,
From Wobbleton to Wibbleton,
From Wibbleton to Wobbleton is fifteen miles.

Songs

Shoofly

Shoofly don't bother me!
Shoofly don't bother me!
Shoofly don't bother me!
Cause I belong to somebody.

I feel, I feel, I feel like a morning star!
I feel, I feel, I feel like a morning star!
I feel, I feel, I feel like a morning star!
I feel, I feel, I feel like a morning star!

There's a Dog in the School *by Bill Wellington*

There's a dog in the school. Oh no!
What are we going to do!
As long as there are dogs in school,
They'll have to learn the alphabet too!
(Sing alphabet song in "dog")
I'm walking down the hall and what kind of animal do I see?
There's a pig in the school

Mr. Moon

Mr. Moon, Mr. Moon,
You're out too soon, the sun is still in the sky.
Go back into your bed,
And cover up your head,
Until the day goes by.

Sleeping Bunnies

See the little bunnies sleeping till it's nearly noon.

Come and let us gently wake them with a merry tune.

Oh how still! Are they ill? WAKE UP SOON!

Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop.

Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop.

Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop.

Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop.