Babies & Toddlers | Songs & Rhymes

**BABIES**

**READY FOR WINTER**
by Marthe Jocelyn;
ISBN: 0887768482

“Rhyme: Pease porridge hot”
Clap in time as you say this rhyme
Pease porridge hot,
Pease porridge cold,
Pease porridge in the pot nine days,
Some like it hot,
And some like it cold,
And some like it in the pot,
Nine days old!

**TODDLERS**

**SNOWBALL**
by Nina Crews
ISBN: 0688149286

“Rhyme: Bate, Bate, Chocolate”
Bate, bate, chocolate
Tu nariz de cacahuate
Uno, dos, tres, CHO!
Uno, dos, tres, CO!
Uno, dos, tres, LA!
Uno, dos, tres, TE!
Chocolate, chocolate!
Bate, bate, chocolate!
Bate, bate, bate, bate,
Bate, bate,
CHOCOLATE!

**PRESCHOOLERS**

**THE SNOWY DAY**
by Ezra Jack Keats
ISBN: 0670867330

“Rhyme: Five Little Snowmen”
Five little snowmen standing round my door. Hold up five fingers.
This one melted and then there were four. Hold up four fingers.
Four little snowmen beneath a green pine tree. Hold up three fingers.
This one melted and then there were three. Hold up two fingers.
Three little snowmen with caps and mittens blue. Hold up one fingers.
This one melted and then there were two.
Two little snowmen standing in the sun.
This one melted and then there were one.
One little snowman started to run.
But he melted away and then there was none.
Rhyme: “Wiggling Puppies”

One little puppy, one
hold up one finger
Wiggled his tail and had wiggling fun
tickle baby’s knees and legs
Two little puppies, two
hold up two fingers
Wiggled their bodies as puppies do
tickle baby’s tummy
Three little puppies, three
hold up three fingers
Wiggled their noses happily
touch baby’s nose
Four little puppies, four
hold up four fingers
Wiggled their shoulders & wiggled some more
tickle baby’s neck and shoulders
Five little puppies, five
hold up five fingers
Wiggled with joy to be alive!
tickle baby all over!

Rhyme: “Five Little Kittens”

Five little kittens sitting in a row
hold up 5 fingers
They nod their heads to the children so
bend fingers
They run to the left
run fingers to the left
They run to the right
run fingers to the right
They stand up and stretch in the bright sunlight
stretch fingers out tall
Along comes a dog who’s looking for some fun
hold up finger on opposite hand
MEOW! See those little kittens run, run, run.
let fingers run all around

Song: “B-I-N-G-O”

There was a farmer had a dog clap in time to song
And Bingo was his name-o clap while you sing each letter
B - I - N - G - O
B - I - N - G - O
B - I - N - G - O
And Bingo was his name-o
There was a farmer had a dog clap in time to song
And Bingo was his name-o clap ONLY for the first letter,
( clap ) - I - N - G - O
( clap ) - I - N - G - O
( clap ) - I - N - G - O
And Bingo was his name-o

Remove one more letter in each verse until
you are only clapping the part where you
would sing “B-I-N-G-O”.

Thanks for reading Ready 2 Read!
**BABIES**

**I LOVE TRAINS!**
by Sturges, Philemon
ISBN: 0060837748

**Rhyme: “Choo-Choo Train”**

Here’s a little choo-choo train pick up baby

Here’s a little choo-choo train move baby’s arms gently in a “clugging” motion

Chugging down the track hold baby, lean forward

Now it’s going forward hold baby, lean back

Now it’s going back blow gently on baby’s check

Now the whistle blows tickle baby’s arms and leg

Whooooo, Whooooooo

What a lot of noise it makes...

Everywhere it goes

Chooo-choo-choo!

The train comes running back

**TODDLERS**

**FREIGHT TRAIN**
by Crews, Donald
ISBN: 0688129404

**Rhyme: “Engine On the Track”**

Here is the engine on the track hold up thumb

Here is the coal car, just in back hold up pointer finger

Here is the box car to carry freight hold up middle finger

Here is the mail car - don’t be late hold up ring finger

And way back here, at the end of the train hold up little finger

Rides the caboose through the sun hold index fingers and thumbs overhead to form “the sun”

And the rain! make it “rain” with your fingers

**PRESCHOOLERS**

**TRAINS**
by Gibbons, Gail
ISBN: 0823406997

**Rhyme: “Down By the Station”**

do this song standing up

Down by the station point away from self

Early in the morning raise hands over head like the sun coming up

See the little pufferbellies move arms at side like the wheels of a train

All in a row spread arms wide

See the station master point to self

Turn the little handle pretend to turn a handle

Puff, puff, put hands by cheeks to “puff” out

Toot, toot pretend to pull on a chain or string

Off we go! move arms at side like the wheels if a train

Note: Moving arms like the wheels of a train, children can walk in a line or a circle, like a “train”.
Rhyme: “Jelly in the Bowl”
For this rhyme, your baby must be old enough to sit up independently.

Jelly in the Bowl
Jelly in the bowl,
Jelly in the bowl,
Wibble, wobble, wibble, wobble
Jelly in the bowl.
Cookies in the tin
Cookies in the tin.
Shake them up, shake them up
Cookies in the tin.
Baby on the floor,
Baby on the floor.
Pick him (her) up, pick him (her) up
Baby on the floor.
Start with baby on your lap.
Rock baby back and forth.
Gently wiggle baby’s arms.
Rock baby back and forth.
Gently bounce baby on your lap.
Lift baby up high.
Lower baby to the floor.

Rhyme: “At the Kitchen Door”
This is a great rhyme to share at meal times.

One, two, three, four
____ at the kitchen door.
Five, six, seven, eight.
Eating _____ off her (his) plate.
Say your child’s name.
Name the food he or she is eating.

Rhyme: “Way Up High in the Apple Tree ”

Way up high in the apple tree,
Two little apples smiled at me.
I shook the tree as hard as I could.
Down came the apples and mmmmm!
Were they good!
Raise arms overhead.
Make hands into fists and shake.
Mime shaking tree.
Lower fists to the ground.
Rub tummy.
**BABIES**

**SPLASH!**
by Intrater, Roberta Grobel
ISBN: 0439420059

Rhyme: **“A sailor went to sea”**
cradle baby in arms while you sing this song

A sailor went to sea, sea, sea
To see what he could see, see, see
But all that he could see, see, see
Was the bottom of the deep blue sea, sea, sea!

Rock baby in arms
Point to your eyes
Point to baby’s eyes
Tickle baby’s tummy

**TODDLERS**

**IN THE TALL, TALL GRASS**
by Fleming, Denise
ISBN: 0805039414

Rhyme: **“Five baby turtles”**
Count the fingers on your child’s hand as you learn this fun rhyme together

One baby turtle alone and new.
Finds a friend, and then there are two.
Two baby turtles crawl down to the sea.
They find another, and then there are three.
Three baby turtles crawl along the shore.
They find another, and then there are four.
Four baby turtles go for a dive.
Up swims another, and then there are five.

Hold up one finger
Hold up two fingers
Make a crawling motion with hand
Hold up three fingers
Make a crawling motion with hand
Hold up four fingers
Make a diving motion with hand
Hold up four fingers

**PRESCHOOLERS**

**ALL YOU NEED FOR A BEACH**
by Schertle, Alice
ISBN: 0152167552

Rhyme: **“Little Black Bug - Margaret Wise Brown”**
Encourage your child to make hand motions and sounds for each creature

Little black bug, little black bug,
Where have you been?
I’ve been under the rug,
said little black bug.
Bug-ug-ug-ug.

Little green fly, little green fly,
Where have you been?
I’ve been way up high,
said the little green fly.
BZZZZZZZZ!

Little old mouse, little old mouse,
Where have you been?
I’ve been all through the house,
Squeak-eak-eak-eak-eak!

Pinch fingers together to show a small bug
Shrug shoulders

Cover pinched fingers with other hand
Put fingers together to show fly-size
Shrug shoulders

Wave hand in the air
Make a buzzing sound
Put fingers together to show mouse-size
Shrug shoulders

Make a squeaking sound
**Babies**

**Mommy Hugs**
by Katz, Karen
ISBN: 1416941215

**Rhyme: “The baby in the cradle”**

The baby in the cradle goes rock, rock, rock
rock baby or hold them in your arms

The clock on the wall goes tock, tock, tock wiggle index finger from side to side

The rain on the window goes tap, tap, tap tap fingertips together lightly
But here comes the sun raise arms in air like the sun
So let's all clap! clap hands

**Toddlers**

**Bear Wants More.**
by Wilson, Karma
ISBN: 1416949224

**Rhyme: “Rain is falling down”**

Rain is falling down - SPLASH! Wiggle fingers downwards like rain
Slap palms on floor

Rain is falling down - SPLASH! Wiggle fingers downwards like rain
Slap palms on floor

Pitter, patter, tap fingertips together softly

Pitter, patter tap fingertips together softly

Rain is falling down - SPLASH! Wiggle finger downwards, like rain
Slap palms on floor

**Preschoolers**

**Wake Up, It’s Spring!**
by Ernst, Lisa Campbell
ISBN: 0060089857

**Rhyme: “The Eensy Weensy Spider”**

The eensy weensy spider put fingertips together
Went up the water spout twist hands so fingertips “climb” the spout
Down came the rain wiggle fingers downwards like rain
“And washed the spider out” brush hands to the side, like a flood
Out came the sun raise hands up overhead like the sun
And dried up all the rain wiggle fingers upwards like the sun drying up
So the eensy weensy spider put fingertips together
Went up the spout again twist hands so fingertips “climb” the spout
**Babies**

**THE ITSY-BITSY SPIDER**

*illustrated by Jeanette Winter  
ISBN: 0152021302*

**Rhyme: “Rain is falling Down”**

Perform this rhyme with your baby on your lap. Your child will enjoy watching your hands and listening to the words.

Rain is falling down, 
Splash! 
Rain is falling down, 
Splash! 
Pitter-Patter, pitter-patter, 
Rain is falling down, 
Splash!

Raise hands up high and flutter fingers down. 
Slap floor with gusto. 
Raise hands up high and flutter fingers down 
Slap floor with gusto. 
Quietly flutter fingers. 
Raise hands up high and flutter fingers down. 
Slap floor with gusto.

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**Toddlers**

**RUBY’S RAINY DAY**

*by Rosemary Wells  
ISBN: 044843184X*

**Rhyme: “Splash! Fall the Raindrops”**

Splash! Fall the raindrops, 
To the ground they go; 
We need the raindrops, 
To help the flowers grow.

Clap hands softly. 
Point to ground with hands. 
Wiggle fingers down from head to waist. 
Make cup of hands for flowers

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**Preschoolers**

**RED RUBBER BOOT DAY**

*by Mary Lyn Ray, illustrated by Lauren Stringer  
ISBN: 0152053980*

**Rhyme: “If All the Raindrops”**

If All the Raindrops  
Were lemondrops and gumdrops, 
Oh, what a rain that would be! 
Standing outside, with my mouth open wide, 
Ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah! 
Throw head back and open mouth

If all the raindrops
Were lemondrops and gumdrops,
Oh, what a world that would be!
BABIES

**SPOT’S FIRST WALK**  
by Eric Hill  
ISBN: 0399244824

**Rhyme: “Rainbow”**  
Perform with baby on your lap.

There’s a world outside my window  Clap baby’s hands gently.
It’s a world of color for me.
Fiddle-dee-dee, outside my window.
There’s a world of color for me.
Rainbow, rainbow,
Rainbow around me.
Rainbow, rainbow,
Rainbow around me.
Bring baby’s hands to your chest.

TODDLERS

**LITTLE QUACK’S NEW FRIEND**  
by Lauren Thompson,  
illustrated by Derek Anderson  
ISBN: 0689868936

**Rhyme: “Make New Friends”**  
Share this rhyme in a quiet voice.

Make new friends,  Clap hands.
But keep the old.
One is silver
And the other is gold.
A circle is round,  Make an imaginary circle using your index finger.
It has no end.
That’s how long
I’ll be your friend.  Tickle your little one when you get to “friend.”

Additional song lyrics are available at: http://www.niehs.nih.gov/kids/lyrics/makenew.htm

PRESCHOOLERS

**ARTHUR’S FIRST SLEEPOVER**  
by Marc Brown  
ISBN: 0316059560

**Rhyme: “The More We Get Together”**  
The More We Get Together  Clap hands.
The more we get together,
Together, together.
The more we get together,
The happier we’ll be.
For your friends are my friends,  Point to little one, then to yourself.
And my friends are your friends.  Point to yourself, then to little one.
The more we get together,  Continuing clapping hands together.
The happier we’ll be!  End with single loud clap on “be.”

*For the tune, go to: http://www.niehs.nih.gov/kids/lyrics/moreweget.htm
**Babies**

**Maisy Likes Music**
by Lucy Cousins  
ISBN: 0763619159

**Rhyme: “Hey Diddle Diddle”**
Perform this rhyme with your baby on your lap.

Hey diddle diddle          Clap baby’s hands gently
The cat and the fiddle      Raise baby high above head
The cow jumped over the moon Return baby to lap
The little dog laughed to see such fun Tickle baby’s tummy
And the dish ran away with the spoon

Share this as a chant or sing it as song. For the tune, go to:  

**Toddlers**

**Shake Shake Shake**
by Andrea and Brian Pinkney  
ISBN: 015200632X

**Rhyme: “Shake It”**
Share this rhyme in a quiet voice.

Shake it baby, shake it           Wiggle hips side to side.
Shake it if you can               Keep wiggling.
Shake it like a milkshake and do the best you can       Wiggle hips some more.
Rumble to the bottom and rumble to the top                  Wiggle down to the ground rolling, arms in front, then wiggle back up rolling arms.

Turn around and turn around until you make it a stop       Spin around with one arm extended until you hear the word stop (don’t forget to shout STOP).

**Preschoolers**

**Rock-A-Baby Band**
by Kate McMullan,  
illustrated by Janie Bynum  
ISBN: 0316608580

**Rhyme: “Song Happy and You Know It”**

If you’re happy and you know it, clap your hands Clap Clap
If you’re happy and you know it, clap your hands Clap Clap
If you’re happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it Clap Clap

Other verses:
...stomp your feet stomp stomp
...snap your fingers snap snap
...touch your head touch touch

Add a favorite musical instrument: ...pound the drum boom boom

For the tune, go to:  
http://www.niehs.nih.gov/kids/lyrics/happyand.htm
**Rhyme: “Chocolate”**
Hold baby in your lap and pretend to hold a wire whisk or spoon in your hand as you whip up the chocolate.

Unodotrescho!
Unodotresco!
Unodotresla!
Unodotrestele!
Batebatechocolate!
Batebatechocolate!

**Rhyme: “Warm Kitty”**
Stroke your baby’s right arm with her left hand and make a “purr” sound.

Warm kitty, soft kitty,
Little ball of fur.
Sleepy kitty, happy kitty,
Purr, purr, purr!

**Rhyme: “Snow is Falling Down”**
Share this rhyme in a quiet voice.

Snow is falling down - Raise hands up high and flutter fingers down.
     Shhhhh! Raise finger to mouth to make “shhh” sound.
Snow is falling down - Raise hands up high and flutter fingers down.
     Shhhhh! Wave fingers gently from side to side.
Sifting, drifting Wave fingers gently from side to side.
Sifting, drifting, Raise hands up high and flutter fingers down.
    Shhhhh! Raise finger to mouth to make “shhh” sound.

**Rhyme: “Snowflake, Snowflake”**
Snowflake, snowflake swirl around.
Snowflake, snowflake touch the ground.
Snowflake, snowflake land on my nose.
Snowflake, snowflake freeze my toes.
Snowflake, snowflake in the air.
Snowflake, snowflake everywhere!

Twirl around.
Touch the ground.
Touch your nose.
Wiggle toes.
Jump up with arms overhead.
Reach arms out to the side.
**BABIES**

**DUCKIE’S SPLASH!**
by Barry, Frances
ISBN: 0763628972

**Rhyme: “Round and Round the Garden”**
Try this rhymes while you tickle your baby’s arm or tummy!

Round and round the garden  
When the teddy bear  
One step, two steps,  
Tickly under there.

Round and round the garden,  
When the little mouse,  
One step, two steps  
To his little house!

circle fingers on baby’s palm  
walk fingers up baby’s arm  
tickle under arm  
(a little faster)

circle fingers on baby’s palm  
walk fingers up baby’s arm  
tickle under arm

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**TODDLERS**

**MOMMY, CARRY ME PLEASE!**
by Cabrera, Jane
ISBN: 0823419355

**Rhyme: “10 Bubbles”**
Clap your hands as you follow the instructions in this counting rhyme

1 bubble, 2 bubbles, 3 bubbles, TOP  
4 bubbles, 5 bubbles, 6 bubbles, HOP  
7 bubbles, 8 bubbles, 9 bubbles, POP  
10 bubbles floating down, time to STOP!

tap top of head  
hop once  
clap hands  
sit or crouch down

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**PRESCHOOLERS**

**THE SNAIL AND THE WHALE**
by Donaldson, Julia
ISBN: 0142405809

**Rhyme: “Little Blue Whale”**

Little blue whale  
In a big blue sea  
Splish, splash, splish, splash  
Swim with me!

Dip a little  
Dive a little  
Dunk a little, whale  
Come back up and flip your tail!

hold hands apart  
hold hands farther apart  
make splashing movements with hands  
make swimming motions with hands  
make a diving motion with your right hand  
make a diving motion with your left hand  
make a diving motion with both hands  
put hand behind back like a tail and “splash”
**Rhyme: “Friendly Ghost”**

I’m a very friendly ghost  
And I can scare you too  
I cover my face with my hands  
And then say BOO to you.  

Point to yourself.  
Point to your baby.  
Cover face with hands.  
Uncover face and say, “Boo!”

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**Rhyme: “Five Little Pumpkins”**

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate  
The first one says, “My, it’s getting late.”  
The second one says, “There are witches in the air.”  
The third one says, “But we don’t care.”  
The fourth one says, “Let’s run and run and run!”  
The fifth one says, “We’re ready for some fun!”  
Oooooooooooo went the wind  
And out went the light  
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight

Hold up one hand.  
Point to thumb.  
Point to pointer finger.  
Point to middle finger.  
Point to ring finger.  
Point to little finger.  
Hold hands beside mouth.  
Clap hands.  
Roll hands around each other in a circle.

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**Rhyme: “The Scarecrow”**

Scarecrow, scarecrow what do you know  
Guard the corn and watch it grow.  
And if the birds fly in to eat  
Just shout, “BOO!”  
And stomp your feet.

Point to head.  
Fingers circle eyes.  
Make flying motion with arms.  
Shout, “BOO!”  
Stomp feet.
**Babies**

**I LIKE STARS**
by Brown, Margaret Wise
ISBN: 0375840273

**Song: “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star”**
Written By: Jane Taylor

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!

For the tune, go to: http://www.kididdles.com/lyrics/t023.html

**Toddlers**

**HOW TO CATCH A STAR**
by Jeffers, Oliver
ISBN: 0399242864

**Rhyme: “A Little Star Words”**
By: Harriet Blanche Jones, / Music By: Florence Newell Barbour
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Skidamarink a dink a dink,
Skidamarink a doo,
I love you.

Skidamarink a dink a dink,
Skidamarink a doo,
I love you.

I love you in the morning
And in the afternoon,
I love you in the evening
And underneath the moon;
Oh, Skidamarink a dink a dink,
Skidamarink a doo,
I love you!

For the tune, go to: http://www.kididdles.com/lyrics/l101.html

**Preschoolers**

**THE LITTLE OLD LADY WHO WAS NOT AFRAID OF ANYTHING**
by Linda Williams,
illustrated by Megan Lloyd
ISBN: 0690045840

**Rhyme: “The Scarecrow”**

I tried to catch a little star,
reach into the air and catch with your hand
But, oh! I could not reach so far!
reach far out
I jumped and jumped -- I even tried to fly,
jump twice, and spread arms out to fly
But still I could not reach the sky.

For the tune, go to: http://www.kididdles.com/lyrics/1101.html