

Introduce your child to the joys of reading and the wonderful world of books with Mitchell Library Service's free Rhyme Time sessions.

These sessions provide opportunities to meet with other parents and carers and social interaction with other children. They also help your child to develop language skills. They can be a special time to share with your child and are great fun!

Get into the rhythm of Rhyme Time with your 0-2 year old baby or toddler:

- rhymes, finger plays and songs
- puppets and props
- simple books read aloud

Rhyme Time is now on at all four branches of Mitchell Library Service. There are no bookings required and Rhyme Time runs all year except over the Christmas school holidays. Come along and don't forget to bring your singing voices!



Welcome Song

Good morning, good morning, it's
_____ today
I'm ready to work, are you ready to
play?
The duck says quack, quack!
The cow says moo, moo!
And I say "Good morning" when I see
you

Hello song

(Sung to the tune of London bridge is
falling down)

Hi, hello and how are you?
How are you?
How are you?
Hi, hello and how are you?
How are you today?

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

Baa Baa Black Sheep

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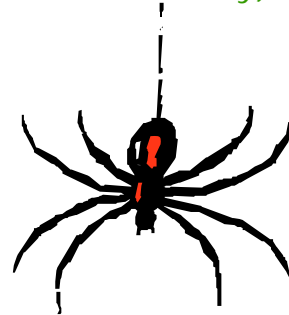
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Baa, baa, black sheep,
Have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir,
Three bags full. (nod your head, take
hold of 3 fingers)
One for the master, (fold down 1st
finger)
One for the dame, (fold down 1st & 2nd
finger)
And one for the little boy / girl (hold up
and wriggle last finger)
Who lives down the lane.



Round & Round the garden

Round and round the garden, like a
Teddy Bear. (gently trace finger in a
circle around child's palm)
One step, two step (walk your fingers
up child's arm)
Tickly you under there! (tickle under
chin, under arm or tummy)



Incy Wincy Spider

Incy Wincy spider climbed up the
water spout
(Right thumb to left pinkie, then left
thumb to right pinkie and so on)
Down came the rain and washed poor
Incy out
(Hold hands up high then wiggle fingers
as hands move down)
Out came the sunshine and dried up
all the rain
(Hold hands up high and form circle)
And the Incy Wincy spider went up the
spout again.
(Repeat action for first line)

Five little ducks

Five little ducks went out one day
Over the hills and far away
(hold up fingers, march them over your
shoulder & behind back)
Mother Duck said "Quack, quack,
quack"
(make duck beak with fingers and
quack together)
But only four little ducks came back
(Repeat, reducing numbers by one each
time until none come back)

Mother Duck went out one day
Over the hills and far away
Mother Duck said "Quack, quack,
quack"
And her five little ducks came back.



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

(start the second verse rocking a little faster)

Row, row, row your boat
gently down the stream
and if you see a crocodile,
don't forget to scream. Aghhhh!

(pretend to hold steering wheel & toot horn)

Drive, drive, drive your car
Gently down the street
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,
Life is but a treat.

Row, row, row the boat
Gently to the shore
If you see a lion
Don't forget to roar
(mimic lion and roar)

Row, row, row your boat,
Gently down the brook.
If you catch a little fish,
Let it off the hook.

Row, row, row your boat,
Gently down the stream
Ha! Ha! Fooled you all!
I'm a submarine.

Hickory Dickory Dock

Hickory, dickory, dock,
The mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck one,
(Clap hands once)
The mouse ran down,
(lower baby to the ground and back up)
Hickory, dickory, dock.
The clock struck two,
(Clap hands twice)
The mouse said, "Boo!"
The clock struck three,
(Clap hands three times)
The mouse said, "Wheel!"
The clock struck four,
(Clap hands four times)
The mouse said, "No more!"
Hickory, dickory, dock.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5 once I caught a fish alive

One, two, three, four, five, (hold up each finger on right hand as you say the number)
Once I caught a fish alive,
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten, (hold up each finger on left hand as you say the number)
Then I let go again.

Why did you let it go?
Because it bit my finger so.
Which finger did it bite?
This little finger on the right. (hold up right pinky finger)

Polly put the kettle on

Polly, put the kettle on,
Polly, put the kettle on,
Polly, put the kettle on,
We'll all have tea.

Sukey, take it off again,
Sukey, take it off again,
Sukey, take it off again,
They've all gone away.
Blow the fire and make the toast,
Put the muffins on to roast,
Blow the fire and make the toast,
We'll all have tea.

Baby's fingers

These are baby's fingers
These are baby's toes
This is baby's belly button
Round and round it goes

Little Peter Rabbit

(Make bunny ears for Little Peter Rabbit, cross your fingers for the fly and touch the body part that the fly lands on)

Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose,
Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose,

Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose

So he flipped it and he flopped it (make a swatting action)

And the fly flew away. (make the fly go away)

Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his ear,
Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his ear,

Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his ear

So he flipped it and he flopped it
And the fly flew away.

Galumph went the little green frog (composer unknown)

Galumph went the little green frog one day

Galumph went the little green frog

Galumph went the little green frog one day

And they all went glomph, glomph, glomph!!

But we all know frogs go ladedadeda
ladedadeda ladedadeda

We all know frogs go ladedadeda
ladedadeda ladedadeda

They don't go glomph, glomph, glomph!!



Five Green and Speckled Frogs

Five green and speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating the most delicious worms –
Yum yum! (rub tummy)
One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Now there are four speckled frogs –
Glub glub!

Four green and speckled frogs...
Three green and speckled frogs...
Two green and speckled frogs...
One green and speckled frog...

...Now there are no more speckled frogs!

Three Cheeky Monkeys

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(Bounce baby in time to the song)

Three cheeky monkeys bouncing on the bed

(lower baby to the ground and back up)

One fell off and bumped his head

Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said

No more monkeys bouncing on the bed!

(wiggle a finger)

Two cheeky monkeys...

One cheeky monkey...

No little monkeys jumping on the bed

(lower baby to the ground and back up)

None fell off and bumped their head

So Momma called the doctor and the doctor said

Put those monkeys back in bed!

(wiggle a finger)

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

Teddy Bear, teddy bear, touch your nose, (touch nose)

Teddy Bear, teddy bear, touch your toes, (touch toes)

Teddy Bear, teddy bear, touch the ground, (touch ground)

Teddy Bear, teddy bear, turn around. (twirl slowly with arms out to side)

Teddy Bear, teddy bear, climb the stairs, (pretend to climb stairs)

Teddy Bear, teddy bear, say your prayers, (pretend to pray)

Teddy Bear, teddy bear, turn out the light (pretend to turn out the light)

Teddy Bear, teddy bear, say goodnight! (rest head on hands and pretend to go to sleep)



I'm a little teapot

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Short and stout

Here is my handle (place one hand on corresponding hip to imitate handle)

Here is my spout (position other hand in air to imitate spout)

When I get all steamed up

Hear me shout

"Tip me over

and pour me out!" (lean to the right to imitate pouring tea from the spout)

Ring-a-ring-a-rosie

Ring a ring o' rosies, (join hands and turn in a circle)

A pocketful of posies.

a-tishoo!, a-tishoo!

We all fall down. (drop to the floor)

The cows are in the meadow,

Eating buttercups,

ah-tishoo, ah-tishoo.

they all jump up. (jump back up again)

Heads, Shoulders, Knees & Toes

Head, shoulders, knees, and toes

Knees and toes.

Head, shoulders, knees, and toes

Knees and toes and...

Eyes and ears and a mouth and nose.

Head, shoulders knees and toes.

Knees and toes!

Old McDonald

Old MacDonald had a farm

E I E I O

And on his farm he had some cows

E I E I O

With a moo moo here

And a moo moo there

Here a moo, there a moo

Everywhere a moo moo

Old MacDonald had a farm

E I E I O

If you're happy & you know it

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If you're happy and you know it,

Clap your hands

(Clap hands twice)

If you're happy and you know it,

Clap your hands

(Clap hands twice)

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.

(Clap hands twice)

If you're happy and you know it,

Tap your toe

(Tap toes twice)

If you're happy and you know it,

Tap your toe

(Tap toes twice)

If you're happy and you know it,

Then your face will surely show it

If you're happy and you know it,

Tap your toe.

(Tap toes twice)

If you're happy and you know it,

Nod your head

(Nod head)

If you're happy and you know it,

Nod your head

(Nod head)

If you're happy and you know it,

Then your face will surely show it

If you're happy and you know it,

Nod your head.

(Nod head)

If you're happy and you know it,

Clap your hands

(Clap hands twice)

If you're happy and you know it,

Clap your hands

(Clap hands twice)

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.

(Clap hands twice)

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.

(Clap hands twice)

Dingle Dangle Scarecrow

Start off sleeping, then jump up on the third line and action hats, hands and feet while generally dingle-dangling everything!

When all the cows were sleeping and the sun had gone to bed

Up jumped the scarecrow and this is what he said

"I'm a dingle dangle scarecrow with a floppy floppy hat,

I can shake my hands like this and shake my feet like that.

When all the hens were rousting and the moon behind a cloud,

Up jumped the scarecrow and shouted very loud

"I'm a dingle dangle scarecrow with a floppy floppy hat,

I can shake my hands like this and shake my feet like that.



Joanie works with one hammer

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"Hammer" with 1 arm.

One hammer one hammer

Joanie works with one hammer

Then she works with two

Joanie works with two hammers

"Hammer" with 2 arms.

Two hammers two hammers

Joanie works with two hammers

Then she works with three

Joanie works with three hammers

"Hammer" with 2 arms and 1 foot.

Three hammers three hammers

Joanie works with three hammers

Then she works with four

Joanie works with four hammers

"Hammer" with 2 arms and 2 feet.

Four hammers four hammers

Joanie works with four hammers

Then she works with five

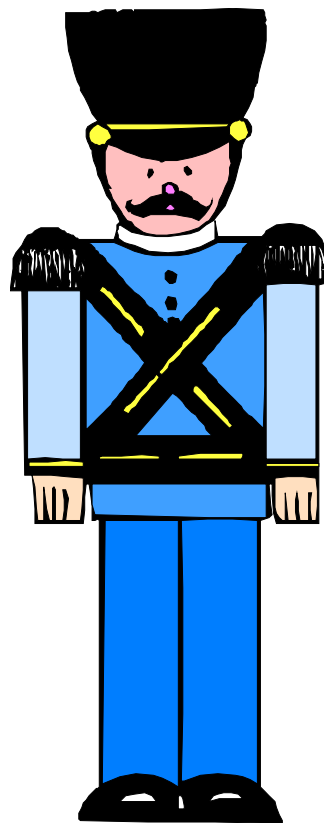
Joanie works with five hammers

"Hammer" with 2 arms, 2 feet, and your head.

Five hammers five hammers

Joanie works with five hammers

Then she goes to sleep Yawn and pretend to go to sleep



The Monkey dance

Do appropriate animal moves to go with song

We're gonna do the monkey

Do the monkey

Monkey, monkey

That's alright

Do the elephant, do the elephant

Do the elephant

That's alright

CHORUS

Jump to the front and back

Jump to the front and back

Come on and

Jump to the front and back

That's alright

Now do the tiger, do the tiger

Tiger, tiger

That's alright

CHORUS

We're gonna do the monkey

Do the monkey

Do the elephant

The tiger, tiger

The Grand Old Duke of York

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Oh, the Grand old Duke of York

(bounce baby during marching)

He had ten thousand men.

He marched them up

To the top of the hill,

And marched them down again.

And when they were up they were up

(lift baby in the air)

And when they were down they were down

(lower baby back onto lap)

And when they were only half way up

They were neither up nor down.

Rock-a-bye your bear

Everybody clap (clap) (clap) (clap)
Everybody sing, La la la la la
Bow to your partner (bow down)
Then you turn around (turn around)
Hands in the air (hands up)
Rock-a-bye your bear (Pretend to rock baby)
Bears now asleep, Sh! Sh! Sh! (Put finger to lip)
Bears now asleep, Sh! Sh! Sh!
Repeat

Where is Thumbkin?

Where is Thumbkin? Where is
Thumkin?
(Hide hands behind back)
Here I am! Here I am!
(Show L thumb, then R thumb)
How are you today, friend?
(Wiggle L thumb)
Very well, I thank you.
(Wiggle R thumb)
Run away, run away.
(Hide LH behind back, then RH)

Where is Pointer?....

Tall man?....
Ring man?....
Pinkie?....

(Show LH, fingers erect, then RH)
How are you today, friends?
(Wiggle fingers of LH)
Very well, we thank you,
(Wiggle fingers of RH)
Stay and play, stay and play.
(Hide LH behind back, then RH)
Where is the family? Where is the family?....
(Hide hands behind back)
Here we are! Here we are!



Goodbye song

(Sung to the tune of London bridge is falling down)
Good-bye, good-bye,
We'll see you soon,
See you soon
See you soon
Good-bye, goodbye
We'll see you soon,
On another day