

Nursery Rhymes, Poems & Songs

Singing, reciting, fingerplays, repeating refrains are all wonderful ways to delight and instruct

CLASSIC VERSES and familiar songs combine with some of the best new poetry for children, all accompanied by whimsical, colorful, multicultural illustrations that add to the pleasures in words, rhythm, and rhyme.

SELECTIONS

Mother Goose nursery rhymes

Poetry by

Robert Louis Stevenson,
Edward Lear, Jack Prelutsky,
Christina Rossetti, and others

Silly tongue twisters

Lyrics to favorite children's songs, including lullabies and rounds

Words and instructions for fingerplay, clap-along, and dance-along songs

FINGERPLAY
The Eensy, Weensy Spider
Help your child follow the movements that go with this poem. Touch index finger to thumb, then opposite finger to opposite thumb, to make your hands be the spider climbing the spout. Sweep hands down, then sideways for rain. Spread hands above head for sunshine. Then start again.

The eensy, weensy spider
Climbed up the waterspout.
Down came the rain
To wash the spider out.
Out came the sunshine
And dried up all the rain.
So the eensy, weensy spider
Climbed up the spout again.



Poems
Raindrops
by Aileen Fisher

How brave a ladybug must be!
Each drop of rain is as big as she.
Can you imagine what you'd do
if raindrops fell as big as you?



Five Little Monkeys
Five little monkeys jumping on the bed,
One fell off and bumped his head,
Mama called the doctor and the doctor said,
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

Repeat the poem, reducing the number of monkeys with each verse.

Four little monkeys jumping on the bed...
Three little monkeys jumping on the bed... etc.



Doctor Foster
Doctor Foster went to Gloster
In a shower of rain.
He stepped in a puddle,
Up to the middle,
And never went there again.



Poems


Week 46

READ THE FIRST
"Doctor Foster"
Poem
Knowledge
Arithmetic

Get Ready
Depressor or marker

For this activity, read your child each direction. Help her follow them, one by one.

Doctor Foster



The umbrella has three sections.
Color one section yellow, one red, and one blue.
Color the doctor's bag black and his hat brown.
Draw in more raindrops above, behind, and in front of Dr. Foster.

LANGUAGE LISTENING Follow multiple directions

Week 23

READ THE FIRST
"Cut and Fold a Spider"
Poem
Fine Motor Skills
Arithmetic

Get Ready
 paper
 scissors
 marker or crayon
 tape

How close the pattern that let your child do the cutting as safely possible.

Talk & Think
Read the instructions for each step.
Have your child follow the instructions. See if your child can follow them, step out if needed.

Read Help
Give your child extra practice and starting straight lines and making straight folds on paper.

Cut and Fold a Spider
Help your child follow these steps to cut and fold a piece of paper into a spider.

1. Draw guidelines on an 8-1/2 x 11 sheet of paper as shown.
2. Help your child cut along the lines to make eight legs.
3. Help your child fold each leg twice: once at top, then once halfway down.
4. Bend top around and tape at back to make a spider.

ART LANGUAGE: cut and fold straight lines; follow simple directions