



Phonological Awareness

Finger Plays

1. Take a set of Finger Play Cards.
2. Choose a card and read over the words and hand motions.
3. Once you are somewhat familiar with the finger play, do it slowly for your child, then invite him or her to do the actions along with you.
4. Once your child gets the hang of it, have him or her perform the song or rhyme for you! You can also try another, if your child is interested.

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Kids often enjoy doing these over and over, and that's great practice!

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The Zoo

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He had long, dark fuzzy hair.
(Pretend to walk like a bear.)

We saw a lion in a cage.
He was in an awful rage.
(Pretend to be an angry lion.)

We saw the big, long-necked giraffe,
And the silly monkeys made us laugh.
(Everybody laugh.)

But my favorite animal at the zoo
Is the elephant—how about you?

Homes

A nest is a home for a bird.
(Cup hands to form a nest.)

A hive is a home for a bee.
(Turn cupped hands over.)

A hole is a home for a rabbit.
(Make a hole with hands.)

And a house is a home for me.
(Make roof with peaked hands.)

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn around. *(Turn around.)*

Teddy bear, teddy bear,
touch the ground.
(Touch the ground.)

Teddy bear, teddy bear,
show your shoe.
(Hold out foot.)

Teddy bear, teddy bear, I love you.
(Give yourself a big hug.)

An Elephant Walks Like This and That

An elephant walks like this and that,
He's terribly tall and he's terribly fat.
(Reach to sky; put arms out like a big belly.)

He's got no fingers, *(Wiggle fingers.)*

He's got no toes, *(Point to toes.)*

But goodness gracious,
What a LONG nose!

(Use arms to make a long, swinging trunk.)

Dance Your Fingers

(Have child mimic your actions, dancing fingers in the air and on the body.)

Dance your fingers up,
Dance your fingers down,
Dance your fingers to the side,
Dance them all around.

Dance them on your shoulders,
Dance them on your head,
Dance them on your tummy,

And put them all to bed. *(Rest head on hands together at side of face.)*

Little Rabbit

I saw a little rabbit go hop, hop, hop. *(Hop 3 times.)*

I saw his ears go flop, flop, flop.
(Put hands to ears and flop them 3 times.)

I saw his nose go wink, wink, wink.
(Twitch your nose up and down.)

I saw his eyes go blink, blink, blink. *(Blink 3 times.)*

I said, "Little rabbit, won't you stay?"
(Beckon with index finger.)

He looked at me and he hopped away. *(Hop.)*

Five Little Speckled Frogs

Five little speckled frogs,
(Hold up five fingers.)

Sitting on a speckled log,
Eating the most delicious bugs...yum, yum.
(Rub belly.)

One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool.
Then there were four speckled frogs.
(Hold up four fingers.)
(Continue until there are no frogs left.)





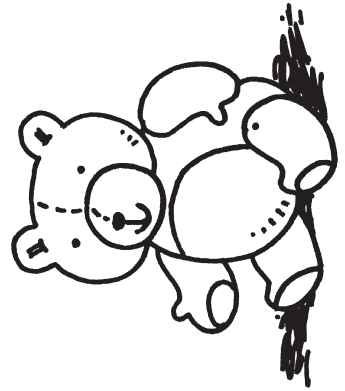
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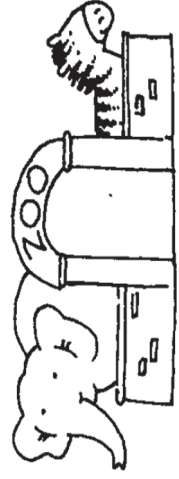
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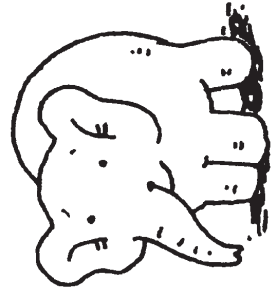
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