

Infants, 0 - 6 months

Baby's Fingers

tune: 10 Little Indians

objectives: use baby's name in a song;
naming body parts

Where, oh, where are (child's name) fingers?
Where, oh, where are (child's name) toes?
Where is (child's name) belly button?
Round and round it goes.

Where, oh, where are (child's name) ears?
Where, oh, where are (child's name) nose?
Where is (child's name) belly button?
Round and round it goes.

Roly Poly - stretching chant

objective: developing muscle strength

Roly poly, roly poly, in, in, in
(roll baby's arms in front of her body)
Roly poly, roly poly, out, out, out
(stretch baby's arms out by her side)
Roly poly, roly poly, up, up, up
(stretch baby's arms over her head)
Roly poly, roly poly, down, down, down
(baby's arms down by her side)

Fleas

Tiptoe fingers up child's body from toe to head as
you sing and speak:

On my toe there is a flea
Now he's climbing on my knee
Past my tummy, past my nose
On my head where my hair grows.

On my head there is a flea
Now he's climbing down on me
Past my tummy, past my knee
On my toe - TAKE THAT YOU FLEA!
(tickle child's foot)

Criss-Cross Applesauce

concepts: massage, relaxation, stimulation

Criss- cross
(trace an "X" with your finger on baby's back)
Applesauce
(pat baby's shoulder's two times in rhythm)
Spider's crawling up your back
(crawl your finger's up baby's back)
Spider's crawling down your back
(crawl your fingers down baby's back)
Gentle squeeze
(gently squeeze baby's arms)

Cool breeze
(blow on the back of the baby's neck)
Now you've got the shivers!
(gently tickle all over baby's back)

Peek-a-Boo, by Lynn Kleiner

from Kids Make Music, Babies Make Music Too CD
available on itunes - \$.99
materials: transparent scarf

Peek-a-boo, where are you (hide)
Hiding in your place?
Peek-a-boo, where are you
With your smiling face? (peek)

Place scarf over your face as you sing to baby.
Toddlers also enjoy this game and can play using an
individual scarf.

Wiggle Waggle, a tickle chant (good for diaper changes!)

Wiggle waggle went the bears (cross baby's legs)
Chasing bees in his underwear
One bee out and one bee in (legs open, legs closed)
And one bee bit him on his little bear bum (tickle)

Tickle Bugs, a tickle chant

Tickle bugs, tickle bugs hunting feet
(creep fingers from baby's toes up baby's body)
Creeping and crawling over the sheets
(creep fingers back down)
1, 2, (push each leg toward torso)
Catch them like this (push legs quickly)
Tickle, tickle, tickle (tickle baby)
And a great big kiss! (kiss baby)

6 - 12 months

Three Little Hot Dogs

Pat your three fingers on child's palm:
Three little hot dogs frying in the pan.
The grease got hot and the fire went BAM!
(clap your hands on "BAM")

Two little hot dogs frying in the pan
One little hot dog frying in the pan ...
Zero (or no more) hot dogs frying in the pan.
The grease got hot and the pan went BAM!

Two Little Blackbirds/ Two Little Owls

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill
(pat child's shoulders)
One named Jack and one named Jill
Fly away Jack, fly away Jill
(fly one hand behind your back, then the other)
Come back Jack, come back Jill.

(fly one hand from behind your back to the front,
then the other)

Two little owls looking at you
One named Hoo and one named Boo
Fly away Hoo, fly away Boo
Come back Hoo, come back BOO!
(clap or tickle child's tummy)

Here We Go!

tune: Go In and Out the Window

(roll baby's hands)
We're in a covered wagon
We're in a covered wagon
We're in a covered wagon
A-rollin' down the hill!

(bounce baby on knees)
We're in a covered wagon
We're in a covered wagon
We're in a covered wagon
A-bumpin' down the hill!

(rock baby)
We're in a covered wagon
We're in a covered wagon
We're in a covered wagon
A-rockin' down the hill!

Bumping Up and Down in My Little Red Wagon

bouncing song
traditional, idea from How Wee Learn, Pinterest

(bounce baby on both knees)
Bumping up and down in my little red wagon
Bumping up and down in my little red wagon
Bumping up and down in my little red wagon
Won't you be my darlin'?

(bounce baby on one knee)
One wheel's off and the axle's broken ...

(bounce baby on other knee)
Other wheel's off and the axle's broken ...

There Was a Mouse - clapping & tickling song

There was a mouse (clap clap)
Who liked to tap (clap clap)
But most of all (clap clap)
She liked to clap (clap clap)
She clapped all night (clap clap)
She clapped all day (clap clap)
She clapped to frighten (clap clap)
The cat away (tickle)

Trot Old Joe, a bouncing song, from intelligidance
(Sit on floor with legs outstretched. Baby sits on your
thighs facing away from you)

Begin by clicking your tongue as you bounce baby on
your knees

Trot old Joe, trot old Joe
(bounce baby @ a moderate tempo)
You ride better than any horse I know
Trot old Joe, trot old Joe
You're the best horse in the country -o. (shake legs)
Whoa (rock baby backward, as if pulling on reins)

Trot slow Joe, trot slow Joe
(bounce baby @ slow tempo)
You ride slower than any horse I know
Trot slow Joe, trot slow Joe
You're the slowest horse in the country-o
(rock baby side to side)
Whoa (rock baby backward, as if pulling on reins)

Trot fast Joe, trot fast Joe
You ride faster than any horse I know
Trot fast Joe, trot fast Joe
You're the fastest horse in the country-o
(wiggle knees fast)
Whoa (rock baby backward, as if pulling on reins)

Baby Goes Bumpy Boo, a bouncing song

tune: Looby Loo, from intelligidance
(Sit on floor with legs outstretched. Baby sits on your
thighs facing away from you)

Chorus: Here we go bumpy boo (bounce baby)
Baby goes bumpy bye
Baby goes bumpy bee
All on top of my knee

I bounce you to the left (bounce on L knee)
I bounce you to the right (bounce on R knee)
I bounce you up and down (raise knees up and down)
I bounce you out of sight (roll backward holding baby)
Whoa (Chorus)

I bounce you very fast
I bounce you very slow
I bounce you up and down
And then way back you go (roll backward holding baby)
Whoa

12 - 24 months

Bean Bag - color song

materials: colored bean bags, a tamborine

Give each child a bean bag. Sing each child's name
and ask them to put their bean bag in the tamborine.
Sing the color name of the child's bean bag to help the
child recognize colors.

s m s m s s m
Bean bag, bean bag, in my hand
s s s s s f m r d
(Child's name), can you put the red one in the pan?

Rum Tum Tum - drum activity

from an activity by Lynn Kleiner

The Best of Music Exploration for Infants and Toddlers, presented by Devora Miller,
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(Begin by patting a steady beat on the drum. Follow the directions in each verse for playing the drum.)

Rum Tum Rum Tum
Baby playing on the drum

Rum Tum Rum Tum
(Baby's name) is playing on the drum

Rum Tum Rum Tum
Let's make circles on the drum

Rum Tum Rum Tum
Drumming fingers on the drum

Rum Tum Rum Tum
Let's make swishes on the drum

Rum Tum Rum Tum
Two hands are on the drum

If you are making music with several children at once, drums that can sit on the floor work best. Coffee and candy cans work well. If you are making music one on one with a child, a hand drum works just fine.

Head and Shoulders Baby - action song

Touch the the parts of your body as you sing. Clap hands on "1, 2, 3" - three claps)

Head and shoulders, baby, 1, 2, 3
Head and shoulders, baby, 1, 2, 3
Head and shoulders, head and shoulders, head and shoulders, baby 1, 2, 3

Repeat song using other body parts.

I Know a Chicken, by Laurie Berkner
from Whaddaya Think of That? CD,
materials: shakers
concepts: high-low, fast-slow

I know a chicken and she laid an egg

If I Could Have a Windmill

Sharon, Lois, and Bram, "Great Big Hits" CD - vol. 1
available: iTunes - \$.99

With child seated on your lap or across from you, or lying on a pillow, hold child's hands out to the side and gently sway arms side to side (windmill arms):

If I could have a windmill, a windmill, a windmill,
This is what I would do.

I'd have it pump some water ...
Then I'd have a duck pond...
The ducks would make their wings flap ...
If I could have a windmill ...

Little Horses, traditional

from Toddlers Make Music by Lynn Kleiner

1. Little horses, little horses, come out of your barn.
The door is wide open, the sunshine is warm
(pretend to be a horse inside the barn)

2. sing melody on "lai" (run and gallop)

3. Little horses, littles horses, come back to your barn.
The door is wide open the blankets are warm.
(gallop back to the barn)

4. sing melody on "lai" (horses sleep in the barn)

Blankets spread on the floor can be used to represent the barn. This song can also be performed with children playing rhythm sticks on the beat.

2 years - 3 years

Alabama, Mississippi, by Jim Gill

The Sneezing Song and other Contagious Tunes
parachute play

Alabama, Mississippi (raise chute)
Alabama, New Orleans (lower chute)
Alabama, Mississippi (raise chute)
Shake it on down to New Orleans (shake chute)

Shake, shake shake, shake it, baby (shake chute)
Shake, shake shake, shake it, baby (shake chute)
Shake, shake shake, shake it, baby (shake chute)
Shake it on down to New Orleans (shake chute)

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong.
(right pat on knee-left pat on knee-clap)

Chorus: Singing, na-na-na-na-na-na-na-hey!
Na-na-na-na-na-na-na-hey!
Na-na-na-na-na-na-na-hey!
Na-na-na-na-na-na-na-hey!
(hand jive)

Jesus loves me in the day, while I work and while I play.

Jesus loves me in the night.
Jesus is my guiding light. Chorus.

Amazing grace how sweet the sound,
I once was lost but now I'm found.
I once was blind, but now I see.
Jesus Christ loves you and me. Chorus.

Galop, from "The Comedians"

by Dimitri Kabalevsky

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Activity by Artie Almeida from Parachutes and Ribbons and Scarves, Oh My!, listening lessons with movement props
Heritage Music Press, A Lorenz Co., www.lorenz.com
materials: ribbon streamers or scarves

Elephants Have Wrinkles

from "Movement Songs Children Love" CD & Book
available: themes and variations.com - \$20
by Mike Whitla at Amazon Music MP3 - \$.99

Chorus: Elephants have wrinkles, wrinkles, wrinkles
Elephants have wrinkles, wrinkles, wrinkles
Wrinkles everywhere.
On their toes (on their toes)
No one knows why-y-y-y.

... On their knees (on their knees)

... On their hips (on their hips)

... On their ears (on their ears)

... on their trunk (on their trunk)

... On their teeth (on their teeth?)
That's ridiculous!

On their trunk (on their trunk)

On their ears (on their ears)

On their hips (on their hips)

On their knees (on their knees)

On their toes (on their toes)

No one knows why-y-y-y.

All Around the Kitchen, traditional
Dan Zanes and Friends: Family Dance CD
available: itunes - \$1.29

All around the kitchen cock-a-doodle-doodle-doo ...

Stop right there
Put your hands in your hair
Put your arms in the air
Spin around in a circle

Stop right there
Make your arms into trees
Wave them in the breeze
Shake and wobble your knees

Stop right there
Put your arms into wings
Flap those things
Fly around in a circle

Stop right there
Put your hands in the sky

Wave the clouds good-bye
Cry yippee-yi-yi

One Green Jelly Bean, by Lee and Sandy Paley
available at Amazon - \$.99
objective: counting 1-4/movement

One green jelly bean down in my belly bean
Giving me a tummy ache
What am I gonna take?
All my friends are telling me
They've got a remedy.
Don't eat the green one and jump up and down.

Two green jelly beans down in my belly bean ...
Don't eat the green one and rub your tummy,
And jump up and down.

Three green jelly beans down in my belly bean ...
Don't eat the green one and pat your head,
And rub your tummy,
And jump up and down.

Four green jelly beans down in my belly bean ...
Don't eat the green one and kick your leg,
And pat your head,
And rub your tummy,
And jump up and down.