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Fun and Games with Songs

Singing together is learning together. Songs help your child connect words with their meanings. So, fill your house with songs and music. Here are some of the rhymes and songs that children love best. Learn the words, learn the motions, and sing along with your child.

This Little Piggy

(can be done on fingers or toes)

This little piggy went to market.	*touch and wiggle thumb*
This little piggy stayed home.	*touch and wiggle index finger*
This little piggy had roast beef.	*touch and wiggle middle finger*
This little piggy had none.	*touch and wiggle ring finger*
And this little piggy cried,	
"Wee, wee, wee!"	*touch and wiggle pinky*
All the way home.	

The Itsy, Bitsy Spider

The itsy, bitsy spider	
Went up the water spout.	*put finger to opposite thumb and pretend to crawl up*
Down came the rain	*wiggle fingers from top of "spout" down to lap*
And washed the spider out.	*move hands/arms across lap; ie, motion of safe in a baseball game*
Out came the sun	*move hands in large circles to show sun coming out*
And dried up all the rain.	
And the itsy, bitsy spider	*show spider again going up*
Went up the spout again.	

If You're Happy and You Know It

If you're happy and you know it,
Clap your hands.
If you're happy and you know it,
Clap your hands.
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.

Suggestions for other verses:
stamp your feet
pat your legs
wiggle your ears

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Teapot

I'm a little teapot, short and stout.	*bend knees*
Here is my handle, here is my spout.	*put hand on hip with elbow out; the other hand should go out to be a spout*
When I get all steamed up,	
Hear me shout,	
"Tip me over and pour me out."	*pretend to tip over*

The Wheels on the Bus

The wheels on the bus go round and round,	*bend your arms and make them go around like wheels*
Round and round, round and round.	
The wheels on the bus go round and round,	
All through the town.	
The people on the bus go up and down,	*sit up and down*
Up and down, up and down.	
The people on the bus go up and down,	
All through the town.	

Other verses:

The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish.	*use your hands as wipers back and forth*
The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep.	*pretend to beep a horn*
The money on the bus goes clink, clink, clink.	*pretend to put money in*
The driver on the bus says, "Move on back."	*hand-motion your thumb over your shoulder to move on back*

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