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

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,               touch and wiggle pinky
        “Wee, wee, wee!”
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;
Out came the sun                             i.e., motion of safe in a baseball game
And dried up all the rain.                  move hands in large circles to show sun coming out
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,   Suggestions for other verses:
  Clap your hands.                     stamp your feet
If you’re happy and you know it,     pat your legs
  Clap your hands.                     wiggle your ears
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.
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Teapot
I'm a little teapot, short and stout.
Here is my handle, here is my spout.

When I get all steamed up,
Hear me shout,
“Tip me over and pour me out.”

\textit{bend knees}
\textit{put hand on hip with elbow out;}
\textit{the other hand should go out to be a spout}

\textit{pretend to tip over}

The Wheels on the Bus
The wheels on the bus go round and round,
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,
Up and down, up and down.
The people on the bus go up and down,
All through the town.

\textit{bend your arms and make them go around like wheels}

\textit{sit up and down}

Other verses:
The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish.
The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep.
The money on the bus goes clink, clink, clink.
The driver on the bus says, “Move on back.”

\textit{use your hands as wipers back and forth}

\textit{pretend to beep a horn}

\textit{pretend to put money in}

\textit{hand-motion your thumb over your shoulder to move on back}