

Favorite Fingerplays

My Mother Works in a Bakery

My mother works in a bakery.
Yum, yum. (rub stomach)
My father works on a garbage truck. PU! (hold nose)
Yum, yum. (rub stomach)
My sister works for the phone company.
Blah, blah. (hold phone to ear)
PU! (hold nose)
Yum, yum. (rub stomach)
My brother works on a city bus.
Honk, honk. (blow horn)
Blah, blah. (hold phone to ear)
PU! (hold nose)
Yum, yum. (rub stomach)

The Little Skunk

The wolf stuck his head in a little skunk hole (put one index finger in circle of forefinger and thumb of opposite hand)
The little skunk said, "Well bless my soul! (hold up a finger and bob it up and down)
Take it out, take it out, remove it!"

Well, he didn't take it out and the little skunk said,
"You better take it out or you'll wish you had. Take it out, take it out, remove it!" (bob finger up and down)

Well, he didn't take it out (put index finger in circle of forefinger and thumb)
And the little skunk said, "Pssssssssssssssssssss!"
He removed it! (yank out finger)

A Bee is on Me

A bee is on my bonnet (touch head)
A bee is on my nose (touch nose)
A bee is on my shoulder (touch shoulder)
A bee is on my toes! (touch toes)
BZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ!

This bee is bugging me! (wave arms)
Help me! Help me!
How can I be free?

A bee is in my hair (touch head)
A bee is in my pants (slap at pants)
A bee is in my ear (stick finger in ear)
A bee is making me dance! (dance feet)
BZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ!

The bee is bugging me! (wave arms)

Help me! Help me!
How can I be free?

A bee is near my socks (point to socks)
A bee is near my shoes (point to shoes)
SPLAT!!
Bee, I know how to take care of you!!

What Do You Suppose?

What do you suppose? (shrug)
A bee sat on my nose (touch thumb and first two fingers together, flutter, land on nose)
Then what do you think? (shrug)
He gave me a wink (wink)
And said "I beg your pardon,
I thought you were a garden." (flutter fingers away from nose)

Crocodile

She sailed away on a summer day (place one hand on top of the other, stick thumbs out to side, row them back and forth as hands drift forward)
On the back of a crocodile (clap hands three times)
You see, said she, he's as tame as can be (point and shake index finger)
I'll ride him down the Nile (drift hands as before)
The croc winked his eye (wink)
As she bade them all goodbye (wave)
Wearing a happy smile (smile)
At the end of the ride (drift hands as before)
The Lady was inside (pat tummy)
And the smile on the crocodile (smile)

Daddy's Hammers

Verse One: (Make hammering motion with one fists)
Daddy had one hammer, one hammer, one hammer
Daddy had one hammer this fine day.

Verse Two: (Make hammering motion with both fists)
Daddy had two hammers, two hammers, two hammers,
Daddy had two hammers this fine day.

Verse Three: (Make motion with both fists and one leg.)
Daddy had three hammers, three hammers, three hammers,
Daddy had three hammers this fine day.

Verse Four: (Make motion with both fists and both legs)
Daddy had four hammers, four hammers, four hammers,
Daddy had four hammers this fine day.

Verse Five: (Make motion with both fists and both

legs and head.)
Daddy had five hammers, five hammers, five hammers
Daddy had five hammers, then he went to sleep (lay hands like sleeping)

WHOOO?

WHO...OOO? (cup hands to mouth)
Said the owl
In the dark old tree. (point up)

WHEEEEEEEEEEE! (wave arms)
Said the wind
With a howl.
WHEEEEEEEEEEE!

WHO...OOO? (cup hands)
WHEEE...EEE! (wave arms)
WHO...OOO? (cup hands)
WHEEE...EEE! (wave arms)

They didn't scare each other (shake finger)
But they did scare
WHOOO? (cup hands)

Me!!! (point to self)

The Bent-Over Man

I'm a bent over, bent over, bent over man
I try to stand just as straight as I can
But all I can do is bend and bend
Because I'm a bent over, bent over, bent over man

Additional Verses:
Bouncy; wiggly; swaying; twirling; hopping.

Funny Little Man

There was a funny little man
In a funny little house!
And across the way
There was another funny little man
In a funny little house
And they played hide and seek all day.
The one little man
Through his window would peep
And seeing no one would softly creep
Out of his door,
Out of his door..
He'd look up
And down.
And high
And low

And back into the house would go
Now the other little man
Through his window would peep,
And seeing no one would softly creep
Out of his door.
He'd look up and down,
And high and low
And back into his house would go.
But one day these funny little men
Forgot to peep,
And out of their doors
Did softly creep.
They looked up and down,
And high, and low,
And seeing each other- they laughed
Ha ha! Ho ho!
And back into their houses they'd go.

Little Flea

Creeping, creeping, little flea (crawl fingers)
Up my leg and past my knee
To my tummy, on he goes
Past my chin and to my nose.
Now he's creeping down my chin
To my tummy once again
Down my leg and past my knee
To my toe that little flea.
GOTCHA! (stamp foot)

Wiggle, Wiggle, Wiggle

(perform actions as described)

A wiggle wiggle here, a wiggle wiggle there,
Wiggle your hands up in the air.
Wiggle your shoulders, wiggle your hips,
Wiggle your knees, and move your lips.
Wiggle, wiggle, wiggle,
And wiggle, wiggle, bend,
Wiggle, wiggle, wiggles,
And that is the end!

Here is a Baby

Here is a baby (index finger)
Ready for a nap
Lay her down in her mother's lap (place finger in palm of opposite hand)
Cover her up so she won't peek (curl fingers around index finger)
Rock her till she's fast asleep (rock)

Pet Names

My neighbor's kind of crazy (circle finger at head)
He named his dog Cat (bark, then meow)
He named his goldfish Birdy (swim, then fly)
Now what do you think of that? (shrug)

He has two mice named Sheep and Lamb (hold up
two fingers and squeak, then baa)
And a hamster that's named Horse (roll hands like a
hamster in a wheel, then neigh)
And when he got a brand new cat (meow)
He named it Dog, of course (bark)

So when my family got a rabbit (put up hands for
ears)
He said, "Why don't you name it Chick!"
I said, "No way, neighbor!" (shake head)
"It's our turn to pick." (point to self)

Little Red Apple

A little red apple (form circle with hands)
Hung high in a tree (make branches with arms)
I looked up at it (point up)
And it looked down at me (point to self)
"Come down, please," I called (beckon with hand)
And what do you suppose? (shrug)
That little red apple (form circle with hands)
Dropped right on my nose (pat nose)

Bubbly

Bubbly, bubbly, bubble bath (wiggle all ten fingers)
Filled to the top (raise fingers over head)
Listen to the bubbly bubbles (cup hand to ear)

Pop, pop, pop (clap three times)

Snowball

I made myself a snowball (pat hands together)
Just as perfect as could be.
I thought I'd keep it as a pet (rock hands side to side)
And let it sleep with me (rest cheek against hands)
I gave it some pajamas (pretend to dress snowball)
And a pillow for its head. (pretend to plump a pillow)
Then last night it ran away (run two fingers in front
of you)
But first – it wet the bed! (put hands to either side of
face in surprise)

Hungry Little Bunny

A chubby little snowman (make a fist)
Had a carrot nose (stick thumb out)
Along came a bunny (make rabbit ears with other
hand)
And what do you suppose? (shrug)
That hungry little bunny
Looking for some lunch (hop hand around)
At that snowman's carrot nose
With a crunch, crunch, crunch! (nibble at thumb)

Hippo on a Bus

(beat a rhythm on knees)
A hip, a hip, a hippopotamus
Got on, got on, got on a city bus
And all, and all, and all the people said,
"You're squishing us!" (squish face with hands)