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# At Home Storytime for Families

## Let's Explore Nursery Rhymes!

Here are some songs to sing together!

### The Itsy Bitsy Spider

The itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout  
Down came the rain and washed the spider out  
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain  
And the itsy bitsy spider climbed up the spout again

### Hickory Dickory Dock

Hickory, dickory dock, the mouse ran up the clock  
The clock struck one (clap once)  
The mouse ran down  
Hickory dickory dock  
Hickory dickory dock, the mouse ran up the clock  
the clock struck two (clap twice)  
The mouse said, boo!  
Hickory dickory dock  
Hickory dickory dock the mouse ran up the clock  
The clock struck three (clap three times)  
The mouse said, whee!  
Hickory dickory dock  
Hickory dickory dock, the mouse ran up the clock  
The clock struck four (clap four times)  
The mouse said, no more!  
Hickory dickory dock

### Virtual Read Alouds of Favorite Books

#### [The Babies on the Bus](#)

by Karen Katz

Some questions to ask during or  
after the story:

*Why do you think the driver honks  
the horn?*

*Where do you think the babies are  
going?*

*What different feelings do you  
notice the babies having?*

#### [Five Little Monkeys](#)

by Eileen Christenlow

Some questions to ask during or  
after the story:

*What do you do to get ready for  
bedtime?*

*Why do you think the monkeys  
keep jumping anyway?*

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Here are some activities the whole family can do together!

### Song Cube

Use a kleenex box and tape blank pieces of paper around the box. Choose a different nursery rhyme for each side of the box and write its name. Your child can help you by drawing images on the box to go along with the rhyme. Take turns rolling the box and singing the rhymes that the cube lands on.

If you don't have a kleenex box, you can also create a nursery rhyme basket with drawings or objects, such as stuffed animals and toys. Your child can choose an object from the basket and you can sing a related rhyme.

### Rhyme Cards

Use index cards or pieces of paper to write down a simple word with a matching picture you or your child can draw on the card. Go through the cards and try and come up with words that rhyme with the word on the card. For example, write down the word hat and ask, "What rhymes with hat?"



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