The Basics for Caring for Children In Your Home

Activities

Songs For The Non-Musical

The Ants Go Marching
(Sung to the tune of “When Johnny Comes Marching Home”)

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The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching one by one,
The little one stops to suck his thumb
And they all go marching down around the town
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!
The ants go marching two by two, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching two by two, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching two by two,
The little one stops to tie his shoe
And they all go marching down around the town
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!
The ants go marching three by three, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching three by three, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching three by three,
The little one stops to climb a tree
And they all go marching down around the town
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

If You’re Happy and You Know It

Author: Unknown Copyright: Unknown
If you’re happy and you know it, clap your hands. (Clap twice)
If you’re happy and you know it, clap your hands. (Clap twice)
If you’re happy and you know it and your life will surely show it
If you’re happy and you know it clap your hands. (Clap twice)

Other verses:
If you’re happy and you know it stomp your feet (stomp, stomp)
If you’re happy and you know it nod your head (nod, nod)
If you’re happy and you know it shout “Hooray!” (Hoo-ray!)
If you’re happy and you know it do all four. (clap, stomp, nod, shout Hoo-Ray!)

Hokey Pokey

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Do the motions with the song

You put your right foot in,
You put your right foot out,
You put your right foot in
And you shake it all about.
You do the Hokey Pokey
And you turn yourself around,
That’s what it’s all about.

Other verses – body parts:
You put your left foot in
You put your right hand in
You put your left hand in
You put your right shoulder in
You put your left shoulder in
You put your right hip in
You put your left hip in
You put your whole self in
Wheels on the Bus

Author: Unknown
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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.
(Roll hands over each other)
The wipers on the bus go “Swish, swish, swish”
(Put arms together in front of you and 'swish' like windshield wipers)
The door on the bus goes open and shut
(Cover eyes with hands on ‘shut’ and uncover them on ‘open’)
The horn on the bus goes “Beep, beep, beep”
(Pretend to honk horn)
The gas on the bus goes “Glug, glug, glug”
(Pretend to fill tank using pointer finger as gas nozzle)
The money on the bus goes “Clink, clink, clink”
(Pretend to put money in cash box on bus)
The baby on the bus says, “Wah, wah, wah!”
(Fisted hands in front of eyes and rub them like baby crying)
The people on the bus say, “Shh, shh, shh”
(Put pointer finger to mouth to ‘shhh’)
The mommy on the bus says, “I love you,
I love you, I love you”
The daddy on the bus says, “I love you, too”
All through the town.
(Point to self on ‘I’, right hand over heart
on ‘love’, and point to other on ‘you’)

References:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0mCSvqHhOl

Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Head, shoulders, knees, and toes, knees and toes
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes
And eyes and ears and mouth and nose
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes

Other songs

ABC Song
Do You Know the Muffin Man?
Old MacDonald Had a Farm
Row, Row Row Your Boat
Six Little Ducks
The More We Get Together
Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star