

**Nursery Rhyme Time**  
9 to 12 months

Attention span, concentration, eye training, memory, language development



Your baby will enjoy the action and words of these beginning nursery rhymes. Point out the pictures to your baby as you read these favorite nursery rhymes again and again.

**The Itzy Bity Spider**

The itzy bity spider  
Climbed up the water spout.  
(Use finger to crawl up your baby's arm.)

Down came the rain,  
And washed the spider out.  
(Bring hands down in front of you while wiggling fingers.)

Out came the sun,  
And dried up all the rain.  
(Put hands together to form a circle above your head.)

So the itzy bity spider  
Went up the spout again.  
(Use finger to crawl up your baby's arm again.)

Traditional



**This Little Pig**

(Count from the big toe to the little toe and end with a tickle.)

This little pig went to market,  
This little pig stayed home,  
This little pig had roast beef,  
This little pig had none,  
And this little pig cried:  
"Wee-wee-wee-wee-wee-wee,"  
All the way home!

Traditional



**London Bridge**

(Make up the appropriate actions.)

London Bridge is falling down,  
Falling down, falling down,  
London Bridge is falling down,  
My fair lady.

Take the key and lock her up,  
Lock her up, lock her up,  
Take the key and lock her up,  
My fair lady.

Build it up with iron bars,  
Iron bars, iron bars,  
Build it up with iron bars,  
My fair lady.

Here's a prisoner I have got,  
I have got, I have got,  
Here's a prisoner I have got,  
My fair lady.

Traditional

**Knock, Knock**  
Knock, Knock.  
(Make knocking motions.)

Peek in.  
(Cup hand above eyes.)

Unlock the door.  
(Pretend to turn key.)

And walk right in.  
(Open pretend door and step forward.)

Adapted Traditional



*More  
Bright Ideas  
in Rhymes*

With your baby in your arms, walk in a circle around the room as you sing the song "Ring Around the Rosie." Sit down in a chair when you get to the line "We all fall down." Your baby will enjoy the up and down movement.