

# STORYTIME SONGS

## Song/Movement: Wake Up Feet

A great baby lapsit for starting a program. Caregivers wiggle body parts.  
From Jbrary: <https://youtu.be/vM3Zh6sikTU>

## Rhyme/Movement: The Sharks in the Sea

A fun lap bounce, or toddlers can move along. You can also make this song about octopuses by giving each octopus arm a new verse and motion (grabs, swishes, swims, pats, etc.), or replace the names of the animals in Spanish. To the tune of "The Wheels on the Bus." Video from Murray Library: <https://bit.ly/3yFpecy>

The sharks in the sea go chomp, chomp, chomp,  
chomp, chomp, chomp, chomp, chomp, chomp.  
The sharks in the sea go chomp, chomp, chomp,  
All day long!

Verses:

Fish/swim

Lobsters/pinch

Dolphins/jump

Crabs/scuttle

Jellyfish/wibble wobble

Octopuses/wiggle

Waves/up and down

## Song/Movement: If You're a Shark and You Know It

To the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It".

If you're a shark and you know it, show your teeth (grin and point to teeth)  
If you're a shark and you know it, show your teeth  
If you're a shark and you know it, show your teeth  
If you're a shark and you know it, and you really want to show it,  
If you're a shark and you know it, show your teeth

Verses:

...wiggle your fin (place hand behind back with fingers up, and wiggle)

...swim around (turn in a circle)

...swish your tail (wiggle behind)

...go chomp, chomp (open and close stiff arms)

## VOCABULARY:

Sharks = los tiburones

Fish = los peces

Lobsters = las langostas

Dolphins = los delfines

Crabs = los cangrejos

Jellyfish = las medusas

Octopuses = los pulpos

Waves = las olas

## TIP:

For another great movement song, don't forget the catchy and popular "Baby Shark!" Many versions are available (try Bounce Patrol or Pink Font), but the copyright is currently in dispute.

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**Rhyme/Movement: Five Little Fishies and Mr. Shark**

To make a Spanish version of this song, replace the numbered fish with Spanish. Original song from Adventures in Storytime blog:

<https://bit.ly/3vwyAoU>

Five little fishies [cinco pescaditos] swimming in the sea (hold up 5 fingers)

Teasing Mr. Shark, “You can’t catch me!” (singsong voice)

Along comes Mr. Shark, as quiet as can be (wave hands together)

And SNAPPED that fishy right out of the sea! (open arms and clap together)

Verses:

Four little fishies [Cuatro pescaditos]...

Three little fishies [Tres pescaditos]...

Two little fishies [Dos pescaditos]...

One little fishies [Un pescadito]

Zero little fishies [Cero pescadito] swimming in the sea.

Just Mr. Shark, as full as can be!

**Song/Movement: Bubble, Bubble, Pop!**

Make fish silhouettes out of colored felt or print fish silhouettes onto colored paper for a flannel board or storytime props. This is a great one for teaching ASL. Show the signs for blue, yellow, red, and swim before singing. Video from Sidnie Srader of Jones Public Library, Dayton, TX:

<https://youtu.be/Hm7Vh2BdPGw>

One blue fish (hold up fish)

Went swimming in the water (“swim” it around)

Swimming in the water

Swimming in the water

One blue fish

Went swimming in the water

Bubble bubble bubble bubble POP! (clap hands)

Verses:

Two red fish....

Three yellow fish...

“Tiburón” (Shark) by Luis Pescetti is another fun song about sharks in Spanish. See <https://bit.ly/3urvl0W> for where to purchase and watch.

**TIP:**

For more bubble songs, see “My Bubble Floats Over the Ocean” on page 165 and “Tiny Tim” on page 166.

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**Movement: Wave Your Fish Up and Down**

Instead of scarves, give babies and toddlers fish silhouettes or plushies to wave round and round. To the tune of “London Bridge.” Adapted from JBrary  
Wave Your Scarf Up and Down: <https://bit.ly/3fQv6qP>

Wave your fish up and down, up and down, up and down

Wave your fish up and down, wave your fish.

**Song/Fingerplay: Ten Little Fishies**

Great fingerplay for toddlers. Video from Topeka Library: Ten Little Fishies:  
<https://bit.ly/3ylqDiq>

Ten little fishies, swim swim swim

When all at once they see a fin.

A hungry shark is swimming by

And the ten little fishies run and hide.

The hungry shark looks all around

But the ten little fishies can't be found.

The hungry shark just swims away

And the ten little fishies come back to play.

**Movement: Counting Five**

Sea stars have five legs. Let's count to five. Can you put away five toys, jump up and down five times, wave goodbye five times, etc?

**Rhyme: Diez Pececitos Nadando en el Río**

Say the English or Spanish version, or both.

*Diez pececitos nadando en el río / Ten little fish swimming in the water*

*Rojo verde azul y amarillo / Red, green, blue, and yellow*

*Estaban jugando y uno se cansó / They were playing but one got tired*

*¡Me voy a dormir! Y se retiró. / I'm going to sleep! And he swam away.*

(Count down to one)

*Un pececito nadando en el río / One little fish swimming in the water*

*Ni rojo, ni verde ni azul, sí amarillo / No red, no green, no blue, only yellow*

*Estaba solito y se cansó. / I was playing alone and I got tired*

*¡Me voy a dormir! Y se retiró / I'm going to sleep! And I swam away.*

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**Rhyme/Fingerplay: Five Happy Dolphins**

Make stick puppets or flannel board pieces out of dolphin silhouettes. Lyrics by Deborah Dutcher of New Hampshire State Library, Concord, NH.

One happy dolphin frolicking in the sea of blue  
He called his sister, then there were two.  
Two happy dolphins playing tag in the sea,  
They called their brother, then there were three.  
Three happy dolphins misbehaving near the shore,  
Mother called them back, then there were four.  
Four happy dolphins jump out of the water then dive,  
They were joined by another friend, then there were five.  
Five happy dolphins frolicking in the sea of blue.

**Rhyme/Flannel Board: Five Little Starfish**

See Printables for a flannel board template with five starfish. Lyrics by Paula Goettsch of Siouxland Libraries.

Five little starfish (or sea stars) swept on the shore,  
In comes a wave, woosh!, and then there were four.  
Four little starfish as happy as can be.  
In comes a wave, woosh!, and then there were three.  
Three little starfish near the ocean blue,  
In comes a wave, woosh!, and then there were two.  
Two little starfish playing in the sun.  
In comes a wave, woosh!, and then there was one.  
One little starfish out on the run,  
In comes a wave, woosh! and then there were none!

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**Fingerplay: Una Estrelita**

Translation of "One Little Sea Star" by Nancy Stewart.

<https://bit.ly/3vsf0dH> Translated with permission by Brenda Feaster.

*Una estrellita abre sus brazos*

*Y se pega a las rocas bajo mis pies*

*Llega la marea se va la marea*

*Dos estrellitas puedo ver*

*Dos estrellitas abren sus brazos*

*Y se pegan a las rocas bajo mis pies*

*Llega la marea se va la marea*

*Tres estrellitas puedo ver*

Repeat with

*Tres, cuatro, cinco estrellitas...*

**Song/Movement: Slippery Fish Song**

Original lyrics by Charlotte Diamond. See Spanish version below. Video from Jbrary: <https://bit.ly/3utfBdy>

Slippery fish, slippery fish, sliding through the water,

Slippery fish, slippery fish, Gulp, Gulp, Gulp!

Oh, no! It's been eaten by an ...

Octopus, octopus, squiggling in the water

Octopus, octopus, Gulp, Gulp, Gulp!

Oh, no! It's been eaten by a ...

Tuna fish, tuna fish, flashing in the water,

Tuna fish, tuna fish, Gulp, Gulp, Gulp!

Oh, no! It's been eaten by a ...

Great white shark, great white shark, lurking in the water,

Great white shark, great white shark, Gulp, Gulp, Gulp!

Oh, no! It's been eaten by a ...

Humongous whale, humongous whale, spouting in the water,

Humongous whale, humongous whale,

Gulp! ... Gulp! ... Gulp! ... BURP!

(Cover your mouth.) Excuse me!

**VOCABULARY:**

A sardine: *Una sardina*

Swimming: *Nadando*

Water: *Agua*

An octopus: *Un pulpo*

A tuna fish: *Un atún*

A white shark:

*Un tiburón blanco*

A whale: *Una ballena*

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**Una Sardina**

Spanish version of “Slippery Little Fish” by Charlotte Diamond. See English version above. Video from Irving Public Library: <https://bit.ly/34rEVpX>

*Una sardina, una sardina nadando en el agua,  
una sardina, una sardina, gulp, gulp, gulp.*

*¡Oh, no! fue comida por.....*

*Un pulpito, un pulpito nadando en el agua,  
un pulpito, un pulpito, gulp, gulp, gulp.*

*¡Oh, no! fue comido por.....*

*Un atún, un atún, nadando en el agua,  
un atún, un atún, gulp, gulp, gulp.*

*¡Oh no! fue comido por.....*

*Un tiburón, un tiburón, nadando en el agua,  
un tiburón, un tiburón, grande gulp, gulp, gulp.*

*¡Oh, no! fue comido por.....*

*Una ballena, una ballena, nadando en el agua.*

*Una ballena, una ballena, grande gulp, gulp, gulp,*

*B-U-R-P, perdóname dice la ballena!*

**Song/Movement: Did You Ever See An Octopus?**

To the tune of “Did You Ever See a Lassie?” See Activities for a paper plate octopus you could move along with this song.

Did you ever see an octopus, an octopus, an octopus,

Yes I saw an octopus, an octopus down in the sea.

It then reached its eight arms, its eight arms, its eight arms

It then reached its eight arms out to swim with me.

**FLANNEL BOARD/ MOVEMENT:**

“The Circle of Life” on the Fins and Grins album by Johnette Downing can be made into a fun flannel board. Available for purchase here: <https://amzn.to/3bYu4Yx>