

STORYTIME SONGS

Rhyme/Movement: Treasure Hunt

This fun baby activity was modified from the classic rhyme. Caregivers do the movements on baby's tummy. Great for baby storytimes, but also works for toddlers and preschoolers who can do the motions on themselves or on each other!

We're going on a treasure hunt (drag fingers down back)
 X marks the spot (draw big X on back)
 Three lines down, with a dot, dot, dot (make 3 lines down back)
 Gold and jewels (open one hand, then the other)
 And so much more (tickle tummy)
 With a pinch (light pinch with thumb and forefinger)
 And a squeeze (light squeeze with both hands)
 And a tropical breeze (blow on nape of the neck)
 Now you've got the shivers!

Rhyme: Un Caracola

Practice counting in Spanish!

Una caracola cerca de las olas / A shell near the waves
¡Vino una muy grande y se la llevó! / One giant wave took the shell away
Dos...
Tres...
Cuatro...
Cinco caracolas cerca de las olas
¡Se pusieron muy juntitas y la ola no llegó!

Song/Movement: Vamos a la Mar

Traditional song from Guatemala. Provide tambourines or other noise-makers for kids to sound along (on every "tun, tun"), or just have them clap along. Optionally, repeat several times and increase speed on each repeat. Video by Brenda Feaster of Friendswood Public Library, Friendswood, TX. Link (song starts at [1:15]): <https://bit.ly/3uo63R7>

Vamos a la mar, tun, tun / Let's go to the sea, toon, toon
A comer pescado, tun, tun / To eat delicious fish, toon, toon
Fritito y asado, tun, tun / Have them baked or fried, toon, toon
En plato de palo, tun, tun / In a wooden dish, toon, toon

TIP:

Being able to tap along to a steady beat is an important early childhood milestone. Even if songs do not include hand motions, you can still show children how to clap to the beat!

STORYTIME SONGS**Rhyme/Fingerplay/Flannel Board: Five Little Seashells**

Caregivers bounce or swing babies with every wave. Toddlers and preschoolers can follow along with the fingerplay. For a flannel board, put up five seashells and take one away with each verse. Optionally, give each child five real or paper seashells to follow along. Lyrics from King County Library System. <https://bit.ly/3fNaEqM>

Five little seashells sleeping on the shore (hold up five fingers)
Swish went a big wave, (swish a wave with second hand)
Then there were four! (tuck one finger down)
Four little seashells, quiet as can be, (hold up four fingers)
Swish went a big wave, (swish a wave with second hand)
Then there were three! (tuck one finger down)
Three little seashells, pearly, white and new (hold up three fingers)
Swish went a big wave, (swish a wave with second hand)
Then there were two! (tuck one finger down)
Two little seashells having great fun (hold up two fingers)
Swish went a big wave, (swish a wave with second hand)
Then there was one! (tuck one finger down)
One little seashell lying in the sun, (hold up one finger)
Swish went a big wave, (swish a wave with second hand)
Then there were none! (tuck all fingers down)

Song/Fingerplay: Pirate Zoom Zoom

Video from Sidnie Srader of Jones Public Library, Dayton, TX:
<https://youtu.be/zq2NPwGzvms>

Zoom, zoom, zoom (brush hands together)
We're hunting for doubloons (hold hand like a visor over your eyes)
Zoom, zoom, zoom
We're hunting for doubloons
If you want to take a trip
Climb aboard my pirate ship and
Zoom, zoom, zoom
We're hunting for doubloons
In 5, 4, 3, 2, 1... (use ASL for the countdown)
AHOY! (punch your hand down and up)

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Song: Pedro es un Pirata

A fun song to do with a pirate puppet. Modified from “Juanito es un pirata.” Video by Brenda Feaster of Friendswood Public Library, Friendswood, TX. Link (Song starts at [2:57]): <https://bit.ly/3uo63R7>

Pedro es un pirata

Con pañuelo rojo

Pata de palo y un parche en el ojo

Pirata ta, pirata ta, pirata, ta, ta, ta (x2)

Fingerplay: Five Scurvy Pirates

Build preschoolers’ vocabulary by defining “scurvy,” which means that the pirates got sick from not eating enough fruits and vegetables! Retrieved from Library Storytime ABCs blog: <https://bit.ly/3hS3Zyi>

Five scurvy pirates standing on the shore,
 One went on a search and that left four.
 Four scurvy pirates sailing out to sea,
 One went for a swim and that left three.
 Three scurvy pirates out on the ocean blue,
 One walked the plank and that left two.
 Two scurvy pirates having tons of fun,
 One went below deck and that left one.
 One scurvy pirate, tired and alone,
 He turned the ship around and sailed for home.

Song: I Am a Pirate

Call and repeat each line. Sing English or Spanish version, or both! To the tune of “Down By the Station.”

I am a pirate / *Soy un pirata*

Sailing on the ocean / *En el mar azul*

Looking for treasure / *Busco tesoro*

Everywhere I go / *Pára cólectar*

And when I see it / *Cuando lo vea*

I am going to shout out / *Gritaré a todos*

“Ahoy there, maties! / *Ahoy compañeros*

Yo, ho, ho!” / *Yo, ho, ho*

TIP:

You can also modify the classic “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt” song by replacing “bear” with “treasure.”

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Song/Fingerplay: I'm a Little Pirate

To the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot."

I'm a little pirate, short and stout	(indicate short and wide)
Here is my hook; you'd better watch out	(hold up bent finger for "hook")
Even with an eye patch, I can see	(cover one eye)
All the treasure there for me!	(hands out, then to self)

Rhyme: Las Chanclas

A fun rhyme that lets children practice their colors and numbers in Spanish. Video and craft by Brenda Feaster of Friendswood Public Library.

Link: <https://bit.ly/2SBbILN>



Image source: Brenda Feaster of Friendswood Public Library, Friendswood TX

En la playa el sol brilla / The sun shines at the beach
Las olas van y vienen / The waves come and go
Los niños se detienen / The children stop
Ven lo que el mar arroja / When they see the ocean throw
Una chancla roja / A red flip-flop!
Está cerca de la orilla / Close to the shore
Viene una ola / A wave is coming
Y aparece una chancla amarilla / And a yellow flip-flop appears
Dos chanclas en la orilla del mar / Two flip-flops on the seashore
Flotando por el agua el delfín alegre / The happy dolphin floating through the water
La gente ve el gran espectáculo / People watch the big show
Y la niña deja la chancla verde / And the girl leaves the green flip-flop
Tres chanclas en la orilla de la playa / Three flip-flops on the shore of the beach
La ola trae un baúl / The wave brings a trunk
Tu tienes curiosidad, lo abres y / You are curious, you open it and
¡Encuentras la chancla azul! / You find the blue flip-flop!
Cuatro chanclas sobre la arena / Four flip-flops on the sand
A lo lejos ves una ola enojada / In the distance you see an angry wave
Volteas a ver / You turn to see
¡Y ahora queda nada! / And now there is nothing left!

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The Pirates on the Sea / Los Piratas en el Mar

To the tune of “The Farmer in the Dell.”

The pirates on the sea / *Los piratas en el mar*

The pirates on the sea

Yo, ho, yo, ho

The pirates on the sea.

Verses:

They’re sailing on their ships / *Navegan en sus barcos...*
(rock back & forth)

They’re looking for some gold / *Buscan el oro...*
(hand above eye, look around)

Song: Over the Deep Blue Sea / En el Mar Azul

Melody here: <https://bit.ly/3wHaKXZ>

‘Twas a sunny day when I went to play down by the sea.

I climbed aboard a pirate ship, and the captain said to me,

Chorus (2x):

“We’re going this way, that way, forwards, backwards.

Up and down, up and down, over the deep blue sea.”

Verses: Windy day, rainy day, snowy day, stormy day

Lyrics (Español)

Era un día soleado cuando fui hasta el mar azul.

Subí abordo de un barco pirata y el capitán me dijo

Chorus (2x):

Vamos hacia allá, hacia acá, adelante, atrás.

Arriba y abajo, arriba y abajo, en el mar azul.

Verses: día ventoso, día lluvioso, día con nieve, día de tormenta

TIP:

Several more great storytime pirate songs are available on Elizabeth Moreau Nicolai’s Born Librarian blog. Link: <https://bit.ly/3yHSteR>

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

To the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It." From Elizabeth Moreau Nicolai's *Born Librarian* blog.

If you're a pirate and you know it, swab the deck (swish, swish)
 If you're a pirate and you know it, swab the deck (swish, swish)
 If you're a pirate and you know it, then you'll hear the sea winds blowin'
 If you're a pirate and you know it, swab the deck (swish, swish)

Verses:

If you're a pirate and you know it, walk the plank (stomp, stomp)...
 If you're a pirate and you know it, say ahoy (Ahoy! with arm movement)...

Rhyme/Movement: One-Eyed Jake

This is a fun cumulative song for preschoolers. Children try to stay upright while performing more and more pirate movements. From Elizabeth Moreau Nicolai's *Born Librarian* blog.

I'm One-Eyed Jake, the pirate chief (cover one eye)
 A terrible, fearsome ocean thief
 I have a peg upon my leg (stand on one leg)
 I have a hook and a dirty look (curved fingers, mean face)
 I'm One-Eyed Jake, the pirate chief
 A terrible, fearsome ocean thief.

Fingerplay: Ten Little Pirates

Lyrics from the *Born Librarian* blog: <http://bornlibrarian.blogspot.com/>

Ten little pirates stood in a row (hold up all ten fingers)
 They bowed to their captain (lower and raise fingers)
 They marched to the left (march hands to left)
 They marched to the right (march hands to right)
 They shouted yoo hoo! (cup hands over mouth)
 And gave their captain a fright (cover mouth with hands)

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Image source: Brenda Feaster of Friendswood Public Library, Friendswood, TX

Rhyme: Cinco Piratas

Optionally, premake pirate peg dolls and a pirate ship to demonstrate. Video by Brenda Feaster of Friendswood Public Library, Friendswood, TX. Link (Song starts at [3:51]): <https://bit.ly/3uo63R7>

Cinco piratas parados en fila / Five little pirates standing in a row
¡Saludan al capitán quien se despabila! / They salute the captain, who wakes up!
Marchan a babor, marchan a estribor / They march to port, they march to starboard
¡Gritan! Gruñen como actores de teatro / They scream! They grunt like stage actors
Y ahora sólo quedan cuatro / And now there are only four (count: Uno, dos, tres, cuatro)

Verses:

Cuatro piratas...

Gruñen como quien ve a los chimpancés / They grunt like chimpanzees
Y ahora quedan tres / And now there are three (count: Uno, dos, tres)

Tres piratas...

Gruñen como que tienen tos / They grunt like they have a cough
Y ahora quedan dos / And now there are two (count: Uno, dos)

Dos piratas...

Gruñen como que no hay ninguno / They grunt like there's nobody left
Y ahora queda uno... / And now there's only one (count: Uno)

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**Fingerplay: Five Little Pirates (Cinco Piratas)
on a Treasure Chest**

For a Spanish version, replace “little pirates” with “piratas” (can be done with any version of “Five Little Pirates.” Lyrics modified from Braberton Public Library. <https://bit.ly/3oS6ZMA>)

Five little pirates (*cinco piratas*) on a treasure chest
One jumped off and four (*cuatro*) are left.
Four little pirates (*cuatro piratas*) on a treasure chest
One slid off and three (*tres*) are left.
Three little pirates (*tres piratas*) on a treasure chest
One fell down and two (*dos*) are left.
Two little pirates (*dos piratas*) on a treasure chest
One was pushed off and one (*un*) is left.
One little pirate (*un pirata*) on the treasure chest
They climbed down and then there were none.
No little pirates on the treasure chest
Yo ho ho and now it's all mine.