

STORYTIME SONGS

Rhyme/Movement: Welcome, Welcome

Welcome, welcome everyone.

Now you're here let's have some fun.

First we'll clap our hands just so.

Then we'll reach and touch our toes.

Welcome, welcome, everyone.

Now you're here let's have some fun.

Song/Movement: There Is Water On My Face

To the tune of "There is a Space on My Face." While singing, point to each body part and make drying motions. Optionally, give each child a washcloth to "dry" themselves with. Lyrics by Deborah Dutcher of New Hampshire State Library.

There is water on my face, on my face

There is water on my face, on my face

Mom give me a towel, so I don't have to howl,

And I will dry up every little trace.

There is water on my hair, on my hair

There is water on my hair, on my hair

Mom give me a towel, so I don't have to howl,

And I will dry it all up, don't despair

There is water on my hands, on my hands

There is water on my hands, on my hands

Mom give me a towel, so I don't have to howl,

Drying them all up will be grand.

There is water on my feet, on my feet

There is water on my feet, on my feet

Mom give me a towel, so I don't have to howl,

Drying them up sure will be sweet

Now I'm all dry, I'm all dry

Now I'm all dry, I'm all dry

Mom, here is my towel, please do not howl,

It's really sopping wet, please don't cry

TIP:

Encourage active participation from caregivers because babies take cues from their adults! Letting babies roam and explore is okay as long as they're not doing anything dangerous or distracting others. Tell caregivers that it's okay if they need to step out or leave early.

Another version of "Las olas del mar" is available from the Columbian group Tu Rockcito. Available to sample or purchase here: <https://amzn.to/3yCwvtL>

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Song/Movement: Las Olas del Mar

Bounce babies along to “suben y bajan” (and other motions). To the tune of “The Wheels on the Bus.”

Las olas del mar suben y bajan

Suben y bajan, suben y bajan

Las olas de la playa suben y bajan

Todo el dia

Verses:

Los cangrejos en la playa pican, pican, pican...

Las almejas de la playa se abren y se cierran...

La arena de la playa hace suis, suis, suis...

Los tiburones de la playa hacen chomp, chomp, chomp...

Los cangrejos en la playa pican, pican, pican

Las almejas de la playa se abren y se cierran ...

Fingerplay: My Bubble Floats Over the Ocean

To the tune of “My Bonnie Floats over the Ocean.” Teach ASL sign for “bubble” and “ocean/sea” before singing. After singing, blow bubbles and have children catch and pop them; repeat song and bubble blowing as desired. You can also bring the bubbles back out after storytime for more bubble play. For preschoolers, talk about the “b” words in the original “My Bonnie” version of this song. Every time you sing a “b” word, the children stand up if they’re sitting, or sit down if they’re standing.

Video from Tim Madsen of Community Library Network, Hayden, ID: <https://youtu.be/HUuZPB6shhA>

My bubble floats over the ocean

My bubble floats over the sea

My bubble floats over the ocean

Oh bubbles make me so happy!

Original:

My Bonnie lies over the sea

My Bonnie lies over the ocean

So bring back my bonnie to me

Bring back, bring back, bring back my Bonnie to me, to me!

Bring back, bring back, bring back my Bonnie to me.

“La tortuga Tomasa” by Trepsi is another fun song in Spanish. Melody here: <https://bit.ly/3uqUuc1>. Available for purchase.

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Song/Fingerplay: Tiny Tim (Turtle Song)

Video from Jbrary: <https://bit.ly/2xTTuWu>

There was a little turtle (fist with thumb up, cover with opposite hand)

His name was Tiny Tim,

I put him in the bathtub,

To see if he could swim. (swimming motions, both hands)

He drank up all the water, (cup hands and pretend to drink)

He ate up all the soap (pinch hands and pretend to eat)

And now he's in the bathtub

With a bubble in his throat! (hands on throat)

Bubble, bubble, bubble, (spin forearms throughout)

Bubble, bubble, bubble,

Bubble, bubble, bubble,

Bubble, bubble, pop! (clap on "pop!")

Song/Spanish: Viajando por el Mar

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

Viajando por el mar, viajando por el mar

Viajando por el mar, vimos un tiburón

Viajando por el mar, vimos un tiburón

Vimos un tiburón, vimos un tiburón

Viajando por el mar, vimos un tiburón!

Verses:

...vimos una medusa

...vimos un delfín

...vimos un pulpo

...vimos una tortuga

...vimos una ballena

STORYTIME SONGS**Rhyme: Rub-a-Dub-Dub**

Classic nursery rhyme. Good for a water or sailing theme.

Rub-a-dub-dub,
Three men in a tub,
And who do you think they be?
The butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker,
And all of them gone to sea.

Fingerplay: Five Little Fishies

Video by Sidnie Srader of Jones Public Library, Dayton, TX:
<https://youtu.be/-KVzICLS2z0>

Five little fishies swimming in a pool
(Wiggle 5 fingers.)
The first one says, "This pool is really cool"
(Wiggle 1 finger, then hug yourself.)
The second one says, "This pool is deep"
(Wiggle 2 fingers, then hold one hand high and the other low.)
The third one yawns, "I want to go to sleep"
(Wiggle 3 fingers, then rest them on the other hand.)
The fourth one says, "Let's dive and dip"
(Wiggle 4 fingers, then make diving motion.)
The fifth one says, "I spy a ship"
(Wiggle 5 fingers, then hold hand to forehead like a visor.)
A ship comes near
(Make fingers into a V.)
a line goes KER-SPLASH
(Cast a fishing line.)
Away five fishies quickly dash
(Wiggle five fingers and run away.)

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Song/Flannel Board/Fingerplay: Five Little Turtles

To the tune of “The Dreidel Song.” You will need five different colored felt turtles for flannel board. See Printables for a turtle silhouette you can trace.

Five little turtles hatched from their shells one day.

(Hold up 5 fingers Then make the sign for turtle by placing one hand over the other fist hand. Wiggle the thumb of the fist hand.)

The ocean called out to them.

(Move hands up and down like waves.)

Then the red one swam away.

(Make the sign for red by pulling your index finger from lips to chest, then pretend to swim.)

Oh turtle, turtle, turtle

(Make the sign for turtle.)

Come on in and play.

(Make the sign for play by extending thumbs and pinkies and wiggling both wrists back and forth.)

Turtle, turtle, turtle

(Make the sign for turtle.)

The ocean is where you’ll stay.

(Make the sign for ocean.)

~Continue until all the turtles are gone.~

Now there are no more baby turtles on the beach to rest.

(Make the sign for zero by creating a circle with your fingers and thumb. Make the sign for rest by crossing your hands on your chest and tilting your head down to one side.)

But one day when they’re older they will return to make their nest.

(Make the sign for turtle and nest by cupping both hands in front of you and then moving them as if outlining a nest.)

Fingerplay/Farewell: Tickle The Clouds

Lyrics from <https://bit.ly/34nIIV5>

Tickle the clouds,

Tickle your toes,

Tickle your nose,

Reach down low

And reach up high,

Storytime is over

So wave bye, bye.

Another fun fish song to go with a bathtime/ water theme: “The Goldfish Song” by Laurie Berkner. Available for purchase here: <https://amzn.to/3fREJ8M>