



Boats & Ships

STORYTIME THOUGHTS

Doing a simple rhyme before reading the first story will help draw your little one in to focus on your storytime together.

If you sing “Row, Row, Row Your Boat” try adding different verses in order to repeat the song. Children learn through repetition, so singing the song multiple times will help your little one develop vocabulary and phonological awareness.

EBOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS

OneDrive/Libby

- Curious George: The Boat Show
by H. A. Rey
- Thomas & Friends: Lost at Sea
by Rev. W. Awdry

CloudLibrary

- Little Boat
by Taro Gomi
- Old MacDonald Had a Boat
by Steve Goetz
- South
by Daniel Duncan
- A River
by Marc Martin

Hoopla

- Boats Go
by Steve Light
- Sheep on a Ship
by Nancy Shaw
- Boats will Float
by Andria Warmflash
Rosenbaum
- In a Red Canoe
by Leslie A. Davidson
- How It Feels to Be a Boat
by James Kwan
- Along the River
by Vanina Starkoff

PRINT BOOKS FOUND AT THE LIBRARY

- Sail Away
by Donald Crews
- Tough Tug
by Margaret MacDonald
- Float
by Daniel Miyares
- Row, Row, Row Your Boat

ACTIVITIES & GAMES

- Draw a boat
- Make a boat out of a sponge
- Ice Boat Racing

SONGS

- [1 Little, 2 Little, 3 Little Fingers](#)
- Five Sailboats
- [Have You Ever Seen a Sailboat](#)
- If You're Ready For a Story
- [Row, Row, Row, Your Boat](#)
- Riding Around in My Little Red Boat
- [A Sailor Went to Sea](#)
- Shake My Sillies Out
- With My Little Hands

RHYMES

- Five Sailboats
- Motorboat
- Open Shut Them
- This is Big, Big, Big

SONGS & RHYMES LYRICS

1 Little, 2 Little, 3 Little Fingers

1 Little, 2 Little, 3 Little Fingers,
4 Little, 5 Little, 6 Little Fingers,
7 Little, 8 Little, 9 Little Fingers,
10 Little Fingers on my hand.

Versus: They wiggle and they wiggle and they
wiggle all together / They clap, they keep
on clapping

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If You're Ready for a Story

[sung to the tune of **If You're Happy and You
Know It**"]

If you're ready for a story, take a seat.
If you're ready for a story, take a seat.
Clap your hands and stomp your feet,
Make your hands all nice and neat.
If you're ready for a story, take a seat.

Open Shut Them

[start with your hands closed in fists]
Open, Shut Them
[open hands & then shut them into fists again]
Open, Shut Them
[open hands & then shut them into fists again]
Give a little clap, clap, clap [clap hands]
Open, Shut Them
[open hands & then shut them into fists again]
Open, Shut Them
[open hands & then shut them into fists again]
Put them in your lap, lap, lap
[lay them in your lap]
Creep Them, Crawl Them, Creep Them, Crawl Them
Right up to your chin, chin, chin
[trail your fingers up to your chin]
Open wide your little mouth
[open up your mouth]
But do not let them in!
[hide your hands behind your back]

Five Sailboats

[sung to the tune of **"Five Little Ducks"**]

5 sailboats went out one day [hold up 5 fingers]

Over the waves and far away [move hands up and
down like a wave]

With the wind they began to rock [lean side to side]

And 1 little sailboat returns to dock [now countdown to 0]

Motorboat

Motorboat, motorboat,
go so slooow [roll hands slowly]
Motorboat, motorboat, go so slooow
Motorboat, motorboat, step on the gas [tap foot]

Motorboat, motorboat go so fast [roll hands quickly]
Motorboat, motorboat, go so fast
Motorboat, motorboat, CRASH [clap!]

Riding Around in My Little [Red] Boat

[sung to the tune of **"1 Little, 2 Little,
3 Little Fingers"**]

Riding around in my little [red] boat,
Riding around in my little [red] boat,
Riding around in my little [red] boat,
Zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom, Splash!

[repeat the song with different colors!]

Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Row, row, row your boat
gently down the stream
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily
Life is but a dream.

[try singing this fast & slow or add in seeing some
animals with versus like: row, row, row, your boat,
gently down the stream, if you see a lion, don't forget

SONGS & RHYMES LYRICS CONT.

This is Big, Big, Big

This is big, big, big [*start with your hands together in front of your chest and then each time you say "big" bring your hand apart further and further*]

This is small, small, small [*bring your hand back together closer and closer each time you say "small"*]

This is short, short, short, [*take your hands and lower them to the ground each time you say "short"*]

This is tall, tall, tall, [*take your hand and raise them to the sky each time you say "tall"*]

This is fast, fast, fast, [*take your hands and make them go really fast*]

This is slow, slow, slow [*take your hands and make them go slow*]

This is yes, yes, yes [*nod your head on each "yes"*]

and this is no, no, no [*shake your head on each "no"*]

With My Little Hands

With my little hands, I go clap, clap, clap

With my little feet I go tap, tap, tap

With my little arms I wave bye, bye, bye

With my little legs I kick high, high, high

With my little eyes I play peek-a-boo

With my little mouth I say "I love you"

SAMPLE STORYTIME

This is a sample of how you could organize the books, songs, & rhymes, but please do what feels right for you and your little one!

Starting Song: If You're Ready for a Story

Rhyme/Song: Open Shut Them

Book One: South by Daniel Duncan

Rhyme/Song: 1 Little, 2 Little, 3 Little Fingers [Starting with this song will allow your little one to pick up on the next song a little easier as they're both sung to the same tune]

Rhyme/Song: Riding Around in My Little [Red] Boat [Try adding a few different colors as you repeat this song!]

Book Two: Along the River by Vanina Starkoff

Rhyme/Song: Shake Your Sillies Out [After a second book is a great time to get up and move around!]

Rhyme/Song/Activity: Row, Row, Row Your Boat [Try singing this song different ways & with different verses! Also try singing this song while in the yoga boat pose]

Book Three: Little Boat by Taro Gomi

Final Song: With My Little Hands

After Storytime Activity/Game: Color in a boat or Ice Boat Racing