



Ocean

STORYTIME THOUGHTS

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

Songs like “Bubble, Bubble, Pop” and “Slippery Fish” are great to sing because they include a lot of repetition. Children learn through repetition, so singing a song with repeating lyrics is a great way to build up vocabulary and phonological awareness.

EBOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS

Hoopla

- How to put an Octopus to Bed by Sherrri Duskey Rinker
- Five Flying Penguins by Barbara Barbieri McGrath
- A Hole in the Bottom of the Sea by Jessica Law
- How to Catch a Mermaid by Adam Wallace
- Pete the Cat and the Treasure Map by James Dean
- Inky the Octopus by Erin Guendelsberger
- Flotsam by David Wiesner
- The Brilliant Deep by Kate Messner
- Tiny Whale: A Fishy Tale by Joshua George
- Fish Eyes by Lois Ehlert

CloudLibrary

- Big Baby's Book of Life in the Sea by Baby Professor
- We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom

PRINT BOOKS FOUND AT THE LIBRARY

- Hooray for Fish by Lucy Cousins
- I'm The Biggest Thing in the Ocean by Kevin Sherry
- Poor Little Guy by Elanna Allen

ACTIVITIES & GAMES

- [Paper Plate Fish Craft](#)
- [Tin Foil Fish Craft](#)
- [Paper Plate Whale](#)

SONGS

- [1 Little, 2 Little, 3 Little Fingers](#)
- [Baby Shark](#)
- Bubble, Bubble, Pop!
- [The Fish in the Sea](#)
- If You're Ready For a Story
- [Shake My Sillies Out](#)
- [Slippery Fish](#)
- With My Little Hands

RHYMES

- Five Little Fishes
- Open Shut Them
- This is Big, Big, Big
- Two Little Fish

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 Finger,
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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Five Little Fishes

Five little fishes, swimming in the sea.
Teasing Mr. Shark, You can't catch me,
Along comes Mr. Shark, as quiet as can be...snap!

[repeat with: four...until done counting down]

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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.

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"

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]

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"]

SONGS & RHYMES LYRICS CONT.

Two Little Fish

[this is a modification of “Two Little Blackbirds”]

Two little fish swimming in the sea,
[start with your two pointer fingers out in front]

One named Zack, the other named Lee.
[lift each finger as you say the fish names]

Swim away Zack.
[have one finger “swim” behind your back]

Swim away Lee.
[have the other finger “swim” behind your back so
that both are now hidden behind your back]

Come back Zack.
[have one finger “swim” back to your front]

Come back Lee.
[have the other finger “swim” back to your front so
both are now back in front of 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: Two Little Fish [This rhyme will help get your little one in the mindset to start focusing on the storytime]

Book One: Tiny Whale: A Fishy Tale by Joshua George OR The Brilliant Deep by Kate Messner [The Brilliant Deep is a nonfiction book that's longer than a book typically read at storytime, but might be a good pick if you have any older little ones with you while you're reading stories.]

Rhyme/Song: Slippery Fish

Rhyme/Song: Bubble, Bubble, Pop!

Book Two: Fish Eyes by Lois Elhert

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

Rhyme/Song/Activity: Fish in the Sea [Sing this song with scarves or wash cloths or a t-shirt or a napkin or whatever you may have that you can wave along to]

Book Three: We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom

Final Song: With My Little Hands

After Storytime Activity/Game: Paper Plate Fish Craft