

Parent Child Music Activities

Black Snake

Folk song

Black snake, black snake, where are you hi - din'? Black snake, black snake, where are you hi - din'?

Black snake, black snake, where are you hi - din'? Don't you bite me!

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Hide an object somewhere in the house. As the child gets closer sing louder, as the child gets further away sing quieter. Switch roles and have your child hide the object.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3wYI0f9IhU>

Collect several items (do not show them to your child). With eyes closed, have your child knock on one object at a time and see if your child is able to identify the object just by the sound it makes. (You can make this easier or harder by giving clues or multiple choices)

You can do a variation of the activity above by creating different sounds (such as pouring rice in a bowl, dropping pennies on the floor, shaking popcorn kernels in a pan, etc).

Boat Box

Get a large box (it's an imaginary boat) and have your child sit inside. You rock the box back and forth to the steady beat of a song you sing together (*Row, Row, Row, Your Boat* or other water related songs work well).

Whistle While You Work

Using a familiar tune (such as *Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush*) create songs about tasks you need to do such as folding laundry, washing your hands, etc. Sing your new songs while you work on those tasks.

Hop Up and Jump Up

Learn this song and/or make up actions to it: tiny.cc/huju

Hop up and jump up and whirl 'round, whirl 'round,

Gather love, here it is, all 'round, all 'round.

Here is love flowing 'round, catch it as you whirl 'round,

Reach up and reach down, here it is all 'round.

Finger Plays

Mr. Lynn

Mr. Lynn is very thin. (put palms together)

Mr. Pratt is very fat. (pull hands apart, just leaving fingertips touching)

Mr. Cort is very short. (place hands near the floor)

Mr. Hall is very tall. (place hands above have)

Mr. Dent is very bent. (bend all fingers)

But Mr. Wait is very straight. (straighten fingers)

See if you can come up with some new rhymes and actions to add in!

Green Leaf

Here's a green leaf, (hold out one hand with palm up)

And here's a green leaf (hold out other hand, palm up)

That, you see makes two.

Here is a bud (cup hands together tightly)

That makes a flower.

Watch it bloom for you! (slowly unfold hands and extend fingers)

Three Little Monkeys

Three little monkeys jumping on the bed ("jump" three fingers on the palm of other hand)

One fell out and bumped his head (Show one finger and then hold head with both hands)

Mama called the doctor and the doctor said, (pretend to hold phone in hand and use other hand to dial, pretend to put phone to ear)

"No more monkeys jumping on the bed." (shake finger as if saying "no". Repeat until there are no monkeys left)

A Slippery Snake

I saw a slippery, slithering snake (place palms together and wave hands side to side)

Slide though the grasses, making them shake. (wiggle fingers like blades of grass)

He looked at me with his beady eye, (hold up hands like glasses to your eyes)

"Go away from my pretty green garden," said I, (point away from yourself)

"Ssss," said the slippery, slithering snake

As he slid through the grasses, (place palms together and wave hands side to side)

making them shake. (wiggle fingers like blades of grass)

Can you think of other animals to ask to leave your garden?