

Frogs Jumping Everywhere!

Tips, Songs, and Rhymes for Parents and Caregivers

Here are ideas and activities to try this week with your child. Each activity is based on one of the **7 Days • 7 Ways** principles of early literacy development and is designed to engage your child, stimulate his or her literacy skills, and enhance the bonds between you.

- **SHARE BOOKS** Is your child curious about a subject? Find a nonfiction book on the subject. (Ask a librarian to help you find one that's suitable for your child's age level.) Tip: You can paraphrase. You don't have to share every word.
- **SHARE WORDS** Share information about the differences between types of frogs: tree frogs, bullfrogs, toads, leopard frogs, blue-dart frogs, and red-eyed tree frogs. A good book to share with dramatic photos is: *Frogs*, by Nic Bishop (Scholastic, 2008).
- **SHARE RHYMES** Share rhymes with your child throughout the day. A great rhyme that your child will like to act out in different ways is "Five Little Froggies Sitting on a Well."
- **SHARE SONGS** "Froggie Went a-Courtin'" is a great ballad, which is a song that tells a story. See if your child can retell the story after singing it a few times.
- **SHARE STORIES** Share other songs that tell a story, such as "Mary Had a Little Lamb," "The Farmer in the Dell," and "The Bear Went Over the Mountain."
- **SHARE PLAYTIME** Play frog jumping games with your child. Try leapfrog. Let your child be the "frog." Crouch down on your hands and knees. Invite the frog to leap over you by placing her hands on your back for support while she straddles your body with her legs. You can also place sheets of paper on the floor to represent lily pads and jump from lily pad to lily pad with your child.
- **SHARE WRITING** Print the word "frog" on a sheet of paper. Invite your child to copy the word using magnetic letters. Your child will also enjoy copying words that represent the funny sounds frogs make, like "ribbit" and "croak."

Here are the words to the songs and rhymes that you and your child enjoyed today. By continuing to sing, chant, and play with your child throughout the week, you will help him or her make sense of the new information and concepts introduced at storytime.

Songs

Moving Hands

(sung to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell")

Put your hands on your head, (*Suit actions to words*)

Put your hands on your knees,

Put your hands behind you now,

If you please.

Put your hands on your tummy,

Put your hands on your toes,

Put your hands upon your cheeks,

Put them on your nose.

Put your hands in the air,

Put your hands on your hair,

Clap your hands, one, two, three,

Then fold them on your knees.

Frog Went a-Courtin'

(*Have children pat legs or clap hands on every "Uh-huh"*)

Frog went a-courtin' and he did ride,

Uh-huh, uh-huh.

Frog went a-courtin' and he did ride,

With a sword and scabbard by his side,

Uh-huh, uh-huh.

He rode up to Miss Mousie's den,

Uh-huh, uh-huh.

He rode up to Miss Mousie's den,

Said, "Please, Miss Mousie, let me in?"

Uh-huh, uh-huh.

"Miss Mousie, won't you marry me?"

Uh-huh, uh-huh.

"Miss Mousie, won't you marry me,

Way down under the apple tree?"

Uh-huh, uh-huh.

"What will the wedding supper be?"

Uh-huh, uh-huh.

"What will the wedding supper be?"

"Hominy grits and black-eyed peas."

Uh-huh, uh-huh.

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The first come in was a bumblebee,
Uh-huh, uh-huh.
The first come in was a bumblebee,
With a big bass fiddle on his knee,
Uh-huh, uh-huh.

The last come in was a mockingbird,
Uh-huh, uh-huh.
The last come in was a mockingbird,
Who said, "This marriage is absurd!"
Uh-huh, uh-huh.

Down by the Banks

(Alternate clapping hands with slapping thighs)
Down by the banks of the Hanky Panky,
Where the bullfrogs jump from bank to banky,
With an Eep! Ipe! Ope! Op!
Nee flop-a-dilly and ker-plop!

Additional Verses

...Where the bullfrogs croak from bank to banky ...
...Where the bullfrogs dance from bank to banky ...

Five Green and Speckled Frogs

(Hold up one arm horizontally in front of you as a "log," and place other hand on top, displaying five fingers. Jump one finger up in the air, and then show four fingers on the log, continuing in the same way.)

Five green and speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log,
Eating the most delicious bugs—Yum! Yum!
One jumped into the pool,
Where it was nice and cool.
Then there were four green speckled frogs.

Count down to:

One green and speckled frog
Sat on a speckled log,
Eating the most delicious bugs—Yum! Yum!
It jumped into the pool,
Where it was nice and cool.
Then there were no green speckled frogs!

Library Storytime Song

(sung to the tune of "I've Been Workin' on the Railroad")

I came to my storytime
(Can sway from side to side throughout and point to self)
At the library today,
I came to my storytime *(Point to self)*
To sing, and laugh, and play,
I listened to some picture books,
Sang songs, said some rhymes,
I hope I can come back again,
Because I had a very good time!
I want to come back, *(Clap!)*

I want to come back, *(Clap!)*
I want to come back to storytime!
I want to come back, *(Clap!)*
I want to come back, *(Clap!)*
To my storytime!
(Spoken) See you soon! *(Wave goodbye)*

Rhymes

Three Little Tadpoles

Three little tadpoles swimming in a lake, *(Hold up three fingers)*
Hurrying along to escape a snake,
(Put palms together, wiggle hands in front of you)
The first one said, "I wish we were big,"
(Hold hands out to indicate big)
The second one said, "I wish we could dig," *(Pretend to dig)*
The third one said, "Let's hide in this twig." *(Cover head with arms)*
Shhh! Here comes the snake swimming by,
(Put index finger to mouth)
But the little tadpoles he didn't spy.
(Hold up three fingers and shake head "no")

Five Little Froggies Sitting on a Well

Five little froggies sitting on a well, *(Hold up five fingers)*
One jumped up and down he fell,
(Hold up one finger, jump it up in air and down again)
Froggies jumped high, froggies jumped low,
(Jump both hands up, then down)
Froggies jumped everywhere, to and fro.
(Wave hands back and forth)

Additional Verses

Four little froggies sitting on a well ...
Three little froggies sitting on a well ...
Two little froggies sitting on a well ...
One little froggie sitting on a well ...
No more froggies sitting on a well! *(Shake head "no")*

Ribbit, Ribbit Went the Little Green Frog One Day

Ribbit, ribbit went the little green frog one day,
(Tap fingers on thumbs for ribbit)
Ribbit, ribbit went the little green frog,
Ribbit, ribbit went the little green frog one day,
And his eyes went blink, blink, blink. *(Blink eyes)*