

Songs & Fingerplays for Help Wanted: Must Love Books by Janet Sumner Johnson

Songs:

Once there was a Giant

(Sung to the tune of 'Once there was a Snowman')

Once there was a giant, giant, giant.
Once there was a giant, tall, tall, tall.

Shailey started hiding, hiding, hiding.
Shailey started hiding, small, small, small.

Three Little Pigs

(sung to the tune of 'Three Blind Mice')

3 little pigs. 3 little pigs.
See how they read. See how they read.

The wolf showed up and he bared his teeth.
He said, "I will eat you if you don't leave!"

The pigs ran away squealing, "Please, NO, please!"
The three little pigs.

This is the Way we Sweep the Floor

(sung to the tune of 'This is the Way we Wash Our Hands')

This is the way we sweep the floor,
sweep the floor,
sweep the floor.
This is the way we sweep the floor in Cinderella's Story.

[continue on with any activities you choose to do]

I see the Wolf

(sung to the tune of 'I See the Moon')

I see the wolf, and the wolf sees me.
Oh, Mr. Wolf, you have such big teeth.
Please Mr. Wolf, if you set me free.
I'll serve you scones and tea.

The Clean Up Song

(sung to the tune of The Clean Up Song)

Reading, reading!
Everybody, Everywhere.
Reading, reading!
I've got stories we can share.

Reading, reading!
Everybody, Everyone.
Reading, reading!
Books are always so much fun.

It is Bedtime

(sung to the tune of 'Are you Sleeping (Brother John)?')

It is bedtime.
It is bedtime.
Time for books!
Time for books!
Come on dad, let's go read.
Let's share all the stories.
Just one more.
Just one more.

Other songs you could adapt:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| - Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star | - Baa, Baa Black Sheep |
| - Where is Thumbkin | - Do You Know the Muffin Man |
| - I've Been Working on the Railroad | - Rock-a-bye Baby |
| - If You're Happy & You Know It | - The Farmer in the Dell |
| - Mary Had a Little Lamb | - Pop! Goes the Weasel |
| - The Eensy Weensy Spider | - The Wheels on the Bus |

Fingerplays:

5 Gingerbread Men (in imitation of 5 Little Monkeys)

5 gingerbread men, swinging in a tree.
Singing to the children,
“Can’t catch me! Can’t catch me!”

Along came a child, quiet as can be.

YUM!

4 gingerbread men, swinging in a tree . . .

[(continue through “No ginger bread men . . .)]

Shailey Said ‘It’s Bedtime!’

Shailey said, "It's bedtime! [hold up left pointer finger, and bend it as Shailey speaks]
Hey, Dad, it's time to read." [hold up right pointer finger as the right continues to ‘speak.’
Use hands to make a book when you say “read.”]
But dad was busy working. [use right hand to give a thumbs down]
Oh! He had to leave. [Right hand to forehead, then around behind your back.]

Shailey said “It's bedtime! [hold up left pointer finger, and bend it as Shailey speaks]
Snow White, it's time to read.” [hold up right pointer finger as the right continues to ‘speak.’
Use hands to make a book when you say “read.”]
But Snow said, “Poison apple!” [use right hand to point at a pretend apple.]
Oh! She rushed to leave. [Right hand to forehead, then around behind your back.]

Shailey said "It's bedtime! [hold up left pointer finger, and bend it as Shailey speaks]
Who's next? It's time to read.” [hold out both hands, palms up to ask question, then use
hands to make a book when you say “read.”]
The giant said, “It’s my turn.” [Hold up your right forearm, with hand in a fist, and nod fist as
giant speaks.]
Oh! Shailey ran to leave. [Left hand to forehead, then around behind your back.]