

## Activities That Build the Young Child's Brain

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### **1. Put Your Finger in the Air**

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**And leave it about a year.**

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### **2. If Your Happy and You Know It**

**If Your Happy and You Know It Clap your hands.**

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**If Your Happy and You Know it then your face will really show it.**

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**If Your Happy and You Know It stamp your feet.**

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### **3. Six Little Ducks**

**Six Little Ducks that I once knew**

**Fat ones, skinny ones, fair ones too**

**But the one little Duck with the feather on his back.**

**He led the others with a "Quack,**

**quack, quack."**

“Quack, quack, quack.” “Quack,  
quack, quack.”  
He led the others with a “Quack,  
quack, quack.”

Down to the River they would go.  
Wibble, wobble, wibble, wobble to  
and fro.

But the one little Duck with the  
feather on his back.  
He led the others with a “Quack,  
quack, quack.”  
“Quack, quack, quack.” “Quack,  
quack, quack.”  
He led the others with a “Quack,  
quack, quack.”

Home from the River they would  
come.  
Wibble, wobble, wibble, wobble Ho,  
hoo, hum.

But the one little Duck with the  
feather on his back.  
He led the others with a “Quack,  
quack, quack.”  
“Quack, quack, quack.” “Quack,  
quack, quack.”  
He led the others with a “Quack,  
quack, quack.”

#### 4. Five Little Ducks

Five Little Ducks went out to play  
Over the Hill and far away.  
Mama Duck said, “Quack, quack  
come back.”  
Four little Ducks came running back.

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Then Mama and Papa Duck said,  
“Quack, quack come back.”  
Five little Ducks came running back.

5. Old McDonald Had a Farm  
Grove, Orchard, grocery store, school,  
band, etc.

Big pig, little pig, little pig, big pig  
Tall pig, short pig, short pig big pig  
Old McDonald Had a Farm  
Eee Yi Eee Yi Yo.

#### 6. All the Fish - Jackie Silberg

All the Fish are swimming in the  
water  
Swimming in the water (2x)

All the Fish are swimming in the  
water  
Bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble,  
SPLASH!  
*Frogs, alligators, sharks, minnows, etc.*

#### 7. I Am A Fine Musician

I am a fine musician  
I practice every day  
And People come from far and near  
Just to hear me play

My drum, my drum,  
I love to play my drum.  
Bump, bump, bump, bump, Bump,  
bump, bump, bump  
Repeat with many rhythm  
instruments.

Magic Penny  
Love is something if you give it away,  
give it away, give it away  
Love is something if you give it away,  
you'll end up having more.

It's just like a magic penny; Hold it  
tight you won't have any,  
Lend it spend it, you'll have so many,  
They'll roll all over the floor.

Love is something if you give it away,  
give it away, give it away  
Love is something if you give it away,  
you'll end up having

### 8. Miss Mary Mack – Ella Jenkins

Miss Mary Mack  
Dressed In Black  
Silver Buttons All down her back.  
Hi O, Hi O, Hi O, Hi O - O, Hi O

Give me a nickel  
Give me a dime  
Give me my honey baby all the time.  
Hi O, Hi O, Hi O, Hi O - O, Hi O

Went to the river.

Couldn't get across  
Jumped on an alligator  
Thought it was a house.  
Hi O, Hi O, Hi O, Hi O - O, Hi O

### Finger Plays

#### 1. Five Little Cookies in the Bakery Shop

Five Little Cookies in the Bakery Shop  
All dressed up with Sugar on top.  
Along came a boy with a penny to pay  
He took a cookies and ran away. ( can use boy, girl, name)

Four, Three, Two, One,

No Little Cookies in the Bakery Shop  
All dressed up with Sugar on top.  
Along came a boy with a penny to pay  
Sorry, all our cookies are gone today.

#### 2. The Rabbit

Here's a Bunny with ears so funny  
And here's a hole in the ground.  
When a noise he hears, he pricks up his ears.  
And jumps in the hole in the ground.

#### 3. Two Little Blackbirds Sitting on a Hill

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill  
One named Jack and one named Jill.  
Run away Jack; run away Jill  
Come back Jack; come back Jill.

Two little blackbirds sitting on a cloud.  
One named soft and one named loud.  
Fly away soft. Fly away loud.  
Come back soft. Come back loud.

Two little blackbirds flew right past.  
One named slow and one named fast.  
Fly away slow. Fly away fast.  
Come back slow. Come back fast.