

# Watering Whole

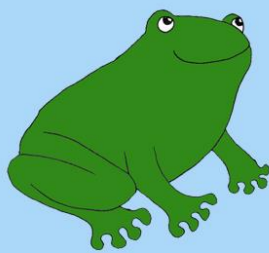
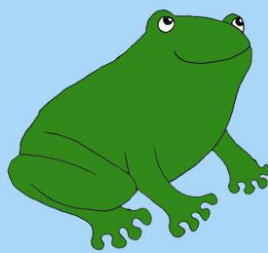
## Exploring Early Maths



with  
Songs  
and



Rhymes



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Songs and rhymes are a perfect way to start introducing early maths skills to your child. Even as a baby you can sing these songs to them and start to develop early maths skills.

Here is a collection of different Nursery Rhymes and songs you can sing with your child to help develop early maths skills.

Click on the links below each song to see the video and actions or watch our full “Counting songs and Nursery Rhymes” playlist here:

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## Here is the Beehive

(Counting to 5)

Here is the beehive (make a fist)

Where are the bees?

Hidden inside where nobody sees

Watch them come creeping out of the hive

One, two, three, four, five (release one finger at a time from the fist/hive)

...BUZZ-ZZZ (wiggle fingers/tickle your child)

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## This Old Man

(Counting to 10)

This old man, he played one,  
He played knick-knack on my thumb;  
With a knick-knack paddywhack,  
Give the dog a bone,  
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played two,  
He played knick-knack on my shoe;  
With a knick-knack paddywhack,  
Give the dog a bone,  
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played three,  
He played knick-knack on my knee;  
With a knick-knack paddywhack,  
Give the dog a bone,  
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played four,  
He played knick-knack on my door;  
With a knick-knack paddywhack,  
Give the dog a bone,  
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played five,  
He played knick-knack on my hive;  
With a knick-knack paddywhack,  
Give the dog a bone,  
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played six,  
He played knick-knack on my sticks;  
With a knick-knack paddywhack,  
Give the dog a bone,  
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played seven,  
He played knick-knack up in heaven;  
With a knick-knack paddywhack,  
Give the dog a bone,  
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played eight,  
He played knick-knack on my gate;  
With a knick-knack paddywhack,  
Give the dog a bone,  
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played nine,  
He played knick-knack on my spine;  
With a knick-knack paddywhack,  
Give the dog a bone,  
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played ten,  
He played knick-knack once again;  
With a knick-knack paddywhack,  
Give the dog a bone,  
This old man came rolling home.

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## Johnny Works With One Hammer

(counting to 5 using whole body)

Johnny works with one hammer (children hammer with one hand)

One hammer one hammer

Johnny works with one hammer,

Johnny works with two.

Johnny works with two hammers (children hammer with two hands)...

Johnny works with three hammers (children hammer with two hands  
and one leg)...

Johnny works with four hammers (children hammer with both hands  
and both legs)

Johnny works with five hammers (children hammer with both hands,  
both legs, and head)

Five hammers five hammers

Johnny works with five hammers

Johnny's work is DONE!

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## 5 eggs and 5 eggs

(Addition  $5+5=10$ )

5 eggs and 5 eggs (hold up one hand and then the other)

That makes 10

Sitting on top is the mother hen (put the hands on top of each other  
in fists)

Crack, crack, crack, what do I see

(start to open your fists and wiggle your fingers)

10 little chicks as cute as can be

(open your hands fully and wiggle all 10 fingers)

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## Five Currant Buns

(minus sums and counting down from 5)

Five currant buns in a baker's shop (hold up five fingers)

Big and round with a cherry on the top (draw a circle in the air)

Along came a girl/boy (or child's name) with a penny one day,

Bought a currant bun and took it away (tuck one finger down into  
fist).

Four currant buns in a baker's shop...

(Continue until no currant buns are left in the baker's shop).

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## Five Little Speckled Frogs

(minus sums and counting down from 5)

Five little speckled frogs (hold up five fingers)

Sat on a speckled log,

Eating the most delicious bugs,

Yum, yum! (rub tummy with other hand)

One jumped into the pool (tuck one finger down)

Where it was nice and cool,

Then there were four green speckled frogs,

Ribbit, Ribbit

Four green and speckled frogs...

(Continue until there are no speckled frogs on the log).

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## Five Little Ducks

(minus sums and counting down from 5)

Five little ducks went swimming one day (hold up five fingers)

Over the hills and far away (hold arm across body and tuck fingers behind shoulder on the opposite side of the body)

Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack" (use other hand to make a mother duck beak and open and close hand to quack)

But only four little ducks came back (bring first hand back to the front with four fingers showing)

Continue until no little ducks came back, then;

Old Mother Duck went out one day,

Over the hills and far away,

Mother Duck said "Quack, quack, quack, quack"

And all of those five little ducks came back.

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## Ten in a Bed

(minus sums, counting up to 10 and counting down from 10)

There were ten in the bed  
And the little one said,  
"Roll over! Roll over!"  
So they all rolled over and  
one fell out

And bumped his head and gave a shout

"Please remember to tie a knot in your pyjamas single beds are only  
made for 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,....

9 in the bed and the little one said

"Roll over! Roll over!"  
So they all rolled over and  
one fell out

And bumped his head and gave a shout

"Please remember to tie a knot in your pyjamas single beds are only  
made for 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,....

8 in the bed...

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# The Ants Go Marching

(counting to 10)

The ants go marching one by one (hold up one finger)

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching one by one,

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching one by one,

The little one stops to suck his thumb (pretend to suck thumb)  
And they all go marching down to the ground to get out of the rain.

The ants go marching two by two (hold up two fingers)

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching two by two,

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching two by two,

The little one stops to tie his shoe (pretend to tie shoe)  
And they all go marching down to the ground to get out of the rain.

The ants go marching three by three (hold up three fingers)

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching three by three,

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching three by three,

The little one stops to climb a tree (pretend to climb a tree)  
And they all go marching down to the ground to get out of the rain.

The ants go marching four by four (hold up four fingers)

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching four by four,

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching four by four,

The little one stops to shut the door (pretend to shut a door)  
And they all go marching down to the ground to get out of the rain.

The ants go marching five by five (hold up five fingers)

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching five by five,

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching five by five,

The little one stops to take a dive (pretend to dive)

And they all go marching down to the ground to get out of the rain.

The ants go marching six by six (hold up six fingers)

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching six by six,

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching six by six,

The little one stops to pick up sticks (pretend to pick up sticks)

And they all go marching down to the ground to get out of the rain.

The ants go marching seven by seven (hold up seven fingers)

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching seven by seven,

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching seven by seven,

The little one stops to pray to heaven (pretend to pray)

And they all go marching down to the ground to get out of the rain.

The ants go marching eight by eight (hold up eight fingers)

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching eight by eight,

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching eight by eight,

The little one stops to shut the gate (pretend to shut a gate)

And they all go marching down to the ground to get out of the rain.

The ants go marching nine by nine (hold up nine fingers)

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching nine by nine,

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching nine by nine,  
The little one stops to check the time (pretend to check wristwatch)  
And they all go marching down to the ground to get out of the rain.

The ants go marching ten by ten (hold up ten fingers)

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching ten by ten,

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching ten by ten,

The little one stops to shout

"THE END!!"

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## One, Two, Buckle My Shoe

(counting to 10)

One, two buckle my shoe (pretend to tie shoe)

Three, four knock on the door (pretend to knock on door)

Five, six pick up sticks (pretend to pick up sticks)

Seven, eight lay them straight (pretend to lay sticks down)

Nine, ten a big fat hen!

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## 5 Monkeys Jumping On The Bed

(counting down from 5)

Five monkeys jumping on the bed (hold up five fingers and make them jump up and down)

One fell off and bumped his head (rub head)

Mama called the doctor and the doctor said (pretend to call on phone)

"No more monkeys jumping on the bed" (wag pointer finger like scolding someone)

Four monkeys jumping on the bed....

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## 3 little Monkeys Swinging in the Tree

(counting down from 3)

3 little monkeys swinging in the tree (hold up 3 fingers and swing hands from side to side)

Teasing Mr Crocodile, "You can't catch me!"

Along came Mr Crocodile as quiet as can be,

And SNAP! (snap hands together)

2 little monkeys swinging in the tree...

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## One Potato Two Potatoes

(counting up to 7)

Hold your fists in front of you and stack them on top of each other starting with "one potato", then move the lower fist on top of the upper fist along "two potatoes". Continue doing this until "seven potatoes". At the end of the song, when "more" is sung, open both hands vigorously and shout "more".

One potato two potatoes  
Three potatoes, four!  
Five potatoes, six potatoes  
Seven potatoes, more!

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## Zoom Zoom, We're Going to the Moon

(counting down from 5)

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom  
We're going to the moon.  
Zoom, Zoom, Zoom  
We're going to the moon.  
If you want to take a trip,  
Climb aboard my rocket ship.  
Zoom, Zoom, Zoom  
We're going to the moon.  
5, 4, 3, 2, 1,  
Blast off!

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# Hickory dickory dock

(counting up to 4)

Hickory dickory dock,  
the mouse ran up the clock,  
the clock struck one,  
the mouse ran down,  
hickory dickory dock.  
TICK TOCK TICK TOCK

Hickory dickory dock,  
the mouse ran up the clock,  
the clock struck two,  
the mouse went WOO,  
hickory dickory dock.  
TICK TOCK TICK TOCK

Hickory dickory dock,  
the mouse ran up the clock,  
the clock struck three,  
the mouse went WEEEEEE,  
hickory dickory dock.  
TICK TOCK TICK TOCK

Hickory dickory dock,  
the mouse ran up the clock,  
the clock struck four,  
the mouse said "NO MORE",  
hickory dickory dock.  
TICK TOCK TICK TOCK

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# Ten Green Bottles

(counting down from 10)

Ten green bottles **standing/sitting/hanging** on the wall,

Ten green bottles sitting on the wall,

And if one green bottle should accidentally fall,

There'll be nine green bottles sitting on the wall.

Nine green bottles sitting on the wall,

Nine green bottles sitting on the wall,

And if one green bottle should accidentally fall,

There'll be eight green bottles sitting on the wall.

Eight green bottles sitting on the wall,

Eight green bottles sitting on the wall,

And if one green bottle should accidentally fall,

There'll be seven green bottles sitting on the wall.

Seven green bottles sitting on the wall,

Seven green bottles sitting on the wall,

And if one green bottle should accidentally fall,

There'll be six green bottles sitting on the wall.

Six green bottles sitting on the wall,

Six green bottles sitting on the wall,

And if one green bottle should accidentally fall,

There'll be five green bottles sitting on the wall.

Five green bottles sitting on the wall,

Five green bottles sitting on the wall,

And if one green bottle should accidentally fall,

There'll be four green bottles sitting on the wall.

Four green bottles sitting on the wall,  
Four green bottles sitting on the wall,  
And if one green bottle should accidentally fall,  
There'll be three green bottles sitting on the wall.

Three green bottles sitting on the wall,  
Three green bottles sitting on the wall,  
And if one green bottle should accidentally fall,  
There'll be two green bottles sitting on the wall.

Two green bottles sitting on the wall,  
Two green bottles sitting on the wall,  
And if one green bottle should accidentally fall,  
There'll be one green bottles sitting on the wall.

One green bottles sitting on the wall,  
One green bottles sitting on the wall,  
And if one green bottle should accidentally fall,  
There'll be zero green bottles sitting on the wall.

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## 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive

(Counting up to 10)

1, 2, 3, 4, 5,  
Once I caught a fish alive,  
6, 7, 8, 9, 10,  
Then I let it go again.  
Why did you let it go?  
Because it bit my finger so.  
Which finger did it bite?  
This little finger on my right.

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# Baa, baa, black sheep

(Dividing/sharing 3 between 3 and 6 between 3)

Baa, baa, black sheep  
Have you any wool?  
Yes, sir, yes, sir  
Three bags full  
One for the master  
And one for the dame  
One for the little boy  
Who lives down the lane  
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## Extension and activity suggestion:

Use the small objects such as pompoms to represent the 6 bags of wool and put them next to the sheep. Next invite your child to divide the wool up equally between the 3 houses.

Baa, baa, black sheep  
Have you any wool?  
Yes, sir, yes, sir  
Six bags full  
Two for the master  
And two for the dame  
two for the little boy  
Who lives down the lane

