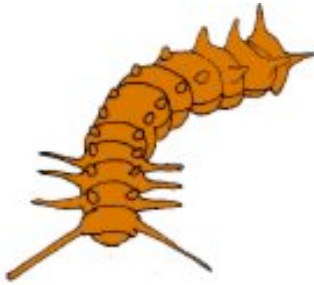


Creepy, Crawly Things

Pre-school Story Time
Ages 3-7



Books

Hey, Little Ant Phillip & Hannah House

The Very Quiet Cricket Eric Carle

Miss Spider's Tea Party David Kirk

Inch by Inch Leo Lionni

The Very Ugly Bug Liz Pichon

Flannel Board Story

The Old Woman Who Swallowed a Fly

Tell and Draw Story

Sammy the Snail

Fingerplays

Itsy Bitsy Spider

*Inchworm, Inchworm***

A Caterpillar Crawled

Other Books to Check Out

The Ants Go Marching Joy Ann Owen

Oh my, a Fly! Jan Pienkowski

One Hundred Hungry Ants Elinor J. Pinczes

The Ant and the Grasshopper Amy Poole

Spider on the Floor Raffi

Peek-a-Bug Jerry Smath

Ten Flashing Fireflies Philemon Sturges

Two Bad Ants Chris Van Allsburg

Action Activities/Songs

*Inchworm, Inchworm***

*The Ants Go Marching***

Creative Dramatics

*Inchworm, Inchworm***

*The Ants Go Marching***

Little Miss Tucket

**could be performed various ways



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Opening Activities

Good morning/afternoon!

The Bubble Hop (fingerplay/action song to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

Blow, blow, blow, some bubbles.	(form circles with thumbs and index finger)
Do the bubble hop.	(hop on one foot)
Jump so high,	(jump up and down)
Until they pop,	(clap hands on "pop")
Then you have to stop!	(hold out hands in "stop" position)

Ready to Listen (fingerplay)

Let your hands go clap,	(clap hands)
Let your fingers go snap,	(snap fingers)
Let your lips go up and down,	(open and close mouth)
But don't make a sound.	(shake head)
Fold your hands and close your eyes,	(fold hands, then close eyes)
Take a breath and softly sign.	(inhale deeply then exhale)

Sometimes my Hands (fingerplay)
(Match actions with words.)

Sometimes my hands are at my side.
Then behind my back they hide.
Sometimes I wiggle my fingers so,
Shake them fast,
Shake them slow,
Sometimes my hands go
"Clap, clap, clap!"
Then I rest them in my lap.
Now they're quiet as can be,
Because it story time, you see

Story Time

Miss Spider's Tea Party by David Kirk (picture book)

Itsy Bitsy Spider (fingerplay)

The itsy bitsy spider went the water spout
(twist hands upward, forming circles with tips of thumbs and forefingers together)
Down came the rain
(wiggle fingers downward)

and washed the spider out

(push hands downward)

Out came the sun and dried up all the rain

(make big circle with arms over head)

And the itsy bitsy spider went the spout again

(twist hands upward, forming circles with tips of thumbs and forefingers together)

The Old Woman and the Fly *(flannel board story)*

There was an old woman who swallowed a fly.

I don't why she swallowed a fly,

Perhaps, she'll die.

There was an old woman who swallowed a spider,

That wriggled and jiggled and ticked inside her,

She swallowed the spider to catch the fly,

I don't know why she swallowed the fly,

Perhaps, she'll die.

There was an old woman who swallowed a bird,

How absurd! To swallow a bird,

She swallowed the bird to catch the spider

That wriggled and jiggled and ticked inside her,

She swallowed the spider to catch the fly,

I don't know why she swallowed the fly,

Perhaps, she'll die.

There was an old woman who swallowed a cat,

Imagine that! To swallow a cat,

She swallowed the cat to catch the bird.

She swallowed the bird to catch the spider

That wriggled and jiggled and ticked inside her,

She swallowed the spider to catch the fly,

I don't know why she swallowed the fly,

Perhaps, she'll die.

There was an old woman who swallowed a dog,

What a hog! To swallow a dog,

She swallowed the dog to catch the cat,

She swallowed the cat to catch the bird.

She swallowed the bird to catch the spider

That wriggled and jiggled and ticked inside her,

She swallowed the spider to catch the fly,

I don't know why she swallowed the fly,

Perhaps, she'll die.

There was an old woman who swallowed a goat,

Just opened her throat! To swallow a goat,

She swallowed the goat to catch the dog.

She swallowed the dog to catch the cat,

She swallowed the cat to catch the bird.

She swallowed the bird to catch the spider
That wriggled and jiggled and ticked inside her,
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly,
I don't know why she swallowed the fly,
Perhaps, she'll die.

There was an old woman who swallowed a cow,
I don't know how she swallowed a cow!
She swallowed the cow to catch the goat.
She swallowed the goat to catch the dog.
She swallowed the dog to catch the cat,
She swallowed the cat to catch the bird.
She swallowed the bird to catch the spider
That wriggled and jiggled and ticked inside her,
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly,
I don't know why she swallowed the fly,
Perhaps, she'll die.

There was an old woman who swallowed a horse,
She's dead of course!

The Very Ugly Bug by Liz Pichon (picture book)

Inch by Inch by Leo Lionni (picture book)

Inchworm, Inchworm (fingerplay or action song)

Inchworm, inchworm, you move so slow,
(wiggle forward on tummy or with your body; or move your hands forward)
Inchworm, inchworm, where will you go?
(stop moving)
Inchworm, inchworm, turn to the right,
(wiggle to the right)
Inchworm, inchworm, you'll get there by night,
(put head down and close eyes)
Inchworm, inchworm, turn the other way,
(wiggle to the right)
Inchworm, inchworm, it take you all day.
(wiggle forward)

A Caterpillar Crawled (fingerplay)

A caterpillar crawled	(creep fingers up one arm)
To the top of the tree.	
"I think I'll take a nap," says he.	(place one hand over opposite fist)
So under a leaf he began to creep.	
To spin his cocoon,	
And he fell asleep.	

All winter long he slept in his bed,
 'Til spring came along one day and said,
 "Wake up, wake up, little sleepyhead, (shake fist with other hand)
 Wake up; it's time to get out of bed."
 So he opened his eyes that sunshiny day. (spread fingers, hook thumbs)
 Lo! He was a butterfly, and flew away. (flap hands as wings & fly away)

Hey, Little Ant by Phillip and Hannah House (picture book)

The Ants Go Marching (action song)

The ants go marching one by one. (march in place; hold up 1 finger)
 Hurrah. Hurrah. (raise hands up)
 The ants go marching one by one. (march in place; hold up 1 finger)
 Hurrah. Hurrah. (raise hands up)
 The ants go marching one by one. (march in place; hold up 1 finger)
 The little one stops to suck his thumb. (place thumb near mouth)
 And they all go marching down, (march and start bending down)
 into the ground, (body should be close to touching floor)
 to get out of the rain.
 Boom. Boom. Boom. Boom. (start marching again)

Other verses:

2: tie her shoe	6: pick up sticks
3: climb a tree	7: pray to heaven
4: shut the door	8: shut the gate
5: take a dive	9: check the time

The ants go marching ten by ten. (march in place; hold up 10 fingers)
 Hurrah. Hurrah. (raise hands up)
 The ants go marching ten by ten. (march in place; hold up 10 fingers)
 Hurrah. Hurrah. (raise hands up)
 The ants go marching ten by ten. (march in place; hold up 10 fingers)
 The little one stops to say "the end". (raise hands up in jubilation)

The Very Quiet Cricket by Eric Carle (picture book)

Little Miss Tucket (creative dramatic)

Little Miss Tucket
 sat on a bucket, (sit on chair)
 eating her peaches and cream. (put hand to mouth in eating motion)
 There came a grasshopper (another child should sneak behind other)
 and tried to stop her,
 But she said, "Go away, or I'll scream." ("Little Miss" pretends to scold/scream)

Sammy the Snail (tell and draw)

It was a beautiful day outside,

so Sammy the Snail decided to go for a walk around his house...just like this.
 As he crawled, he passed Oly the Oyster, who was sitting right here.
 He waved hello, and then continued on his way to the sandy shore.
 He traveled right past two frogs, who were sunning themselves right here.
 Sammy decided he wanted to sun himself as well, so he crawled onto another rock

Closing Activities

Stretching Fun (*fingerplay*)

I stretch and stretch and find it fun	(<i>stretch</i>)
To try to reach up to the sun.	(<i>reach hands up</i>)
I bend and bend to touch the ground.	(<i>touch the ground</i>)
Then I twist and twist around.	(<i>twist side to side</i>)

If You're Happy and You Know It (*action activity*)

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands.	(<i>clap, clap</i>)
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands.	(<i>clap, clap</i>)
If you're happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it.	
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands.	(<i>clap, clap</i>)

If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet.	(<i>stomp, stomp</i>)
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If you're happy and you know it, shout "Hurray!"	(<i>Hoo-ray!</i>)
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If you're happy and you know it, shout "Hurray!"	(<i>Hoo-ray!</i>)

If you're happy and you know it, do all three	(<i>clap-clap, stomp-stompt, hoo-ray!</i>)
If you're happy and you know it, do all three	(<i>clap-clap, stomp-stompt, hoo-ray!</i>)
If you're happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it.	
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Thank You (*action activity*)

My hands say thank you	
with a clap, clap, clap.	(<i>clap hands with words</i>)
My feet say thank you	
With a tap, tap, tap.	(<i>tap feet with words</i>)
Clap, clap, clap.	(<i>clap hands with words</i>)
Tap, tap, tap.	(<i>tap feet with words</i>)
I turn around.	(<i>turn around</i>)
Touch the ground.	(<i>touch the ground</i>)
And with a bow,	(<i>take a bow</i>)
I say..."Thank you" now.	(<i>say "thank you"</i>)

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