

Virtual Musical Jamboree with Kayla Marie

Early Literacy Tip for Parents & Caregivers: Too often these days, a child's encounters with nature are dominated by a look-but-don't-touch directive. Nature connection depends on firsthand, multisensory encounters. It's a messy, dirty business—picking leaves and flowers, turning over rocks, holding wriggling worms, and splashing in ponds.

I'm in the Mood for Singing

I'm in the mood for singing, hey how 'bout you? (x2) I'm in the mood for singing, singing along with you Hey, hey, what do you say, I'm in the mood for that today Hey, hey what do you say? I'm in the mood for that.

Try: Dancing Playing

Young MacDonald Had a Band

Young MacDonald had a band, la-la-la-la-la And in that band they played a drum, la-la-la-la-la With a beat beat here and a beat beat there, here a beat there a beat, everywhere a beat beat, Young MacDonald had a band, la-la-la-la-la

Try: Ukulele...strum Guitar...pick Banjo...twang Bass...thump

Baby Beluga

Baby beluga in the deep blue sea Swim so wild and you swim so free Sky above and the sea below And a little baby whale on the go

Chorus: Baby beluga, baby beluga Is the water warm Is your family home with you, so happy

Way down yonder where the dolphins play Where you dive and splash all day Waves roll in and the waves roll out See the water squirtin' out of your spout

Chorus

When it's dark, you're home and fed Curl up, snug in your water bed Moon is shining and the stars are out Good night, little whale, good night

Kookaburra

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree, Merry, merry king of the bush is he, Laugh, Kookaburra! (x2) Gay your life must be!

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree,

Eating all the gumdrops he can see, Stop, Kookaburra! (x2) Leave some there for me.

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree, Counting all the monkeys he can see, Stop, Kookaburra! (x2) That's not a monkey, that's me!

Zoom Zoom Zoom

Zoom, zoom, zoom We're going to the moon. Zoom, zoom, zoom We're going to the moon. So if you want to take a trip just climb aboard your rocket ship. Zoom, zoom, zoom We're going to the moon. In 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 Blast Off!

Try: Fun, fun, fun, we're going to the sun! Far, far, far, we're going to the stars!

Five Green and Speckled Frogs

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

If All of the Sun Rays

If all the sun rays Were lemon drops and gumdrops Oh what a world that would be I'd stand outside with my mouth open wide Ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah If all the sun rays Were lemon drops and gumdrops Oh what a world that would be

Have your child suggest their favorite food or drink and sing the song again!

Life of A Butterfly

Sung to: Skip to My Lou I'm a caterpillar, wiggle with me (x3) What'll I be my darlin'?

A chrysalis, fall asleep with me (x3) What'll I be my darlin'?

A butterfly, come fly with me (x3) That's what I'll be my darlin'

Roots, Trunk, Branches, Leaves (Sung to: Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes) Roots, trunk, branches and leaves (x2) Buds and fruits and flowers in the breeze, Roots, trunk, branches and leaves.

Repeat, increasing the speed each time for added fun!

Early Literacy Example: Go outside with your child and ask questions about what you see. Look at trees and bugs and birds too!

Six Little Dogs

Six little dogs that I once knew, Fat ones, skinny ones, fair ones, too,

Chorus:

But the one little dog with the black and white mark, It led the others with a "Bark! Bark! Bark!" a "Bark! Bark! Bark!" a "Bark! Bark! Bark!" It led the others with a "Bark! Bark! Bark!"

Down to the river they would go, wiggle waggle, wiggle waggle, to and fro

Chorus

Back from the river they would come, wiggle waggle, wiggle waggle, ho hum hum

Chorus

Sleeping Bunnies

See the little bunnies sleeping till it's nearly noon Come and let us gently wake them with a merry tune Oh so still, are they ill? Wake up soon... Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop (x4) Hop, hop, hop Hop, hop, hop!

Linger

I'd like to linger, Mm, mm A little longer, Mm, mm A little longer here with you, Mm, mm

It's such a perfect day, Mm, mm How I wish I could stay, Mm, mm And keep on singing songs with you, Mm, mm

And as they days go by, Mm, mm I'll think of you and sigh, Mm, mm This is good-day and not goodbye, Mm, mm

So sing from your house, Mm, mm And I will sing from mine, Mm, mm Voices together until next time, Mm, mm

Final Tip until Next Time!

Rather than saying "no" every time a child wants to pick up a stick, throw a rock, climb a tree, or jump into the mud, take a deep breath and cheer them on instead. Remember, clothes can be washed, and cuts heal.