

INSECT ACTION SONGS, RHYMES & FINGER PLAYS

I'm a Little Ladybug

(to the tune of I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little ladybug,
Red and black,
With the tiniest spots
All over my back.
I fly all round the garden,
And land upon a rose,
Then the grass, and
Then your nose!

I'm a Little Ladybug

I'm a little ladybug
As you can see.
A very little beetle
As pretty as can be.
I am brightly coloured,
Red and black.
Can you count the spots
Upon my back?

Little Arabella Miller

Little Arabella Miller
Found a fuzzy caterpillar.
(tickle opposite hand with pointer finger)
First it crawled upon her mother,
(wiggle finger up the arm)
Then upon her baby brother.
(wiggle finger back down the arm)
They said, "Arabella Miller,
Put away that caterpillar!"
(hide hands behind back)

Fuzzy Wuzzy Caterpillar

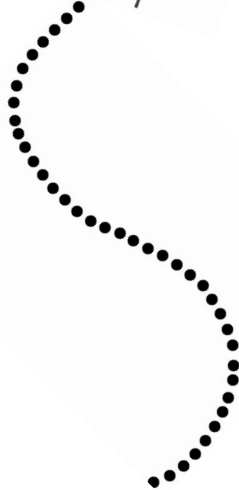
Fuzzy Wuzzy caterpillar humps along,
(crawl along like a caterpillar)
Humps along, humps along,
Fuzzy Wuzzy caterpillar humps along,
Out to see the world.

Fuzzy Wuzzy caterpillar goes to sleep,
(curl into a small ball)
Goes to sleep, goes to sleep,
Fuzzy Wuzzy caterpillar goes to sleep,
In his warm cocoon.

Some day you'll be a pretty butterfly,
(flap arms and dance around the room)
Butterfly, butterfly,
Some day you'll be a pretty butterfly,
Out to see the world.

Little Miss Muffet

Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet,
Eating her curds and whey.
Along came a spider,
Who sat down beside her,
And frightened Miss Muffet away.



How Does a Caterpillar Go?

How does a caterpillar go?
Dear me, does anybody know?
How does a caterpillar go?
A wriggle, wriggle all day long.
(crawl index finger up opposite arm like a caterpillar)

How does a honeybee go?
Dear me, does anybody know?
How does a honeybee go?
A buzzing, buzzing all day long.
(flap hands quickly like little bee wings)

How does a butterfly go?
Dear me, does anybody know?
How does a butterfly go?
A flutter, flutter all day long.
(spread arms and move them up and down)

How does a busy spider go?
Dear me, does anybody know?
How does a busy spider go?
A spinning, spinning all day long.
(place each thumb on opposite pinky finger and walk hands up and down)

One Little Bug

(Sung to: One Grey Elephant Balancing)

One little bug went out to play,
(children sit in a circle, one child walks around the inside of the circle)
On a spider's web one day.
He had ever so much fun,
He called for another bug to come.
(first child chooses a second child to join them walking around inside the circle)

Two little bugs went out to play...
(Repeat for bugs 2, 3 and 4)

Four little bugs went out to play,
On a spider's web one day.
They got stuck, all in a bunch.
Along came spider, in time for lunch! *(fifth child pretends to be the spider, coming to eat the bugs)*

There's a Spider on my Knee

(to the tune of If You're Happy and You Know It)

There's a spider on my knee - oh gee!
There's a spider on my knee - oh gee!
There's a spider on my knee
And he's not afraid of me!
There's a spider on my knee - oh gee!



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The Ants Go Marching

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*)

...
The little one stops to tie his shoe (*pretend to tie shoe*)

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

...
The little one stops to climb a tree (*pretend to climb a tree*)

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

...
The little one stops to shut the door (*pretend to shut a door*)

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

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

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

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

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

...
The little one stops to pray to heaven (*hold hands as if praying*)

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

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

...

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

...

The little one stops to check the time (*pretend to check wristwatch*)

...

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

...

The little one stops to shout
"THE END!!"

Itsy, Bitsy Spider

The itsy, bitsy spider,
Climbed up the water spout, (*place each thumb on opposite pinky finger and walk hands up and down*)
Down came the rain, (*wriggle fingers as hands move down to represent rain*)

And washed the spider out.

Out came the sunshine, (*raise hands, fingers spread like the sun*)

And dried up all the rain.

And the itsy, bitsy spider,
Climbed up the spout again. (*place each thumb on opposite pinky finger and walk hands up and down*)

Bippety Boppety Bumble Bee

This short, adaptable rhyme that can be used in many different ways including revising the name of younger children, and revising reading or spelling sight words with early readers.

Version 1

Bippety Boppety Bumble Bee
Can you (say) your name for me?

Alternatives:

- whisper
- clap
- snap
- stomp
- spell

Version 2

Bippety Boppety Bumble Bee
Can you (read) the word for me?

Here is the Beehive

Here is the beehive, (*make a fist*)

Where are the bees?

Hiding 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*)

