

Groove to the Beat and Move Your Feet

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Opening Songs

- Open Shut Them
- Come Along and Sing with Me (Tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb)
Come along and sing with me, sing with me, sing with me,
Come along and sing with me, on a sunny Tuesday!
Come along and clap with me...
Come along and roll with me...
Come along and stretch with me...
Come along and stomp with me...
*From King County Library System
- The More We Get Together
The more we get together, together, together
The more we get together, the happier we'll be
Cause your friends are my friends and my friends are your friends
The more we get together, the happier we'll be
*We like Raffi's version
- Snuggle Up Together (for lapsit)- as used in CCJPL lapsit storytimes
- Babies are Here Today (Tune: Farmer in the Dell)- as used in CCJPL lapsit storytimes
- Hello, How Are You? (Tune: Skip To My Lou)
*from songsforteaching.com
- Do a Google Search for "storytime opening songs"

Closing Songs

- Wave, Wave, Wave Goodbye! (Tune: Skip to My Lou)
Wave, wave, wave goodbye.
Wave, wave, wave goodbye.
Wave, wave, wave goodbye.
Storytime is Over.
- Skinnamarink
- "We Wave Goodbye Like This" (Tune: Farmer in the Dell)
*from Library Lalaland
- Do a Google Search for "storytime closing songs"

Transition Songs (can also be used as Opening/Closing Songs)

- I Clap My Hands
I clap my hands. I touch my toes. I turn myself around.
I clap my hands. I touch my toes. I sit myself right down.
I clap my hands. I touch my toes. I do not make a sound.
*as used in CCJPL storytimes
- Shake Your Sillies Out by Raffi
- Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, Knees and toes
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, Knees and toes
And eyes and ears, and mouth and nose
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, Knees and toes
- Clean Up, Clean Up
*From Barney & Friends TV Show
- Now It's Time to (Tune: London Bridge is Falling Down)
Now it's time to do a craft, do a craft, do a craft.
Now it's time to do a craft with my friends!
Other verses: play with toys, read a book, tell a story, say goodbye, etc.
- Search Google and YouTube for "preschool transition songs" for more ideas

Interactive Lapsit Songs with Babies

- Bumping Up and Down in My Little Red Wagon
- Hickory Dickory Dock
- Pat-a-Cake
- Slowly, Slowly, Creeps the Garden Snail
- Snuggle Puppy
- Snuggle Up Together
- This is the Way the Ladies Ride
- Tick Tock, I'm a Little Cuckoo Clock
- Naperville Public Library has a great bibliography: <http://www.naperville-lib.org/sites/default/files/Kids/lapsit.pdf>

Favorite Adaptable Songs

- Hokey Pokey
- If You're Happy and You Know It
- Stand Up, Stand Up
- This is the way we... (Tune: Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush)
- Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
- Wheels on the Bus

No-Fail Action Songs

- A Tooty Ta Ta by Jean Warren
- Baby Bumblebee
- Do Your Ears Hang Low?
- Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed
- Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes
- Hokey Pokey
- I'm a Little Teapot
- If You're Happy and You Know It
- Itsy Bitsy Spider
- London Bridge is Falling Down
- Ring-Around-the-Rosy
- Shake My Sillies Out
- Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Turn Around
- The Wheels on the Bus
- What Would You Do If a Robot Came to Tea?
- Where is Thumbkin?
- Who Took the Cookie? (Have kids come to the front)

A few more of our Favorite Songs

- Five Green and Speckled Frogs
- Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
- Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Songs for Dancing and Using Instruments and Props

- Best Day of My Life by Kidz Bop (Superhero)
- Gangnam Style by Kidz Bop
- Happy by Pharrell from Despicable Me 2
- I Like to Move It Move It from Madagascar 3
- Just Dance Kids
- Kidz Bop
- Roar by Kidz Bop (Superhero)
- Safe and Sound by Kidz Bop (Superhero)
- The Fox by Ylvis
- The Gummy Bear Song
- Whip/Nae Nae by Silento
- Who Let the Dogs Out? By Kidz Bop

Some Favorite Artists

- Bob McGrath
- Disney

- Ella Jenkins
- Georgiana Stewart
- Greg and Steve
- Hugh Hanley
- Jim Gill
- Kindermusik
- Laurie Berkner
- Learning Groove
- Pete Seeger
- Raffi
- The Kinders
- Woody Guthrie

Instruments and Movement Props

- Bean Bags (Music in Motion)
- Bells
- Bubbles
- Castanets
- Clappers
- Drums (use coffee canisters, oatmeal canisters, etc.)
- Puppets (on sticks, etc.)
- Rhythm Sticks
- Scarves or ribbons
- Shakers (egg shakers, rainmakers, bottle shakers, paper plate shakers, maracas)
- Tambourines

Books to Sing

- Bear Went Over the Mountain, The by Iza Trapani (Anything by Iza Trapani)
- Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See? By Bill Martin (goes to Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)
- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr.
- Croaky Pokey, The by Ethan Long
- Down by the Station by Jennifer Riggs Vetter
- Farmyard Beat by Lindsey Craig
- Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed by Eileen Christelow
- I Ain't Gonna Paint No More by Karen Beaumont
- I've Been Working on the Railroad by Marsha Qualey
- Little White Duck by Walt Whippo
- On Top of Spaghetti by Paul Brett Johnson
- Over in the Arctic: Where the Cold Winds Blow by Marianne Berkes

- Over in the Meadow by Raffi
- Pete the Cat books by Eric Litwin
- Row, Row, Row Your Boat by Jane Cabrera (Anything by Jane Cabrera)
- Seals on the Bus, The by Lenny Hort
- Snuggle Puppy! By Sandra Boynton
- Ten in the Den by John Butler
- Today is Monday by Eric Carle
- Wheels on the Bus by Raffi (anything by Raffi)

More Books to Encourage Music and Movement

- Animal Band by Christopher S. Jennings
- Animal Boogie, The by Debbie Harter
- Are You Ready for Fun? By Jan Thomas
- Baby Beluga by Ashley Wolff
- Ballerina! By Peter Sis
- Barnyard Dance! by Sandra Boynton
- Barnyard Song by Rhonda Gowler
- Bogie Knights by Lisa Wheeler
- Boom Bah! by Phil Cummings
- Bring On That Beat by Rachel Isadora
- Can You Growl Like a Bear? By John Butler
- Can You Make a Scary Face? by Jan Thomas
- Catty Jane Who Loved to Dance by Valerie Gorbachev
- Chicken Dance by Tammi Sauer
- Chuck's Band by Peggy Perry Anderson
- Clap Your Hands by Lorinda Bryan Cauley
- Dooby Dooby Moo by Doreen Cronin
- Elephants Cannot Dance! By Mo Willems
- Frog Trouble by Sandra Boynton
- From Head to Toe by Eric Carle
- Frosty the Snowman illustrated by Wade Zahares
- Full Moon Barnyard Dance by Carole Lexa Schaefer
- Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae
- Hand, Hand, Fingers, Thumb by Al Perkins
- Hands Can by Cheryl Willis Hudson
- Here Are My Hands by Bill Martin Jr.
- Hilda Must Be Dancing by Karma Wilson
- I Got the Rhythm by Connie Schofield-Morrison
- I Love to Dance by Anna Walker
- If You're Happy and You Know It by Jane Cabrera
- Is Everyone Ready for Fun by Jan Thomas

- It's a Tiger! By David LaRochelle
- Jazz Baby by Lisa Wheeler
- Jazz Fly series by Matthew Gollub
- Let's Dance Grandma by Nigel McMullen
- Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything, The by Linda Williams
- Lizard's Song by George Shannon
- Monkey and Me by Emily Gravett
- Move! By Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
- Music Teacher from the Black Lagoon, The by Mike Thaler
- Nuts: Bedtime at the Nut House, The by Eric Litwin
- Oh Where, Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone? By Iza Trapani
- Oh! By Kevin Henkes
- Ol' Bloo's Boogie-Woogie Band and Blues Ensemble by Jan Huling
- Old MacDonald Had a Dragon by Ken Baker
- One Bear Extraordinaire by Jayme McGowan
- Peck Slither and Slide by Suse MacDonald
- Shake My Sillies Out by Raffi
- Silly Sally by Audrey Wood
- Sing by Joe Raposo
- So You Want to Be a Rock Star by Audrey Vernick
- Tanka Tanka Skunk! By Steve Webb
- Thump, Thump, Rat-a-Tat-Tat by Gene Baer
- Up, Down, and Around by Katherine Ayres
- Walking Through the Jungle by Julie Lancome
- Watch Me Dance by Andrea and Brian Pinkney
- Water Dance by Thomas Locker
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Helen Oxenbury
- Who Bop? By Jonathan London
- Wiggle by Doreen Cronin
- Wiggle Waggle by Jonathon London
- Zoom by Diane Adams

Free Song Resources

- Youtube is your friend
- Jbrary on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnjsY7TmClktuQLNCXXra6Q>
- The Teacher's Guide: <http://www.theteachersguide.com/ChildrensSongs.htm>
- <http://bussongs.com/>
- Storytime Songs with Guitar Chords: <http://www.storytimesongs.com/guitar.html>
- More classic songs with chords: <http://www.songdrops.com/childrens-songs-chords-and-lyrics>

Free Storytime Resources

- Great guide from Mel's Desk: http://melissa.depperfamily.net/blog/?page_id=519
 - Links to tons of blogs, wikis, websites, databases, songs, song videos, flannelboard resources, etc.
- Miss Meg's Storytime: missmegsstorytime.com
- Storytime Katie: storytimekatie.com
- Jbrary: jbrary.com
- Story Time Secrets: storytimesecrets.blogspot.com
- Perry Public Library: perrypubliclibrayr.org/storytime_themes
- Association of Children's Librarians of Northern California: bayviews.org/storytime.html

Sources for Musical Instruments

- Dollar Store
- Hardware Store (rhythm sticks)
- Your kitchen, junk drawer, closet
- Labels for Education or Box Tops for Education
- Kindermusik
- Rhythmix
- Lakeshore
- Music in Motion
- DIY (Pinterest)