Hand Gesture Games & Action Songs

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Disclaimer: Parents and clinicians must use/adapt the activities listed below based on their judgment and needs of their children/clients.

Websites with Many Action Songs & Lyrics

  a) Beth’s Notes
  https://www.bethsnotesplus.com/find-songs

  b) Mama Lisa
  https://www.mamalisa.com/

Hand Game Websites

  http://funclapping.com/

Vincent Bates – Group Activities:

  https://www.youtube.com/user/vincebates/featured

Materials:

The video and music is provided in the link, if needed.

Session Format:

  • Each video is around 1-3 minutes.
  • Practice the hand gesture games 2-3 times.
  • If your child likes certain hand gesture games, you can repeat them.
  • Watch the video together first. Demonstrate the activity to your child and use gestures and brief verbiage to facilitate learning.
  • Ask your child to copy what you did. Tell him/her that both of you will do the gesture games together.

Preschool Activities:

  1. Did you ever see my tail?
     https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tg5yEkEcqO8
  2. Teapot:
     https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AB4vzj93OGY
  3. The wise man built his house on a rock
     https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAjEjxX-DhA
  4. Pitter Patter listen to the rain
     Page 11 in The book of tapping and clapping
  5. Hickory Dickory Dock
     https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ls0LTpq9G50&t=69s (0:53-1:47)
  6. Finger band
     https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WrlxnH8LXNQ (0:25-1:26)
7. Beehive
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yq7wpqPsJk
8. One, two, buckle your shoe
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hh-laW5uNvw&list=PL4ms9GkBLo7QJeE6x2efgiqR95rHHi0Ap&index=9
9. Finger play:
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2-6HBoS9to
10. The wheels on the bus:
    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EtXOhwSh7Ds
11. The farmer plants the seeds
    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7O/VWVR_R9Q
12. Roly Poly
    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hyv62J00b5Y&t=38s (2:45-3:30)
13. Watch the birdy
    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8BRkyHeS5sA (0:20-)
14. I have ten little fingers
    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Is0LTPg9G50&t=69s (1:49-2:19)
15. Fee fi fo fum
    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ah1biKUQjRQ&list=PLjilygNCbNwHCb81xeDyQXh6-KPGbS_K&index=1
16. Five green and speckle frogs
    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6wM0Alb3BTE

Elementary & Middle School Activities

1. Double this double that
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g4ea2GmBqFo
2. Don't break the window
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QyYN204b3oA
3. Down down baby
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWAS6mX0DUU
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCyBMziWUFk
4. Peter pan
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vHFPM3xIiBY
5. Bitti bum
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWq3EHR9qC4
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U7Bcg8GgfsA&list=RDU7Bcg8GgfsA&start_radio=1&t=0
6. Boom snap clap
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkF5glUMjw
7. A sailor went to sea
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=28uNq8XQPK8
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sr8P2w7d7Y
8. Four white horses
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aqr44wfy91A