



# Forest Animals Storytime

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## Sing “Doe, A Deer” ([video on YouTube](#))

Doe, a deer, a female deer (*make antlers with hands*)  
Ray, a drop of golden sun (*make a circle with arms like the sun*)  
Me, a name I call myself (*point to yourself*)  
Far, a long, long way to run (*move arms like running*)  
Sew, a needle pulling thread (*put index and thumb together and pretend to sew*)  
La, a note to follow Sew (*put your two index fingers together*)  
Tea, a drink with jam and bread (*pretend to drink tea*)  
That will bring us back to Doe (*make antlers with hands*)

## Sing “The Itsy Bitsy Spider”

The itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout  
Down came the rain and washed the spider out  
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain  
And the itsy bitsy spider went up the spout again

## Sing “The Ants Go Marching” ([video on YouTube](#))

The ants go marching 1 by 1, hurrah, hurrah  
The ants go marching 1 by 1, hurrah, hurrah  
The ants go marching 1 by 1  
The little one stops to suck his thumb  
And they all went marching down  
To the ground, to go out of the rain

The ants go marching 2 by 2, hurrah, hurrah  
The ants go marching 2 by 2, hurrah, hurrah  
The ants go marching 2 by 2  
The little one stops to tie his shoe  
And they all went marching down  
To the ground, to go out of the rain

The ants go marching 3 by 3, hurrah, hurrah  
The ants go marching 3 by 3, hurrah, hurrah  
The ants go marching 3 by 3  
The little one stops to climb a tree  
And they all went marching down  
To the ground, to go out of the rain

Read *Because of an Acorn* by Lola M. Schaefer and Adam Schaefer ([available on TumbleBooks](#))

### **Sing “The Bear Went Over the Mountain”**

The bear went over the mountain  
The bear went over the mountain  
The bear went over the mountain  
To see what he could see  
And all that he could see  
And all that he could see

Was the other side of the mountain  
The other side of the mountain  
The other side of the mountain  
Was all that he could see

### **“Two Little Blackbirds”** ([video with hand movements on YouTube](#))

*(For this song, use your index fingers to represent both birds and make them fly in the way that represents their names, as seen in the video. When they fly away, you hide them behind your back and then bring them back again.)*

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill  
One named Jack, the other named Jill  
Fly away Jack, fly away Jill  
Come back Jack, come back Jill

Two little blackbirds flying in the sky  
One named Low, the other named High  
Fly away Low, fly away High  
Come back Low, come back High

Two little blackbirds sitting on a pole  
One named Fast, the other named Slow  
Fly away Fast, fly away Slow  
Come back Fast, come back Slow

### **“Five Green and Speckled Frogs”** ([video on YouTube](#))

5 green and speckled frogs  
Sat on a speckled log  
Eating some most delicious bugs, yum yum  
I jumped into the pool  
Where it was nice and cool  
Then there were 4 green speckled frogs

*(count down to 0, and with the last verse say “then there were no green speckled frogs, goodbye!”)*

**Read *Where Is Croaky?* by Eva-Marie Welsh** ([available on TumbleBooks](#))

**Sing “Autumn Hiking Song” by Lorraine Nelson Wolf** ([video on YouTube](#))

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