



Forest Animals Storytime

Sing “Doe, A Deer”

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”

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”

(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”

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

Prepared by Natalie Roche, October 2020

Visit mgpl.org/diy-storytimes for more storytimes and links to supplemental videos, ebooks, and other helpful online resources.