



Folktales & Traditional Songs Storytime

Sing “Hello Hello” (*directions for movements are in italics*)

Hello Hello *[wave]*
Can you clap your hands? *[clap hands]*
Hello Hello *[wave]*
Can you stomp your feet? *[stomp feet]*
Can you reach up high? *[reach arms up]*
Can you turn around? *[spin around]*
Can you wiggle your fingers? *[wiggle fingers]*
And touch the ground? *[touch the floor]*

Hello Hello *[wave]*
Can you clap your hands? *[clap hands]*
Hello Hello *[wave]*
Can you stomp your feet? *[stomp feet]*
Can you reach up high? *[reach arms up]*
Can you turn around? *[spin around]*
Can you wiggle your fingers? *[wiggle fingers]*
And sit right down? *[sit down]*

Read *Cuckoo, Cuckoo: A Folktale from Mexico* by Sarah Keene and Clare Fennell

Watch, sing, and do actions for “Itsy-Bitsy Spider”

The itsy-bitsy spider went up the water spout *[move hands up like a spider]*
Down came the rain and washed the spider out *[move fingers down like rain]*
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain *[put arms in a circle above your head like the sun]*
And the itsy-bitsy spider went up the spout again *[move hands up like a spider]*

Do the nursery rhyme “One Two, Buckle My Shoe”

One, two, buckle my shoe *[pretend to tie or Velcro shoes]*
Three, four, shut the door *[pretend to shut a door]*
Five, six, pick up sticks *[pretend to pick up sticks]*
Seven, eight, lay them straight *[pretend to put the sticks in a line]*
Nine, ten, a great, big hen! *[hold your arms wide to show “big”]*

Read *Hickory Dickory Dock* by J.J. Rudisill

Watch and sing along to “Mary Had a Little Lamb”

Read *Why Anansi Has Eight Thin Legs: A Tale from West Africa* by Leah Osei and Katie Saunders

Sing “Goodbye Song”

Wave high [*wave high in the air*]
Wave low [*wave toward the ground*]
Because it’s time [*clap clap*]
for us to go [*clap clap*]
Wave your fingers [*wave fingers*]
Wave your toes [*wave toes*]

Wave your bottom [*shake bottom*]
Wave your nose [*wiggle nose*]

Wave like that [*small wave with fingers*]
Wave like this [*wave side to side with hand*]
Wave your arms [*wave arms*]
Blow a kiss [*blow a kiss*]

Crafts and Extension Activities

Make a Paper Plate Spider Web (to go along with “The Itsy-Bitsy Spider” and *Why Anansi Has Eight Thin Legs*)

Make a Cotton Ball Sheep (to go along with “Mary Had a Little Lamb”)

Play the Online “Super Why Saves the Day” Game (a game to learn the alphabet and pre-reading skills by using fairy tales and the characters from Super Why)

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