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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