

Music Magic for 2's and 3's presented by Devora Miller, devoralee@yahoo.com

Songs Using Instruments:

Shake and Stop by Lynn Kleiner

from "Kids Make Music, Babies Make Music Too!"
CD, avail cdbaby.com - \$1.29

Concepts: self-regulation
Materials: shakers

We're going to shake and shake and shake and
stop (3 times)
And start all over again.

Tap Your Sticks by Hap Palmer

From "Rhythms on Parade" CD
avail iTunes - \$.99
View video on youtube at
Tap Your Sticks - Hap Palmer - Baby Songs

Concepts: following directions
Materials: pair of stick instruments: rhythm sticks,
tongue depressors, paper towel tubes, plastic
spoons, etc.

Wimoweh (The Lion Sleeps Tonight)

By Laurie Berkner
\$1.29 on iTunes

Concepts: sing and play an instrument
Materials: shakers

In the jungle, the mighty jungle, the lion sleeps
tonight ...

In the village, the peaceful village, the lion sleeps
tonight ...

Hush, my darling, don't cry, my darling, the lion
sleeps tonight ...

Walking Through the Jungle

Youtube video: Life Rhythm Music: Music for
Early Childhood & kids w/Special Needs - 4 songs

Concepts: steady beat, drumming with 2 hands
Materials: a drumming instrument: drums,
assorted cans, baby wipes boxes

(Playing with two hands, begin a steady beat on
the drum)

We are walking through the jungle
Playing to the beat

Walking through the jungle
What do we see? (drum roll)

What do you see, (child's name)?
What sound does it make?
How does it move?

One Potato Chant

youtube - Preschool Music Lesson Denise Gagne,
Jul 29, 2016 - 15:50

Concepts: tempo - medium (moderato), slow
(adagio), fast (allegro)
Materials: shakers

(shake shakers moderato as you chant)
1 potato, 2 potato, 3 potato, 4,
5 potato, 6 potato, 7 potato, more,
(shake shakers adagio)
8 potato, 9 potato, here comes number 10
(toss shakers from hand to hand allegro)
Hot, potato, hot potato. Hot, potato, hot potato,
Do it all again!

Shake the Eggs Chant

youtube - Preschool Music Lesson Denise Gagne,
Jul 29, 2016 - 12:15

Concepts: opposites, self-regulation
Materials: shakers

(Spoken) Shake the eggs quickly, quickly, quickly
Shake the eggs quickly, quickly, STOP!

... slowly ...
... loudly ...
... softly ...

Songs Using Props:

The Waves by Lynn Kleiner

from "Songs of the Sea! CD
avail cdbaby.com - \$1.29
video available on youtube "Preschool Music
Lesson Lynn Kleiner"

Concepts: opposites, dance movement
Materials: pompoms

Who Can Make a Flower?

Concepts: dance exploration
Materials: scarves

Oh, who can make a flower?
I'm sure I can't, can you?
Oh, who can make a flower?
No one but God, it's true.

Oh, who can make a raindrop? ...
Oh, who can make the sun shine?
Oh, who can make a rainbow? ...
Oh, who can make a butterfly? ...

Galop, from "The Comedians"

by Dimitri Kabalevsky
Activity by Artie Almeida from Parachutes and Ribbons and Scarves, Oh My!, listening lessons with movement props
Heritage Music Press, A Lorenz Co.,
Materials: ribbon streamers or scarves

Ring Around the Rosies - parachute play

(Children stand outside of the chute holding a handle or color space on the chute. Children walk holding the chute as the song is sung. Children fall down on "we all fall down")

Ring around the rosies
A pocket full of posies
Ashes, ashes, we all fall down.

(Children are seated on the floor and pretend to be cows eating. Children jump up on we all jump up)

The cows are in the meadow
Eating buttercups
Ashes, ashes, we all jump up.

Popcorn - parachute play

Materials: ping pong balls, cotton balls, styrofoam peanuts
(Children are seated on the floor outside the chute. Children are holding a handle or color space on the chute. Ask a child to place 1 "popcorn kernel" on the chute)

1 little kernel sleeping in the pot
Turn on the heat and watch it pop!

(shake chute keeping the popcorn on the chute)

Sizzle, sizzle, Sizzle, sizzle,
Sizzle, sizzle, Pop!

2 litte kernels ...

Alabama, Mississippi - parachute play

by Jim Gill from Jim Gill sings The Sneezing Song and other Contagious Tunes

Alabama, Mississippi (raise chute)
Alabama, New Orleans (lower chute)
Alabama, Mississippi (raise chute)
Shake it on down to New Orleans (shake chute)

Shake, shake shake, shake it, baby (shake chute)
Shake, shake shake, shake it, baby (shake chute)
Shake, shake shake, shake it, baby (shake chute)
Shake it on down to New Orleans (shake chute)

Music Games:

The Old Grey Cats Are Sleeping, traditional

Divide the children into two groups.
Group 1 are the mice. Group 2 are the cats.

The old grey cats are sleeping, sleeping ,
sleeping
The old grey cats are sleeping in the
house.
(cats sleep. mice are still)

The little mice are creeping, creeping,
creeping
The little mice are creeping in the house.
(mice creep. cats are still)

The old grey cats are snoring ...

The little mice are nibbling ...

The old grey cats are waking,..

The little mice are running...
(cats chase mice)

The cats and mice are sleeping...

Limbo Rock - many versions of this song are available on iTunes

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Materials: limbo stick or pool noodle

No Man Out Hoops

Materials: hula hoops, lively music

This game is played similarly to musical chairs, except no one is out.

Place any number of hula hoops randomly on the floor. Tell the children that they may dance around the room while the music plays. When the music stops, everyone should put some part of their body in a hoop. Take a hoop away and repeat the same process. The goal is to only have one hoop remaining and everyone works cooperatively to put some part of their body in the hoop.

Most young children want to stand inside the hoops every time, so you may want to stop the game with enough hoops left on the floor for everyone to stand in.

Bluebird Through My Window

traditional singing game

Concept: color recognition, play a singing game

Materials: bird felt cut-outs of assorted colors, felt board

Children stand in a circle, palm touching palm. (Younger children may sit on the floor creating a space between each child. We don't touch palms)

Display a felt bluebird on your board. Choose a child to be "the bluebird." The bluebird runs through the windows created by the children standing/sitting in the circle. On the last line, "the bluebird" stops in front of a child (who will be the new __bird.)

Bluebird, bluebird through my window
Bluebird, bluebird through my window
Bluebird, bluebird through my window
Oh, (child's name), aren't you tired?

Ask: "What color bird would you like to be?"

Display the selected color bird and play again.

Movement Songs:

All Around the Kitchen, traditional
Dan Zanes & Friends: Family DanceCD
available: itunes - \$1.29

All around the kitchen cock-a-doodle-
doodle-doo ...

Stop right there
Put your hands in your hair
Put your arms in the air
Spin around in a circle

Stop right there
Make your arms into trees
Wave them in the breeze
Shake and wobble your knees

Stop right there
Put your arms into wings
Flap those things
Fly around in a circle

Stop right there
Put your hands in the sky
Wave the clouds good-bye
Cry yippee-yi-yi

Oh, What a day it would Be!

adapted by Devora Miller

Spring
If all of the raindrops were lemon drops
and gum drops
Oh, what a day it would be!

Standing outside with my mouth open
wide - aah, aah, aah, aah

Summer
If all of the sunbeams were lollipops and
jelly beans
Oh, what a day it would be!

Autumn
If all of the wind gusts were bubblegum
and peppermint puffs
Oh, what a day it would be!

Winter

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If all of the snowflakes were candy bars
and milkshakes
Oh, what a day it would be!