Wiggle the Waggler Away

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**SHAKERS IN STORY TIME**

**Opening:** (With uke & shakers) Hello Everybody/Bread and butter

*Read the rules!*

**Song:** Shake it to the east

**Egg Play:** Egg shakers up

**Book:** Bed Time at the Nut House-Eric Litwin

**Songs:** One little egg/We shake our shakers together

**Book:** Dancing Feet-Lindsey Craig

**Song:** Can you shake along with me

**Book:** Feelings-I say, You say

**Songs:** Shake your shakers

**Book:** Sing & Dance in Your Polka Dot Pants-Eric Litwin (the Nuts)

**Egg Play:** Shake your egg up & down

**Song:** If you’re happy and you know it

**Closing:** ABC’s, Bread & Butter, Zoom Zoom Zoom, I Am Special

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Shake Your Shakers!
(London Bridge is Falling Down)
Shake your shakers in the air
Shake it here, shake it there
Shake your shakers in the air
Shake your shakers.
Shake it high and shake it low
Shake it yes, shake it no
Shake it high and shake it low
Shake your shakers
Shake it up and shake it down
Shake your shaker on the ground
Shake it up and shake it down
Shake your shakers
Shake it near and shake it far
Drive your shaker like a car
Shake it near and shake it far
Shake your shaker
Shake it fast and shake it slow
Shake it stop, shake it go
Shake it fast and shake it slow
Shake your shake
-or-
Easy Version:
Shake your shakers, shake, shake, shake
shake, shake, shake, shake, shake, shake, shake
Shake your shakers, shake, shake, shake
Shake your shakers
Verses: Shake your shakers high, high, high
Shake your shakers low, low, low
Shake your shakers fast, fast, fast
Shake your shakers slow, slow, slow

If You’re Happy & You Know It
If you're happy and you know it,
give a shake
If you're happy and you know it,
give a shake
If you're happy and you know it
and you really want to show it
If you're happy and you know it,
give a shake
Verses: Give a tap, clap your hands

Everyone Can Shake, Shake, Shake
(Oats Peas Beans & Barley)
Everyone can shake, shake, shake
Everyone can shake, shake, shake
Everyone can shake, shake, shake
And now let's make a stop.
Verses: Everyone can tap,
Everyone can clap, Everyone can wave, etc.

Grandma Mose was sick in bed
She called for the doctor
and the doctor said,
"Grandma Mose, you're not sick
All you need is a cinnamon stick"
Get up,
shake, shake, shake, shake
Get down
shake, shake, shake, shake
Turn Around
shake, shake, shake, shake
Get out of town
shake, shake, shake, shake

Can You Shake Along With Me?
(Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes)
Can you shake along with me?
Along with me, along with me,
Can you shake along with?
Put your shaker on your... knee
(Repeat with different body parts)

Bread and Butter
Bread and Butter
Marmalade and Jam
Let's shake our shaker
As quietly as we can

Bread and Butter
Marmalade and Jam
Let's shake our shaker
As loudly as we can

Bread and Butter
Marmalade and Jam
Let's shake our shaker
As slowly as we can

Bread and Butter
Marmalade and Jam
Let's shake our shaker
As fast as we can

Shake It!
Shake it to the east
Shake it to the west
Shake it all around
Then you take a rest
Shake your shakers up
Shake it, shake it,
shake it,
And then you sit down

We Shake & We Shake
(follow the yellow brick road)
We shake & we shake & we stop
We shake & we shake & we stop
We shake & we shake & We shake
& we shake & We shake & we shake
& we stop
(repeat, replacing shake with twirl, jump, hop)
Egg Shakers Up!
(Tommy thumbs up)
Egg shakers up
Egg shakers down
Egg shakers dancing
all round the town
Dance them on your shoulders
Dance them on your head
Dance them on your knees
And tuck them into bed

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Shaker Hokey Pokey
You put your egg in,
You put your egg out
You put your egg in
And you shake it all about
You do the hokey pokey
And you turn yourself around
That's what it's all about!

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Roly Poly
Roly poly, roly poly
Up, up, up
up, up, up

Roly roly poly,
Roly roly poly,
Down, down, down down,
down, down
(fast-slow, left-right)

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Shake Your Egg Up & Down
(Mary had a Little Lamb)

Shake your egg up and down, up and down, up
and down, up and down

Shake your egg up and down, up and down,
Shake your egg!

Extra Verses:
Left and right – fast and slow
High and low – around and around

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One Little Egg
(One Bright scarf)

One little egg that's all alone
Shake it high and shake it low
Shake it fast
Shake it slow
Put it behind your back,
Where did it go?

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We Shake Our Shakers Together
(For he's a jolly good fellow)

We shake our shakers together
We shake our shakers together
We shake our shakers together, because it's fun to do

We shake them up high, We shake them down low
We shake them in the middle, because it's fun to do

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There's a Shaker on My Head!
(If you're happy and you know it)

There's a shaker on my head, on my head.
There's a shaker on my head, on my head.
There's a shaker on my head, on my head.
There's a shaker on my head, on my head.

(Repeat replacing head with toes, knee, tummy, etc)

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Everyone Can Shake, Shake, Shake
(Oats Peas Beans & Barley)

Everyone can
shake, shake, shake
Everyone can
shake, shake, shake
Everyone can
shake, shake, shake
And now let's make a stop.
(Repeat with: twirl, clap)

Can you shake along with me?
(Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes)
Can you shake along with me?
Along with me,
Along with me,
Can you shake along with me?
Shake your shaker on your... knee!
(Repeat, replacing KNEE with different body parts)

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One Little Egg
(One Bright scarf)

One little egg that's all alone
Shake it high and shake it low
Shake it fast
Shake it slow
Put it behind your back,
Where did it go?

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My Shaker
(Farmer in the Dell)

My shaker goes up,
my shaker goes down
My shaker waves around,
around, around
My shaker goes in,
my shaker comes out
My shaker shakes about,
about, about
And we turn around
(repeat, but end with sit on the ground)
Shake your shaker 
up and down 
(If you’re happy and you know it)
Shake your shaker up and down, 
up and down, 
Shake your shaker up and down, 
up and down, 
Shake your shaker up and down, 
up and down 
Extra Verses: 
Left and right – fast and slow 
High and low – around and around 
Wave it goodbye

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On an Elevator 
(Little red wagon) 
Let’s go riding on an elevator, 
Elevator, elevator. 
Let’s go riding on an elevator, 
Come along with me! 
1st floor, 2nd floor, 3rd floor, 4th floor, 5th floor, 
And down – down-down-down-down

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Another Elevator Song: 
(Do your ears hang low?)
Oh the city is great (shakers up) 
And the city is grand (shakers down) 
There’s a whole lot of people (up) 
On a little piece of land (down) 
And we live way up (up) 
On the 57th floor (down) 
And this is what we do (up) 
When we go out the door (down)... 
(pause for a breath ☺) 
Take the elevator up (up) 
Take the elevator down (down) 
Take the elevator up (up) 
Take the elevator down (down) 
Take the elevator up (up) 
Take the elevator down (down) 
And we turn around

Rainbow Dancers 
Rainbow dancers let’s get ready 
Hold your shakers 
nice and steady. 
You’ll hear the colors of the rainbow. 
Listen for your time to go! 
Shake red... 
Shake orange... 
Shake yellow... 
Shake green... 
Shake blue... 
Shake purple...
Red shakers turn around, 
Orange shakers up and down. 
Yellow shakers reach up high, 
Green shakers fly, fly, fly. 
Blue shakers tickle your nose, 
Purple shakers touch your toes. 
Everybody dance around, 
shake your shakers up & down. 
Shake purple... 
Shake blue... 
Shake green... 
Shake yellow... 
Shake orange... 
Shake red...
Rainbow dancers dance around, 
shake your shakers up & down. 
Our colorful dance is at an end. 
Thank you, thank you, all my friends

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This is the way we... 
This is the way we shake our shaker 
shake our shaker, shake our shaker 
This is the way we shake our shaker so early in the morning

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Let’s All Shake 
(“The Mulberry Bush”) 
Let’s all shake our shakers today, 
Shakers today, Shakers today, 
Let’s all shake our shakers today 
All around the room. 
Head and Shoulders 
Head and shoulders, knees and toes 
Knees and toes 
Head and shoulders, knees and toes 
Eyes, ears, mouth and nose! 
(Repeat faster!)

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Two Little Blackbirds 
Two Little Blackbirds sitting on a hill 
(Wave scarves) 
One named Jack, and one named Jill 
Fly away Jack (hide one behind back) 
Fly away Jill (hide both) 
Come back Jack, Come back Jill

Two little blackbirds sitting on a cloud 
One was quiet, and the other was loud 
fly away quiet, fly away loud 
come back quiet, come back loud 
...sitting on my toe 
high, low (wave high, wave low) 
...sitting on a stick 
slow, quick (you get the idea)

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SCARVES IN STORY TIME

Here are some scarf songs on the following pages formatted in columns. You can print them out back to back, cut them in half, and laminate them. I’ve clipped mine together with a binder ring and keep it in the scarf box so I can just grab it and go. I also have larger posters of the songs printed and laminated with Velcro on the back so I can see them clearly while we’re dancing around. I’m sure you’ll find that there are many more songs than what I’ve listed that work well with scarves. These are just the ones I use most of the time.

You can choose to read books or not. There are more than enough scarf songs to fill up the entire 30 minutes (or more!), but here are a few books that work well with scarves if you’d like to have the kids play with them while you read:

- Wiggle – Doreen Cronin
- Lines That Wiggle – Candace Whitman
- Up, Up, Down – Robert Munsch
- Is Everyone Ready for Fun? – Jan Thomas
- Monkey Time – Michael Hall
- The Nuts Keep Rolling – Eric Litwin
- The Nuts Sing and Dance in Your Polka Dot Pants – Eric Litwin

I usually read a few books, using the Jack-In-The-Box rhyme to hide the scarves while we read. Then we let him back out after each story. It’s a good way to transition them from reading to playing, then back to reading again.

This is how that rhyme goes:
Jack-in-the-box sits oh, so still. (We squish the scarf inside of our cupped hands)
Will he come out? Yes, he will! (We throw him up in the air)

Then, when it’s time to read, we say, “No, he won’t! Not until we tell him a good story!” Then we hold him oh, so tight until the story is over.

When we’re through reading, I ask the kids if they think that was a good story, then we say the Jack-in-the-box rhyme again and let him come out. Now it’s time to play...

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Jack-in-the-box
Jack in the box sits so still (tuck scarf into fist)
Will he come out?
Yes he will! (Throw the scarf up)
OR – no he won’t!
(I say he won’t come out until we tell him a good story
so hold him tight, and let’s see if he likes it)

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Popcorn Song
(Frère Jacques)
Popcorn Kernels (wave scarves overhead) 2x
In the pot (bunch up in fist) 2x
Shake them, shake them, shake them (duh!) 2x
Till they pop (throw them up)

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Roly Poly
Roly poly, roly poly
Up, up, up  up, up, up
Roly roly poly,
Roly roly poly,
Down, down, down down, down, down
(fast-slow, left-right,
(hold scarf in one hand, circle fist over fist following
action described)

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Wiggle & Wiggle
We wiggle & wiggle & stop
We wiggle & wiggle & stop
We wiggle & wiggle & wiggle
& wiggle & wiggle & wiggle & stop

We twirl – clap- wave – jump-

Can be done with scarves/shakers/hands

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There’s a scarf on my head!
(if you’re happy and you know it)
There’s a scarf on my head, on my head.
There’s a scarf on my head, on my head.
There’s a scarf on my head, on my head. There’s a scarf
on my head, on my head.
There’s a scarf on my head, on my head. (continue with knees, toes, tummy, etc.)

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The Fish in the Sea
(The Wheels on the Bus)
The fish in the sea go swish, swish, swish
Swish, swish, swish, swish, swish all day long
(wave scarf side to side)

The dolphins in the sea swim round & round
Round & round, round and round (paint circle or twirl)

The waves in the sea go up and down, up and down...
(wave scarves up and down)

The sand in the sea drifts down, down, down
(hold top two corners and drift scarves down)

(I usually do this one last because we get so low we can
just sit and be ready for the next story)

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The Wheels on the Bus
The wheels on the bus go round and round...
Wipers go swish, swish, swish,
Driver says move on back,
People in the seats go up and down,
Baby on the bus goes peek-a-boo
(do all of the actions with a scarf – easy peasy)

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Go Bananas
(cheer – fun with scarves)
Banana’s unite!
Form banana, form, form banana
Peel banana, peel, peel banana
Chop banana, chop, chop banana
Eat banana, eat, eat banana
Shake banana, shake, shake banana
Then we go bananas, go – go bananas!

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Wave Your scarf Up and Down
(if you’re happy and you know it or Mary Had a Little Lamb)

Wave your scarf up and down, up and down,
Wave your scarf up and down, up and down,
Wave your scarf up and down, wave your scarf up and
down, wave your scarf up and down, up and down

Extra Verses:
Left and right – fast and slow
High and low – around and around
Wave it goodbye

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One Bright Scarf
One bright scarf waiting for the wind to blow (hold in hand)

Wiggle it high (wiggle scarf above head)
Wiggle it low (wiggle scarf by knees)
Shake it fast (wiggle scarf quickly)
Shake it slow (wiggle scarf slowly)
Put it behind your back,
Where did it go? (bring out empty hands)
(next verse you can hide it in your shirt!)

We Wave our Scarves Together
(For he’s a jolly good fellow)
We wave our scarves together
We wave our scarves together
We wave our scarves together, because it’s fun to do

We Wave them up high, We wave them down low
We wave them in the middle, because it’s fun to do
(throw, drop, hide, etc.)

My Scarf
(Farmer in the Dell)
My scarf goes up, my scarf goes down
My scarf waves around, around, around
My scarf goes in, my scarf comes out
My scarf flies about, about, about

My Scarf it has 4 Corners
My Scarf, it has four corners
Four corners has my scarf
And hid it not four corners
It would not be my scarf
(count the corners – 1,2,3,4)
My blanket…My pillow…my hat…my cape

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On an Elevator
(Little red wagon)
Let’s go riding on an elevator,
Elevator, elevator.
Let’s go riding on an elevator,
Come along with me!
1st floor, 2nd floor, 3rd floor, 4th floor, 5th floor,
And down – down-down-down-down

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Another Elevator Song:
(do your ears hang low?)
Oh the city is great (scarves up)
And the city is grand (scarves down)
There’s a whole lot of people (up)
On a little piece of land (down)
And we live way up (up)
On the 57th floor (down)
And this is what we do (up)
When we go out the door (down)...
(pause for a breath 😄)
Take the elevator up (up)
Take the elevator down (down)
Take the elevator up (up)
Take the elevator down (down)
Take the elevator up (up)
Take the elevator down (down)
And we turn around.
(repeat, but end with sit on the ground)

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"If You're Happy and You Know It"
If you’re happy and you know it, wave your scarf...
If you’re happy and you know it, wave your scarf...
If you’re happy and you know it, and you really want to show it
If you’re happy and you know it, wave your scarf

Throw, hide, play peek-a-boo
Scarf Rhyme: “Rainbow Dancers”
Rainbow dancers let’s get ready
Hold your scarves nice and steady.
You’ll hear the colors of the rainbow.
Listen for your time to go.

    Shake red...
    Shake orange...
    Shake yellow...
    Shake green...
    Shake blue...
    Shake purple...

Red scarves turn around,
Orange scarves up and down.
Yellow scarves reach up high,
Green scarves fly, fly, fly.
Blue scarves tickle your nose,
Purple scarves touch your toes.

Everybody dance around,
Swirl your scarves up and down.

    Shake purple...
    Shake blue...
    Shake green...
    Shake yellow...
    Shake orange...
    Shake red...

Rainbow dancers dance around,
Scarfes swirl up and down.
Our colorful dance is at an end.
Thank you, thank you, all my friends.

Toss Your Scarves
Tune: “Jingle Bells”

Toss your scarves, toss your scarves
Toss them way up high.
Toss your scarves up in the air,
‘til they reach the sky.

Wave your scarves, wave your scarves,
Twirl them ‘round and ‘round.
Twirl your scarves one more time,
Then let them, all fall down.

Where is Baby?
Frere Jacques
Where is baby? Where is baby?
(Hold scarf in front of your face)
There he is! There he is!
(Remove scarf quickly)
I’m so glad to see you.
I’m so glad to see you.
Peek-a-boo!
Peek-a-boo!

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Twinkle, Twinkle, Yellow Star...
Sing a verse for each color scarf

Twinkle, twinkle, yellow star,
How I wonder what you are.
Let’s go looking here and there,
Let’s go looking everywhere.
(or just sing it the normal way, just change “little” with appropriate color – it’s ok to just sing it without the colors, too!)

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Flutter, Flutter Butterfly

Flutter, Twinkle
Flutter, flutter butterfly,
Floating in the summer sky.
Floating by for all to see.
Floating by so merrily.
Flutter, flutter butterfly.
Floating in the summer sky.

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Falling Leaves
Have caregivers throw the scarves up in the air and let them fall on babies heads.
(London Bridge)
See the leaves come falling down,
Twirling round to the ground.
They drift down and make no sound
On this golden day
Fish Are Swimming
*Help the babies “swim” their scarves like fish.*
*(Frere Jacques)*
Fish are swimming, fish are swimming,
In the sea, in the sea,
A-splishing and a-splashing,
A-splishing and a-splashing,
Look and see, look and see

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This is the way we...
This is the way we wash our face,
Wash our face, wash our face.
This is the way we wash our face so early in the morning.
(crumple the scarf up and use it to “wash” the baby’s face – repeat with other body parts; knees, tummies, toes...)

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Let’s All Twirl
*(Sung to “The Mulberry Bush”)*
Let’s all twirl with our scarves today, Scarves today, Scarves today, Let’s all twirl with our scarves today, All around the room.
(dance, march, run)

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Bread & Butter
Bread & Butter
Marmalade Jam
Let’s wave our scarves
As ______ as we can!
(Fast/Slow, High/Low)

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Head and Shoulders
Head and shoulders, knees and toes
Knees and toes
Knees and toes
Head and shoulders, knees and toes
Eyes, ears, mouth and nose!
(Repeat faster!)

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Icky Sticky Bubble Gum
(pretend the scarf is the sticky bubble gum)
Icky sticky, icky sticky
Bubble gum, bubble gum, bubble gum
Icky sticky, icky sticky bubble gum
Makes my hands stick to my____
Pull them off! One, two, three - pull!
(repeat with other body parts, floor, shoes...)

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Ring around the Rosie
Ring around the rosie
Pocket full of posies
Ashes, ashes, we all fall down.
The cows are in the meadow
Eating buttercups
Thunder and lightning
We all stand up!

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Two Little Blackbirds
*Two Little Blackbirds sitting on a hill. (Wave scarves)*
One named Jack, and one named Jill
Fly away Jack (hide one behind back)  
Fly away Jill (hide both)  
Come back Jack, Come back Jill

Two little blackbirds sitting on a cloud
One was quiet, and the other was loud
fly away quiet, fly away loud
come back quiet, come back loud

...sitting on my hat
one was round (wave scarf in circle)
the other was flat (pull scarf taut)

...sitting on my toe
high, low (wave high, wave low)

...sitting on a stick
slow, quick (you get the idea)
If you have more than 20 kids in your storytime regularly, I would pass out the rhythm sticks to them as they come in. If you have less than that, you can sing an opening song or two before you pass them out. There are enough songs that you can fill the entire 30 minutes, but I always read a few short books, too.

Pass out rhythm sticks:
Go over rules first!
Remind parents to watch what their kids are doing with the sticks. Also, let parents know they can do this at home with wooden spoons!

Rhythm Stick Rules:
1) When I say “freeze” or “rest”, there should be no noise.
2) Sticks can never be used to hit or poke another person – no exceptions!
3) If sticks are misused, they will be taken away.

Where can I tap my sticks?
1) On the floor
2) On your shoe
3) In the air
4) In front of you
5) Behind you
6) Stick to stick

How can I use my sticks? (Try each one with them)
1) Tap (tips)
2) Tap (sides)
3) Scrape (rub one direction)
4) Rub (both directions)
5) Hammer (tops only)
6) Drum (on the floor)
7) Roll (over each other)
8) Swish (wiper blades)
9) Rest (on your shoulders)
You can do all of these fast, slow, high, low

It’s best to start with the following songs to teach the kids how to use them:
This is the way we tap our sticks
We tap and we tap and we stop
If you have some rhythm sticks

Closing (With Sticks): ABC’s, Bread & Butter
Gather sticks as they leave or come up to get a stamp.

There are some songs on the following pages. You can print them back to back and cut them in half lengthwise. I’ve laminated them and use a small binder ring to hold them together. I keep them in a box with my sticks for outreaches.

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This is the way we tap our sticks
This is the way we tap our sticks
Tap our sticks, tap our sticks
This is the way we tap our sticks
So early in the morning

Replace TAP with:
Scrape, Hammer, Roll,
Swish, Drum, Rest

Or replace TAP OUR STICKS WITH:
Tap our shoes, Tap the floor
Tap them soft, Tap them loud
Tap in front, Tap in back

We tap and we tap and we stop
We tap and we tap and we stop
We tap and we tap and we tap and we tap
We tap and we tap and we tap and we stop
(repeat replacing TAP with: scrape, hammer, roll, drum, rub)

If you have some rhythm sticks
(Mary had a little lamb)
If you have some rhythm sticks,
Rhythm sticks, rhythm sticks
If you have some rhythm sticks,
You can TAP them now!
(Repeat, replacing TAP with other ways to use them)

1, 2, Tap them on your shoe
1, 2, tap them on your shoe
3, 4, tap them on the floor
5, 6, tap those sticks
7, 8, stand them up straight
9, 10, begin again (repeat)
-or- 9, 10, pass them to a friend! (repeat)
-or- 9, 10, that’s the end!

If you’re happy and you know it
If you’re happy and you know it, tap your sticks
If you’re happy and you know it, tap your sticks
If you’re happy and you know it, and you really want to show it
If you’re happy and you know it, tap your sticks
(repeat, replacing tap with: scrape, roll, hammer)

The Wheels on the Bus
The wheels on the bus go round & round
(stick over stick)
The money on the bus goes clank, clank, clank (tap sticks)
The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish (wiper blades)
The driver on the bus says, “Move on back” (wave sticks to back)
The people on the bus go up and down
(Alternate sticks up and down)
The babies on the bus go waa, waa, waa
(Squish face between sticks)
The parents on the bus go shh, shh, shh
(Use stick instead of finger)

Tap your sticks
(Frere Jaques)
Tap your sticks, tap your sticks
1-2-3, 1-2-3
Can you tap your sticks?
Can you tap your sticks?
Just like me, just like me?

Tap your sticks, tap your sticks
Way up high, way up high.
Now bend down, now bend down.
Tap the ground, tap the ground.

B-I-N-G-O
There was a farmer who had a dog
And Bingo was his name-o
B-I-N-G-O, B-I-N-G-O
B-I-N-G-O
And Bingo was his name-o
(Repeat, replacing one letter each time with a stick tap until there are no letters left)
Two Little Sticks
Two little sticks waiting for the wind to blow
Tap them high, and tap them low
Tap them fast and tap them slow
Hide them behind your back, where did they go?

We tap our sticks together
(For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow)
We tap our sticks together
We tap our sticks together
We tap our sticks together
Because it’s fun to do
We tap them up high, we tap them down low
We tap them in the middle,
Because it’s fun to do!

Bread and Butter
Bread and butter
Marmalade and jam
Let’s tap our sticks
As QUIET as we can.
Repeat, replacing QUIET with:
Loud, fast, slow

Stick Tap Hokey Pokey
Tap your sticks up, tap your sticks down
Tap your sticks up, then you tap them all around
Do the stick tap hokey pokey
And you turn yourself around
That’s what it’s all about!

My Sticks
My sticks tap up, my sticks tap down
My sticks tap around, around, around
My sticks tap in, my sticks tap out
My sticks tap about, about, about
My sticks tap left,
my sticks tap right
My sticks tap up and out of sight

On an Elevator
(Little red wagon)
Let’s go riding on an elevator,
Elevator, elevator.
Let’s go riding on an elevator,
Come along with me!
1st floor, 2nd floor, 3rd floor. 4th floor, 5th floor,
And down-down-down-down-down!

Let’s all tap
(Mulberry Bush)
Let’s all tap our sticks today
Sticks today, sticks today
Let’s all tap our sticks today
All around the room!

Roly Poly
Roly poly, roly poly (stick over stick)
Up, up, up - up, up, up (tap up)
Roly, roly poly
Roly, roly poly
Down, down, down (tap down)
Down, down, down

Tap Your Sticks
(London Bridge)
Tap your sticks in the air
Tap them here, tap them there
Tap your sticks in the air
Tap your sticks

Tap them high and tap them low
Tap them fast, tap them slow
Tap them high and tap them low
Tap your sticks!

Tap them up and tap them down
Tap your sticks down on the ground
Tap them up and tap them down
Tap your sticks

Tap them fast and tap them slow
Tap and stop, tap and go
Tap it fast and tap it slow
Rest your sticks!
Everyone Can Tap, Tap, Tap
(Oats, peas, beans and barley)
Everyone can tap, tap, tap
Everyone can tap, tap, tap
Everyone can tap, tap, tap
And now let’s make them stop
(repeat, replacing TAP with scrape, drum, swish, roll)

Grandma Mose
Grandma mose was sick in bed
She called the doctor and the doctor said,
“Grandma Mose, you’re not sick
All you need is to tap your sticks!”
Tap them up,
Tap, tap, tap, tap
Tap them down
Turn around
Tap, tap, tap, tap
Sit on the ground
Tap, tap, tap, tap

Tap it to the East!
Tap it to the east,
Tap it to the west,
Tap it all around
Then you take a rest!

Tap your sticks up
Tap your sticks down
Tap it, and you tap it,
and then you sit down.
SAMPLE ~ FALL STORY TIME OUTLINE

Pass out leaves to the children as they enter. You’ll use them throughout the entire storytime.

**Opening:** Hello Everybody/ Bread & Butter
Wake up my hands/ Wibble Dee

**Book:** Autumn Leaves – Gail Saunders-Smith

**Song:** There’s a leaf on my head (end with “If you’re ready for a story have a seat”)

**Book & Felt:** Fall Isn’t Easy

**Song:** The leaves of the tree

**Picture Story: I went walking**
Here I just have about 7 fall pictures (a brown owl, red leaf, a tree, etc) and we clap and chant, “I went walking, and what did I see? I see a BROWN OWL looking at me. Repeat with other pictures. This would work well with puppets, too.

**Felt:** 5 Little Leaves

**Book:** Tap the Magic Tree
– Christie Matheson

**Song:** Autumn Hokey Pokey

**Book:** Autumn Leaves Are Falling
– Maria Flemming (use leaves)

**Song:** Autumn Leaves

**Song:** The Leaves are Falling Down

**Game:** Little Bee, Little Bee
I hid a little bee behind one of five different colored trees before story time. I let the kids pick what color they want me to look under and I say, “Little bee, little bee, are you behind the GREEN tree? Let’s peek and see – 1, 2, 3!” We repeat until the bee is found.

**Closing:** ABC’s, Zoom Zoom, I Am Special

Bread & Butter
**Autumn Hokey Pokey**
Shake your leaves in, shake your leaves out
Shake your leaves in,
and you shake them all about
Do the autumn hokey pokey
And you turn yourself around
That’s what it’s all about!
Repeat, replacing in/out with up/down
Or left/right

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**5 Little Leaves**
Five little leaves on the tree next door
One fell off, and now there are four
Four little leaves all over the tree
One fell off, and now there are three
Three little leaves, and then the wind blew
One fell off, and now there are two
Two little leaves sitting in the sun
One fell off, and now there’s only one
One little leaf hanging all alone
It fell off, and now there are none

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**Way Up High**
Way up high in the apple tree
Two yummy apples were looking at me
So I shook that tree as hard as I could
And down fell the apples
MMMM, so good!

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**The Leaves of the Tree**
(Wheels on the Bus)
The leaves of the tree turn orange and red
Orange and red, orange and red
The leaves of the tree turn orange and red
All through the town.
Other verses: go round and round, Come tumbling down, go swish swish swish

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**Autumn Leaves**
(London Bridge)
Autumn leaves are falling down
Falling down, falling down
Autumn leaves are falling down
Falling to the ground.
The wind will blow them round and round
Round and round, round and round
The wind will blow them round and round
All around the town
Take a rake and rake them up
Rake them up, rake them up
Take a rake and rake them up
Into a big pile!
Now let’s jump into the pile
Into the pile, into the pile
Now let’s jump into the pile
Fall is so much fun!

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**The Leaves are Falling Down**
(Farmer in the Dell)
The leaves are falling down
The leaves are falling down
Red, yellow, green and brown
The leaves are falling down

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**Extra Books:**
Leaves – David Ezra Stein
Mouse’s First Fall – Lauren Thompson
The busy Little Squirrel – Nancy Tafuri
Who Loves Fall – Bob Raczka
Fall leaves Fall – Zoe Hall
Sneeze Big Bear – Maureen Wright
A Leaf Can Be – Laura Salas
Baby Loves Fall – Karen Katz
Old Bear – Kevin Henkes
Leaf Man – Lois Ehlert
Storytime Song Substitutions:
(Sing the shorter songs over and over, faster each time)

**Wheels on the Bus:**
Ocean: The fish in the sea go swish, swish, swish (waves go up and down/dolphin swims around and around)
Animals: Cow on the bus goes Moo, Moo, Moo... (Dog goes woof, woof, woof/Cat goes meow, meow, meow)
Halloween: The ghost in the house goes boo, boo, boo (kids yell trick-or-treat/monsters go rawr, rawr, rawr)

**Five little monkeys:**
Jumping on the bed (jump fast/slow/like a frog/on one foot, etc)
Swimming in the sea (fish – teasing Mr. Shark)
Hanging from a tree (teasing Mr. Alligator)

**Roly Poly**
Rolling Pumpkins
Twirling Leaves
Falling snowflakes

**Mary Wore a Red Dress:**
Father’s day: Daddy wore a red tie (change colors)
Mother’s day: Mommy wore a red dress
Pirate: The pirate wore a red patch
Ninja: The ninja wore a red mask (always add, “And he/she danced like this!” and do a silly dance)

**Zoom, Zoom, Zoom:**
Pirates: We’re hunting for doubloons!
Witches: Climb onto my broom!
Space: Fun, Fun, Fun we’re flying to the sun/Far, far far we’re going to the stars.

**Bread and Butter:**
Change the hello/goodbye accordingly
Pirate: let’s shout AARRRGGGH as loud as we can!
Halloween: let’s shout Boo! Or Trick – or- treat!
Birthday: let’s shout Happy Birthday

**Old McDonald had a Farm**
Sub Farm with anything – zoo, haunted house, car, etc.
This is the way we...
Bath time... wash our...(good scarf song, too)
Bed time... yawn and stretch
Body parts... clap, stomp, wink
Animals... howl like a wolf/hoot like an owl/growl like a bear

**The Farmer in the Dell**
I’m driving in my car
The leaves are falling down
The snow is falling down
The ninja sneaks around

**London Bridge**
If you have a yellow scarf, put it in the box
Leaves are falling round and round
1 little, 2 little, 3 little anythings...

**B-I-N-G-O**
(only works with 5 letter words!)
D-A-D-Y (There is someone who loves me so)
M-O-M-Y (There is someone who loves me so)
B-U-N-Y (There is a rabbit with big long ears)
N-I-N-J-A / D-O-N-U-T /
Hello Everybody can you... (wave hello/touch toes)

Give it a theme:
Car: Drive around fast/slow, beep horn, etc
Superhero: Fly around, jump so high, do laser eyes

**If you’re happy and you know it**
If you’re wearing any red pat our head (brown/turn around – blue/touch your shoe)

**Skip to my Lou**
I have a kitty cat on my knee (3x)
Meow, meow, meow, meow, meow
Fly, fly, dragon fly
Jump, jump, little frog jump

**Pop Goes the Weasel**
Roar went the dragon

**Mr. Turkey & Mr. Duck**
Shark/crab
Row your boat
Stomp, stomp, stomp your feet
Clap your hands/jump around

**Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear**
(just sub the words Teddy Bear with anything really. You can leave the actions the same or match them to your theme.
Little frog, little frog jump around
Little frog, little frog sit on the ground

**Brown Bear, Brown Bear:**
Halloween: Pumpkin, pumpkin, what do you see? I see a green witch, green monster, yellow moon, etc. looking at me, etc...
Easter: Chocolate bunny, chocolate bunny, what do you see? I see a blue egg, green grass, yellow chick, etc. looking at me...(Make an Easter Basket)
Fall: Scarecrow, scarecrow, what do you see? I see a yellow leaf, brown owl, orange pumpkin, etc. looking at me...

**Hermie the Worm:** Just change the insect. (Sally the Spider/Amy the Ant/Gary the Ghost)

**Gary the Ghost:** Just like Hermie the worm, but instead of getting bigger every time he eats, have him change color! Then his mother can come along with a glass of milk and change him back to white again.

**PUPPET play**
Down, Down, Down we go... (Always put something in the box that doesn't go – like a cow in the ocean – so funny!)
Ocean (Into the deep blue sea)... mermaid, clams, whale, fish, a horse! No a seahorse...
Pirates (same)... treasure, hook, patch, sunken ship
Forest (through the green, green trees)... a squirrel/an owl...

**When Cows Wake up in the Morning**
Other versions: forest/ocean/farm/pet/nocturnal

**Down Around the Corner**
Down around the corner at the bakery shop
There were 5 little (cupcakes) with (frosting) on top
Along came (Mr. puppet) with a dollar to pay
And he took one (cupcake), and ate it right away!
(sub all green words with whatever you have, for instance: pumpkin pies/whip cream/pumpkin pie)
Cookies/sprinkles/cookie. You can even change bakery shop to pet shop and put little animals on the board.

**Alternate ENDINGS:**
**Hokey Pokey:**
You do the hokey pokey and you turn yourself around,
Now it's time to sit down.

**Wheels on the bus:**
The kids on the bus sit in their seat and listen to my story

**Happy and you know it:**
If you're ready for a story, have a seat
If you're ready for a story, have a seat
If you're ready for a story,
If you're ready for a story,
If you're ready for a story, have a seat
This is the way we...
This is the way we sit on the floor
This is the way we sit on the floor
This is the way we sit on the floor
And listen to a story.

**Old McDonald**
Old Mrs. Lysa (your name here!) had a book
Let's sit down and read it!

**Brown bear, brown bear**
Children, children, what do you see?
I see a book looking at me.
Book, book, what do you see?
I see Mrs. Lysa (your name here), please read to me!

**B-I-N-G-O**
Now listen to my story.

**Teddy Bear, teddy bear**
(just end with sit on the ground or sit back down)
List of Parachute Games & Activities

- **Popcorn**: Place a number of beanbags, small balls, or cottonballs onto the parachute. Shake to make them pop up like "popcorn".

- **Ball Roll**: Have the children try to roll the balls into the hole in the middle of the parachute. (Or have children try to keep the balls from going into the hole in the center.)

- **Making Waves**: Children can make small, medium, or large movements to make various types of "waves." You can incorporate a story about a ship on the sea, weather, etc. &/or use your voice as a tool to emphasize directives.

- **Merry-Go-Round**: Children turn their bodies sidewards and hold the chute with one hand. They then walk around in a circle, making a "Merry-Go-Round." For variety, children can hop, skip, jump, etc. You can stop music as a cue to reverse and go the other direction.

- **Poison Snakes**: Place three or four jump ropes onto the chute. Shake the parachute to keep the snakes from "biting" (touching) you.

- **Parachute Tag**: Lift the parachute high into the air. Call out two children's names. They must trade empty spots by running under the chute, before it comes down on them.

- **Mushroom**: Standing, lift the parachute waist height. Count to three - with "one" and "two" being small practice lifts. On three, all lift the chute overhead, and crouch down pulling the parachute edges down as well. This creates what looks like a "mushroom."

- **The Wave**: Children put their hands up, one after another, in order – creating a synchronized "wave" like in the stands at a baseball game.

- **Rollerball**: Try to keep a ball rolling only along the outer edge of the parachute around the circle. As it comes toward you, cooperatively lower your edge. Just past you, raise it.

- **All Change**: The Teacher calls out birthday months, pre-assigned numbers, colors, etc, and those children swap places under the chute before it falls, and run to an empty space.

- **See-Saw Pull**: From a sitting position, have children pull the parachute back and forth in a cooperative see-saw motion.

- **Shoe Shuffle**: Count off. All of a selected number take off one shoe and throw it in the middle. On the count of three, raise the chute, and the designated children have to run under and find their shoe before the chute comes down.

- **Bouncing Balls**: Have one or two children under the chute trying to hit the balls as they touch the surface, knocking them off the parachute (from underneath.)

- **Flying Saucer**: All take one step forward upon lifting the chute in the air. Upon command, all let go, and watch as it slowly floats.

- **Ball in the Bucket**: Break into two or more "teams." Each team will have a different colored ball (or balls.) They will try to keep their color ball from going into the middle circle, while trying to get the other teams’ color of ball(s) into the hole.

- **Turtle**: The parachute becomes a giant turtle shell with everyone underneath it on hands and knees. Everyone must cooperate and work together to get the turtle to move about.

- **Beach Ball Fun**: Use a beach ball, moving it with waves, around on the parachute.

- **Parachute Volleyball**: Split into two sides of the parachute. One side tries to knock the ball off of the other side (half of chute), right past the other "team."

- **The Canopy**: Squat down with parachute flat on the ground. On the count of three, stand up and stretch arms above head, creating a canopy.

- **Parachute Tag**: Lift the parachute high overhead. Call one child's name and have her run (skip, hop, twirl or crawl) to the other side before the parachute comes down and tags her.

- **Parachute Run**: Have the children take turns running on the parachute as it lies on the ground, while the other children make waves. See how long the children can manoeuvre on the waves before falling down. The length of turns can be determined by songs that the children choose to sing (i.e. everyone’s turn lasts the length of one song).
Some Songs that Work Well with Parachutes

**Wheels on the Bus**
The wheels on the bus go round and round
Round and round (Walk in circle)
Round and round
The wheels on the bus go round and round
All 'round the town

The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish
Swish, swish, swish (Stand still, swish chute)
Swish, swish, swish (Side to side)
The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish
All 'round the town

The people on the bus go up and down
Up and down (Up and Down)
Up and down
The people on the bus go up and down
All 'round the town

The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep
Beep, beep, beep (Beep the chute like a horn)
Beep, beep, beep
The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep

**Hokey Pokey**
Put your right foot in
Your right foot out
Right foot in
Then you shake it all about
You do the hokey pokey
then you turn yourself around
That's what it's all about!
(Repeat using different body parts)

**Popcorn Kernels**
(tune of Frere Jacques)
Popcorn kernels, popcorn kernels
In the pot, in the pot
(throw wadded up paper, cotton balls, cut up pool noodles etc in center of the chute)
Shake them shake them shake them (shake)
Shake them, shake them, shake them (shake)
'til they POP (Pop up into the air)
'til they POP! (Pop again!)

**Row, row, row your boat**
Row, row, row your boat
Gently down the stream
(Circle one way)
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily
Life is but a dream
(Circle the opposite way)

**The Elevator Song**
*(Tune: Do Your Ears Hang Low?)*
Oh, the city is great (Chute up)
and the city is grand (Chute down)
There are lots of tall buildings (Up)
On a little piece of land (Down)
We live way up (Up)
on the fifty-seventh floor (Down)
And this is what we do (Up)
When we go out the door (Down)
Take the elevator up (Up),
Take the elevator down (Down)
Take the elevator up (Up),
Take the elevator down (Down)
Take the elevator up (Up),
Take the elevator down (Down)
Then we turn around (turn self or chute)

**A Simpler Version:**
Take the elevator up, take the elevator down
Take the elevator up, take the elevator down
Take the elevator up, take the elevator down
Now turn around!

**Ring Around the Rosie**
Ring around the Rosie (walk in a circle with chute)
A pocket full of posies (keep walking)
Ashes, ashes, we all fall down (Fall down with chute)
The cows are in the meadow (Squat next to chute)
Eating buttercups (pretend to eat)
There’s thunder and there’s lightning
We all jump up! (Jump up with chute and lift)

**Itsy Bitsy Spider**
Itsy bitsy spider (stand still)
Climbed up the waterspout; (Up)
Down came the rain (Down)
And washed the spider out; (side to side)
Out came the sun (Up)
And dried up all the rain; (Down)
And the itsy bitsy spider (side to side)
Climbed up the spout again (Up)

**Old MacDonald had a Farm**
Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O (walk in circle)
And on his farm he had a cow, E-I-E-I-O
(throw cow puppet into center of chute)
With a moo-moo here and a moo-moo there (shake)
Here a moo, there a moo, everywhere moo-moo
Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O (Walk in circle)

**If you’re happy and you know it**
Replace clap your hands with:
lift the chute - turn around - run under the chute
WIGGLE BOOKS

Washoe County Library System – Click the link below for a complete list of wiggle books:
https://catalog.washoecountylibrary.us/cgi-bin/koha/opac-shelves.pl?op=view&shelfnumber=16832