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Some great books for Rhyme Time:
Where is the Green Sheep?
I Went Walking
Baby Ways
Dear Zoo
Let’s Go Baby
Ten Little Fingers, Ten Little Toes
Monkey and Me
The Very Hungry Caterpillar
To Market, To Market
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
Hurray For Fish

Opening Rhyme
**Open, Shut Them**
Open, shut them, open, shut them
Give a little clap
Open, shut them, open, shut them
Lay them in your lap
Creep them, creep them,
Creep them, creep them
Right up to your chin
Open wide your little mouth
But... Do not let them in!

Closing Rhyme
**If you’re happy and you know it**
If you’re happy and you know it
Clap your hands
If you’re happy and you know it
Clap your hands
If you’re happy and you know it
And you really want to show it
If you’re happy and you know it
Clap your hands

... Have a cuddle...
... Wave goodbye...

Transition Rhyme
**If you’re ready for a story**
If you’re ready for a story
Shout hooray
If you’re ready for a story
Shout hooray
If you’re ready for a story
If you’re ready for a story
Shout hooray

... Nod your head...
... Go like this - ssh, ssh! ...
Fingers, face & hands rhymes

5 Fat Sausages
Five fat sausages frying in a pan (*hold up fingers*)
Sizzle, sizzle, sizzle, and one went ‘BANG!’ (*clap hands loudly*)
Four fat sausages...
Three fat sausages...
Two fat sausages...
One fat sausage...
And there were NO more sausages
Sizzling in the pan! (*no fingers showing*)

Put a Spot Over Here
Put a spot over here
Put a spot over there
Put a spot on your ear
And a spot on your hair
Put a lot of little spots in the air everywhere!
It’s a spotty kind of day

Two Little Parrots
Two little parrots sitting on a gate (*show one finger on each hand*)
One named twenty, one named eight (*wiggle one finger, then the other*)
Fly away twenty, fly away eight (*hide fingers one at a time*)
Come back twenty, come back eight (*bring back fingers*)

Little Peter Rabbit
Little Peter rabbit had a fly upon his nose (*parent touches baby’s nose*)
One named twenty, one named eight
Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose
Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose
So he flipped it and he flopped it and it flew away (*wave hands in front of baby’s nose*)

Arabella Miller
Little Arabella Miller
Found a furry caterpillar (*parent wiggles finger*)
First it climbed upon her mother
(*finger to creep up one arm of baby*)
Then upon her baby brother
(*finger to creep up other arm of baby*)
"Ugh" said Arabella Miller
Take away that caterpillar!

Wind the Bobbin Up
Wind the bobbin up, wind the bobbin up,
Pull, pull, clap, clap, clap
Wind it back again, wind it back again
Pull, pull, clap, clap, clap
Point to the ceiling, point to the floor
Point to the window, and point to the door
Clap your hands together, 1, 2, 3
Then put your hands upon your knees
Tickling/peek-a-boo rhymes

Here is the Beehive
Here is the beehive, where are the bees?
Hiding away where nobody sees
Here they come, out of the hive
1, 2, 3, 4 5, Bzzzzzz

Round and Round the Garden
Round and round the garden
Like a teddy bear
One step, two steps
Tickle you under there!

Criss Cross Applesauce
Criss cross applesauce
(spaces on baby’s back)
Spiders creeping up your back
(crawl fingers up baby’s back)
Cool breeze (blow on baby’s neck)
Tight squeeze (hug baby)
Now you’ve got the shivers! (tickle baby)

This Little Piggy
This little piggy went to market
This little piggy stayed home
This little piggy had roast beef
This little piggy had none
And this little piggy went
Wee, wee, wee, wee
All the way home

Slowly Slowly
Slowly, slowly, very slowly
Creeps the garden snail
Slowly, slowly, very slowly
Up the wooden rail
Quickly, quickly, very quickly
Runs the little mouse
Quickly, quickly, very quickly
In his little house

Hickory Dickory Dock
Hickory dickory dock
The mouse ran up the clock
The clock struck one
The mouse ran down
Hickory dickory dock

Whole body rhymes

Make Your Hands
(Tune: London Bridge Is Falling Down)
Make your hands go clap, clap, clap
Clap, clap, clap
Make your hands go clap, clap, clap
Just like me

Make your head go side to side
Side to side
Side to side
Make your head go side to side
Just like me

Make your body go wiggle, wiggle, wiggle
Wiggle, wiggle wiggle
Wiggle, wiggle wiggle
Make your body go wiggle, wiggle, wiggle
Just like me

Wheels on the Bus
The wheels on the bus
Go round and round
Round and round
The wheels on the bus
Go round and round
All day long

... doors ... open and shut
... wipers ... swish, swish, swish
... people ... bump, bump, bump
... babies ... wah, wah, wah
... mummies ... ssh, ssh, ssh

Row, Row, Row Your Boat
Row, row, row your boat
Gently down the stream
(child on parent’s lap - rock forwards and backwards)
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily
Life is but a dream

Rock, rock, rock your boat
Gently down the stream
(child on parent’s lap - rock from side to side)
If you see a crocodile
Don’t forget to scream - Aaaahhh!
Bouncing rhymes

The Ants Go Marching
The ants go marching one by one
Hoorah! Hoorah!
The ants go marching one by one
Hoorah! Hoorah!
The ants go marching one by one
The little one stops to suck his thumb
And they all go marching
Home to get out of the rain - Boom, boom!

Teddy Bears Picnic
If you go down to the woods today
You’re sure of a big surprise
If you go down to the woods today
You’d better go in disguise!
For every bear that ever there was
Will gather there for certain because
Today’s the day
The teddy Bears have their picnic

Giddy Up
Giddy up, giddy up, giddy up horsey
Giddy up, giddy up, Go! Go! Go!
Giddy up, giddy up, giddy up horsey
Giddy up, giddy up, WHOA!

A Smooth Road
A smooth road, a smooth road
A smooth road, a smooth road
A bump road, a bumpy road
A bumpy road, a bumpy road
A rough road, a rough road
A rough road, a rough road
A HOLE!

Interactive rhymes

Everybody...
Everybody clapping, clapping, clapping
Everybody clapping, just like me
(Ask parents for actions, e.g. swaying, flying, blinking)

I Took a Walk to Town One Day
I took a walk to town one day
I saw a cat along the way
And what do you think I heard it say?
Miaow, miaow, miaow

Old MacDonald Had a Farm
Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O
And on that farm he had a dog, E-I-E-I-O
With a woof, woof here
And a woof, woof there,
Here a woof, there a woof
Everywhere a woof, woof,
Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O
(ask parents to suggest a farm animal)
Wind-down rhymes

**Are You Sleeping? Freres Jacques**
Are you sleeping, are you sleeping?
Brother John, Brother John?
Morning bells are ringing, morning bells are ringing
Ding, ding, dong
Ding, ding, dong

Frère Jacques, Frère Jacques,
Dormez-vous? Dormez-vous?
Sonnez les matines, sonnez les matines
Ding, ding, dong
Ding, ding, dong

**Hey Diddle Diddle**
Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle
The cow jumped over the moon
The little dog laughed to see such fun
And the dish ran away with the spoon

**Alphabet Rhyme**
A, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p
q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z
Now I know my abc’s
Next time won’t you sing with me?

**Soft Kitty**
Soft kitty, warm kitty
Little ball of fur
Happy kitty, sleepy kitty
Purr, purr, purr

**Twinkle Twinkle**
Twinkly twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are