

Number Rhymes for Younger Children

Activity for younger children and the family can join in!

5 Little Speckled Frogs - <https://vimeo.com/215812681>



If you have 5 members of the family you could act this one out as you sing or you can use some toy frogs or draw some frogs as props! This rhyme reinforces counting back from 5 and can be used to illustrate simple subtraction and addition bonds. Whilst singing/acting out the rhyme ask mathematical questions and model correct mathematical language e.g. **How many left** on the log now? **How many** have jumped in? So for example 2 and 3 **makes/totals/equals** 5. **One less** than 4 is ?

10 in the bed - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5murRIhUYEI>

The children can collect 10 soft toys to place in their bed as props for the song as you sing it. Before you start you could ask questions about the toys such as which one is **next to, between** etc. Which one will be **first/last**? Again, this rhyme reinforces counting back from a given number, it does not have to be 10, and can be used to illustrate simple addition bonds. Whilst singing/acting out the rhyme ask mathematical questions and model correct mathematical language e.g. **How many left** in the bed now? **How many** have fell out? So for example 6 and ? **makes/totals/equals** 10. When finished, recap the rhyme with questions such as which toy fell out 2nd, 5th etc.

10 fat sausages - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xzlftxHWL4>



For this one you could cook sausages for tea if you wanted, you do not have to have 10 but an **even** number is best! This rhyme reinforces **counting back** in **2's**. Whilst singing the rhyme encourage the children to predict **how many next**? You can do this by pausing and allowing the children to fill in the missing number.

Give it a go. Perhaps video the performances and send them to distant relatives! *Sarah*