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The Three Jazzy Little Pigs



The Story

We recommend listening to the CD several times so that you will be familiar with the words and melodies before introducing the story to your class. It's a great way to learn the story too.

Songs and Chants

In this section, you will find the words to the songs and chants in the story. It's a good idea to practice the songs a few times before you try teaching them to the children. You can learn the melodies by singing along with the CD. If you are not comfortable singing the tunes, you can choose to chant them instead. The written music and words to the songs are in the Appendix.

How We Teach the Songs and Chants

We teach the children the songs and chants using a call and response method, which we refer to as echoing.

"You be my echo," we say to the children. "First I say something and then you repeat exactly what I said to you."

We practice echoing by using simple, one-syllable words. It may take a few tries for the children to understand how to echo. At first some children might try to say the word along with you when you say it. It's a good way to practice taking turns.



Now clap both hands together while chanting the final line together.

Boppity bippity ho ho ho

Little Piggies' Hammers

CD – Tracks 2 and 3 (p. 54)

When the pigs build their houses they sing a song. After everyone learns the song you might try these movements while singing.

And the little piggies' hammers went bap bap bap,



Pretend to be hammering. Make two fists and tap one with the other.

And their saws went zip zip zip,



Pretend to be sawing by straightening out your hands using one as a saw and the other as a board.

With a bap bap bap (*hammering motion*),
and a zippity zip (*sawing motion*),
They built a fine straw house for Pip.

Miss My Mama Blues

CD – Track 4 (p. 55)

We usually sing this song after we all lie down on the floor to pretend to take a nap. Or you can remain seated or standing, press both hands together, and place your head against them while pretending to sleep.

I've got the miss my Mama blues,
I've got the miss my Mama blues,
I've got the miss my Mama,
Got the miss my Mama,
Got the miss my Mama blues.