

Rockin' Toddlers Weekly Songs



These are the songs I am currently using in my Rockin' Toddler classes. I often change the order and add seasonal songs to shake things up. But we sing all of these songs each week. After I'm done leading the songs, I turn on music for them to continue playing too. It's best if you know all the songs before you lead them. I bought many on iTunes and sang them on the way to work!

For the record, I am not the author of any of these incredibly fun songs! I have tried to give credit when I could discover the author. Please let me know if you know the name of one of the authors. I did adapt several of them to make them more inclusive and others to include skills toddlers have (i.e. waving & pointing). All the songs are available online and on YouTube if you want to hear the music or have questions about movements.

I will be sending out a quarterly email with seasonal song and activity ideas. If you would like to receive it send me an email at lscottjones@stpetersdelmar.net Feel free to email me with any questions or great ideas!

I hope this program brings joy to you, your church and your community.
In Christ, Lisa

Welcome Song

Tune: 1 Little, 2 Little

here are (adult's name) and (toddler's name)
here are (adult's name) and (toddler's name)
here are (adult's name) and (toddler's name)
here we are together!

I'm in the Mood for Singing by Raffi

(I don't do the singing verse as there are no hand movements – we start with clapping)

I'm in the mood for clapping, Hey, how about you?
I'm in the mood for clapping, Hey, how about you?
I'm in the mood for clapping,
Clapping along with you,
Hey, hey, what do you say, I'm in the mood for that today,
Hey, hey, what do you say, I'm in the mood for that.

Waving

Pointing

Stretching

Add more movement: Stomping, Jumping

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are
Up above the world so bright, like a diamond in the night
Twinkle, twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are

Itsy Bitsy Spider

The itsy bitsy spider with up the water spout.
Down came the rain and washed the spider out.
Up came the sun and dried up all the rain.
And the itsy bitsy spider went up the spout again.

Great Big Spider

Very Quiet Spider

Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes

Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes.
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes.
Eyes and ears and mouth and nose,
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes.

Add more movement: Stand up to do it and go faster each time

If Your Happy and Your Know It

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands (*clap clap*)
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands (*clap clap*)
If you're happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands. (*clap clap*)

Clap your hands

Peek a boo

Wiggle wiggle

Shout hooray

Add more movement: Stomp your feet

Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Row, row, row your boat gently down the stream
Merrily, merrily, merrily life is but a dream
"Oh no! Watch out! Big waves!" Rock, rock rock your boat...
Wiggle

Open Shut Them

Open, shut them, Open, shut them
Give a little clap, clap, clap
Open, shut them, Open, shut them
Put them in your lap, lap, lap
Creep them, crawl them, creep them, crawl them
right up to your chin, chin, chin
Open wide your little mouth but do not put them in

Put Your Hands Up High

Tune: Do Your Ears Hang Low
Put your hands up high, put your hands down low,
Put your hands in the middle and wiggle just so.
Put your elbows in front, put your elbows in back
Put your elbows to the side and quack, quack, quack!

Clap, Clap, Clap Your Hands by Pete Seeger

Clap, clap, clap your hand
Clap your hands together
Clap, clap, clap your hand
Clap along with me
Clap a little higher now
Clap along with me
Clap a little lower now
Clap along with me
Little faster... little slower
A great big circle now... a tiny circle now

Drive the Fire Truck

Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck (*Mimic moving steering wheel fast*)
Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck
Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding! (*Ring bell*)
Hurry, hurry up the ladder go (*mimic climbing ladder*)
Hurry, hurry put the fire out (*mimic moving fire hose back and forth*)
Hurry, hurry drive the fire truck

Wheels on the Bus..

The wheels on the bus go round and round,
Round and round, round and round,
The wheels on the bus go round and round,
All through the town.

Wipers – swish, swish, swish

Horn – beep, beep, beep

Doors - open and shut

Driver - move on back

People – go up and down, up and down

Parents - “Parents on the bus say I love you” *(with hugging motion)*

I changed the words to make it more inclusive and positive! I also do not do the crying baby verse.

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

I won't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
I won't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
I won't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Clap Your Hand, Clap Your Hands (I added this at Christmas time and kept it in the line up because it is so cute!)

Tune: Jingle Bells

Clap your hands, clap your hands, Wiggle all around
Oh what fun it is to clap
With all our friends today!

Hold your head, hold your hips, Give yourself a hug
Turn around and hug your friend
And have some fun today!

Peanut, Peanut Butter

Peanut, peanut butter and jelly!

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(Motions: Lift hands up over your head to the left three times for peanut butter. Move hands down quickly towards the floor to the right for jelly)

First you take the peanuts and you smash, you smash them

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(motion: one hand open palm upwards and other hand in fist repeatedly pound the open palm)

To get Peanut, peanut butter and jelly! Peanut, peanut butter and jelly!

Next you take the grapes and you squish them, you squish them

Then you take the grapes and you squish them, you squish them

(motion: hold both hands in front of you and make squishing motions)

To get Peanut, peanut butter and jelly! Peanut, peanut butter and jelly!

Next you take the bread and you spread it, you spread it.

Then you take the bread and you spread it, you spread it.

(motions: one palm up other hand mimics spreading jam)

To get Peanut, peanut butter and jelly! Peanut, peanut butter and jelly!

Then you take the sandwich and you bite it, you bite it!

Then you take the sandwich and you bite it, you bite it!

(movement: pretend you are hungrily biting a sandwich)

Mmmm, mmmmm, mmm mmmmm!

Mmmm, mmmmm, mmm mmmmm!

(you can't sing with peanut butter in your mouth)

I'm a Little Teapot

I'm a Little Teapot, Short and Stout

Here in my handle, here is my spout

When I get all steamed up, hear me shout

Just tip me over and pour me out.

Old MacDonald – a huge hit at my church. We have a big canvas bag full of stuffed animals. Each child gets to take out an animal and hold it up. We then sing that animal's verse. We've added animals like Kangaroos (hop, hop, hop) and our last one is always a skunk (hold your nose and say pee-ew, pee-ew, pee-ew – gets a laugh each week :-)

Old MacDonald had a farm E-I-E-I-O
And on his farm he had a cow E-I-E-I-O
With a moo moo here
And a moo moo there
Here a moo, there a moo
Everywhere a moo moo
Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O

Horse.. Duck.. Dog... Cat... Chicken...etc

Skunk (hold nose) pee-ew, pee-ew, pee-ew

Kookaburra

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree (arms crossed on chest)
Merry, merry king of the bush is he (hands make a crown on head)
Laugh kookaburra, laugh (hands on stomach, rock back and forth)
Kookaburra, gay your life must be

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree (arms crossed on chest)
Eating all the gumdrops he can see (hand putting gump drops in mouth)
Stop, kookaburra, stop (ASL sign for stop)
Kookaburra, leave some there for me

Five Little Monkeys

Five little monkeys
jumping on the bed.
One fell off
and bumped his head.
Mama called the doctor and the doctor said,
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

Four.... Three... Two... One...

More movement: *get up and act it out – the kids love it and will do it with you! (bonus you get your workout in at Rockin' Toddlers)*

Father Abraham (For children 20 months and up) I changed the words to make it more inclusive – Abraham did have a daughter :-)

Father Abraham had many kids
many kids had Father Abraham
I am one of them and so are you
So we will Praise the Lord

Right hand (*move right arm up and down*)

Left hand

Right Foot (*march foot up and down*)

Left Foot

Turnaround

Sit down!

Rockin' Toddlers Scarf Songs



Scarf Songs!

Wave your Scarf

Tune: London Bridge

Wave your scarf up and down, up and down, up and down.

Wave your scarf up and down, wave your scarf.

left and right...

fast and slow...

high and low...

around and around

Popcorn Song – most favorite song at my church!

Tune of Frere Jacques

Popcorn kernels, popcorn kernels (*wave scarves overhead*)

In the pot, in the pot (*make their scarves 'disappear' by bunching them up in their fists*)

Shake them shake them shake them (*shake*)

Shake them shake them shake them

'til they POP, 'til they POP (*Toss scarves up into the air*)

One Bright Scarf – another favorite!

Tune: 10 little fingers

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?

My Scarf

My Scarf it has 4 corners (*wave scarf in front of you*)

4 corners has my scarf

And had it not 4 corners

It would not be my scarf 1, 2, 3, 4! (*count the four corners*)

My cape... (*hold scarf around your neck*)

Hokey Pokey

You put your right foot in (*put your right hand in too waving the scarf*)

You take your right foot out

You put your right foot in

And you shake it all about

You do the hokey pokey

And you turn yourself around

That's what it's all about

Left foot and left hand with scarf

You put your whole self in (*jump in waving scarf*)

We Wiggle and Wiggle and Stop

We wiggle and wiggle and stop

We wiggle and wiggle and stop

We wiggle and wiggle and wiggle and wiggle

and wiggle and wiggle and stop

We twirl...

We clap..

We wave...

We jump...

We bounce...

Rockin' Toddlers Shakers Songs



Musical Instruments!

I'm in the Mood for Singing by Raffi

I'm in the mood for shaking, Hey, how about you?
I'm in the mood for shaking, Hey, how about you?
I'm in the mood for shaking,
Clapping along with you,
Hey, hey, what do you say, I'm in the mood for that today,
Hey, hey, what do you say, I'm in the mood for that.
(shake maracas, bells, etc to beat of song)

I'm in the mood for waving, Hey, how about you?
I'm in the mood for waving, Hey, how about you?
I'm in the mood for waving,
Clapping along with you,
Hey, hey, what do you say, I'm in the mood for that today,
Hey, hey, what do you say, I'm in the mood for that.
(big wave maracas, bells, etc above your head to beat of song)

Grand Old Duke of York

Oh, the grand old Duke of York (shake instruments in front of you)
He had ten thousand men
He marched them up to the top of the hill (circle shakers upward)
And he marched them down again (circle shakers downward)
And when they were up, they were up (shake way up high above your head)
And when they were down, they were down (shake on the ground)
And when they were only half way up (shake in front of you)
They were neither up nor down (shake up then quickly down)

Shake My Sillies Out by Raffi

I'm gonna shake, shake, shake my sillies out,
Shake, shake, shake my sillies out, Shake, shake, shake my sillies out,
And wiggle my waggles away!

Jump....Jiggles

Clap....Crazies

Shake...sillies

Roly Poly – Great for Shakers

Roly poly, roly poly

Up, up, up.

Up, up, up.

Roly roly poly. Roly, roly, poly.

Down, down, down.

Down, down, down.

(circle shakers in front of you going up then down with the lyrics)

Big, big, big...Small, Small, Small

(circle shakers in front of you but this time go out to the sides to make big and back to the middle to make small)

Fast, fast, fast... slow, slow, slow

(circle shakers in front of you – go faster and slower with the lyrics)