

# discovery time

## Time to Rhyme

Parents and caregivers, extend Discovery Time into your home. Share these fingerplays and activities with young children. **The letter for this theme is R.**

### Once I Caught a Fish Alive

One, two, three, four, five,  
*(Lift fingers as you count)*  
Once I caught a fish alive.  
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,  
Then I let it go again.  
Why did you let it go?  
Because it bit my finger so.  
Which finger did it bite?  
This little finger on my right.  
*(Hold up pinkie finger)*

### One Potato, Two Potato

*(Count on fingers as rhyme progresses)*  
One potato, two potato,  
Three potato, four.  
Five potato, six potato,  
Seven potato, more!  
*(Repeat rhyme, count faster each time)*

### Here is the Beehive

Here is the beehive.  
*(Make a fist)*  
Where are the bees?  
Hidden inside where nobody sees!  
Watch and you'll see them come out of the hive.  
One, two, three, four, five.  
*(Release one finger at a time from the fist/hive)*  
BUZZ-ZZZ  
*(Wiggle fingers)*

### One, Two, Buckle My Shoe

One, two, buckle my shoe.  
*(Pretend to tie shoe)*  
Three, four, knock on the door.  
*(Pretend to knock on door)*  
Five, six, pick up sticks.  
*(Pretend to pick up sticks)*  
Seven, eight, lay them straight.  
*(Pretend to lay sticks down)*  
Nine, ten, a big fat hen!

### Bright Sun

*(Tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")*  
Bright sun shining down,  
Shining on the ground.  
What a lovely face you have,  
Yellow, big and round.

### Baa, Baa Black Sheep

*(Traditional tune)*  
Baa, baa black sheep  
Have you any wool?  
Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full.  
One for my master,  
One for my dame,  
And one for the little girl who lives  
Down the lane.  
Baa, baa black sheep  
Have you any wool?  
Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full.



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**Help your child get ready to read with these simple activities.**

- **Talking:** Your touch and voice help your baby learn. Listen to the fun sounds she makes and repeat them.
- **Singing:** Sing songs that have basic counting or rhyming patterns with your child. These songs will help him learn basic math skills.
- **Reading:** Let your child turn the book's pages. It's OK if she skips pages, or likes a few pages better than others. You just want her to get used to touching books.
- **Writing:** Create a "Writer's Box" for your child by putting pencils, pieces of paper, cards, stickers, and other tools into a shoebox or small plastic bin. Ask your child to write a label and decorate the box.
- **Playing:** Different types of "dramatic" play have the most profound impact on early literacy. Have your child use various objects or props to make pretend scenarios or ask him to create a character that does two things (such as a farmer who is also a pilot).

## family literacy tip

### **Read It Again and Again and Again**

Your child will probably want to hear a favorite story over and over. Go ahead and read the same book for the 100th time! Research suggests that repeated readings help children develop language skills.

"Tips for Parents of Preschoolers" *Get Ready to Read*

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