

Group Exercise

Music and Props

Prop songs tend to be the highlight of a storytime for children. The following selections are the most popular songs I've used. While it's not always easy to retrieve your props at first, you'll find that putting the props away becomes part of the appeal because the children get to show off their good helper skills.

A. Break-up into four groups. Each group will be assigned a song with a prop. You will practice together and then perform for the whole group.

B. Group 1

To use with 0-12 month olds

(Tune of Frere Jacques)

Scarves

Peek-a-boo, Peek-a-boo

I see you, I see you

I see your button nose

I see your tiny toes

Peek-a-boo, I see you.

Shakers

Hello, hello let's shake together

Hello, hello let's shake hello

Hello, hello, let's shake together

Shake together and say hello.

Group 2

12-24 month olds Felt Circles

Hap Palmer's Sally the Swinging Snake "On The Count Of Five" #11

Sung to the tune of "She'll be Coming Round the Mountain

Put your hands inside the circle hands inside

Put your hands inside the circle hands inside

On the count of five let them pop outside

One, two, three, four, five outside.

(repeat above four more times using: foot elbows, head, shoulder.)

Put your hands inside, let them pop outside

Put your foot inside, let it pop outside

Put your elbows inside, let them pop outside

Put your head inside, let it pop outside

Put your shoulder inside, let it pop outside

Put your whole self in, pop your whole self out

Put your hands inside the circle hands inside

Put your hands inside the circle hands inside
One the count of five let them float outside
One, two, three, four, five outside.

Group 3

12-24 month olds Foam Teddy Bears

So Big Activity Songs For Little Ones by Hap Palmer “Teddy Bear Play Time” #13

Throw you teddy bear and catch
Turn around, turn around, jump, jump, jump
Throw your teddy bear and catch
Turn around, turn around, jump, jump, jump
Put it on your head and walk around the room
Put it on your head and walk around the room
Put it on your shoulder...Put it on your elbow...
Put it on your knee... Put it on your back now...
Put it on your stomach...Put it on your fingers...
Put it on your foot...Put it on your arm now...
Put it on your head and walk around the room
Put it on your head and walk around the room
Repeat first verse

Group 4

12-24 month olds Bean Bags

Yummy Yummy by The Wiggles “Shaky Shaky” #12

Hey there shaky shaky
Shaking is fun to do
Hey there shaky shaky
I want to shake with you
Well, then shake a little faster
Shake a little slower
Keep on shaking, shaky shaky
Hey there shaky shaky
Shaking is fun to do
Hey there shaky shaky
I want to shake with you
Well, then shake a little faster
Shake a little slower
Keep on shaking now. Shake it all out!