



SQUEAK TOYS AND RATTLES

APRIL



WAKE UP TIME

Bouncing and Lifting

WHO'S HERE TODAY?

Tune: The Farmer in the Dell

_____’s here today,
 _____’s here today,
 We’re so glad that _____’s here,
 Let’s all shout, “Hurray!”
 “Hurray!”

Name and lift each baby.

SO BIG

How big is _____?
 _____ is soooooo big.

Name each baby and ask
 Parent to share what’s new.

WHAT'S NEW?

LEG OVER LEG

Leg over leg,
 As the dog went to Dover.
 He came to a fence,
 And Whoops!
 He jumped over.

Move Baby’s legs back and forth and then lift Baby.

PLAY TIME

Peek-a-Boo

SQUEAK TOYS AND RATTLES

Play with an assortment of squeak toys and rattles. Help Baby choose toys with different colors, shapes, sizes, and textures. Help Baby to hold, mouth, pat, bang, shake, wave and squeak the toys. Cover the toys with a cloth and play peek-a-boo.

MEAL TIME

Clapping

PAT-A-CAKE

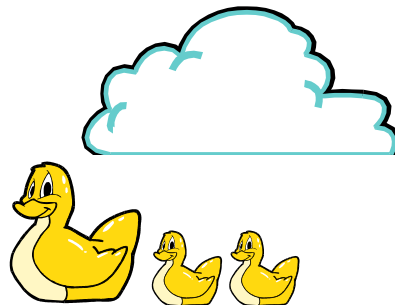
Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, Baker’s man,
 Bake me a cake, as fast as you can.
 Roll it, pat it, and mark it with a “B,”
 And put it in the oven, for Baby and me.

Clap and gesture to rhyme.

MIX A PANCAKE

Mix a pancake,
 Stir a pancake,
 Put in the pan.
 Fry the pancake,
 Toss the pancake,
 Catch it if you can.

Clap Baby’s hands and lift to rhyme.



TALKING TIME

Tell Me A Story

FACE TO FACE INTERACTIONS

Smile and talk to Baby. Pause and wait for Baby to respond by vocalizing or moving. “Answer” Baby back. Use gestures along with words. Make a variety of sounds including “raspberries” and popping sounds. Encourage Baby to imitate you. Imitate Baby’s sounds.

BATH TIME

Tickling/Body Parts

ROUND THE GARDEN

Round and round the garden,
 Went the Teddy Bear.
 One step, two steps,
 Tickle under there.

Draw a circle on Baby’s palm. Walk fingers up Baby’s arm, then gently tickle.

THREE BLIND MICE

Three blind mice, three blind mice,
 See how they run. See how they run.
 They all ran after the Farmer’s wife,
 She cut off their tails with a carving knife.
 Did you ever see such a sight in you life?
 As three blind mice.

Walk fingers on Baby as mice run.

CRISS CROSS APPLESAUCE

Criss cross applesauce,
 A cool breeze,
 A tight squeeze,
 And a tickle, tickle, tickle,
 As you please.

Draw an X on Baby’s tummy. Blow on Baby’s neck and tickle and hug gently.

CUDDLING TIME

Lullaby

ROCK-A-BYE BABY

Rock-a-bye Baby,
 On the tree top,
 When the wind blows,
 The cradle will rock.
 When the bough breaks,
 The cradle will fall.
 And down will come Baby,
 Cradle and all.