



### Themes

- Nests and Hives
- Little Bookworms
- Construction Zone
- Fun at the Fair

### Shapes and Colors



### Opposites

happy/sad

### Vocabulary

- nest, bee, books,
- reading, construction,
- tools, carousel,
- fireworks

### Sign Language

- purple, diaper, potty,
- black, milk, water,
- drink, eat



### Together Time Activities

Here are some fun activities you and your child can enjoy together!

- Bird Watching**  
 Set up a bird feeder near a window and watch the birds together when they come to visit. How many different birds do you spy?
- Little Bookworms**  
 The first week in May is Children's Book Week. Check with your library to see if any special events are planned. Read more at [everychildareader.net/](http://everychildareader.net/).
- Building with Boxes**  
 A set of wooden blocks is a great investment, but if it's not in your budget now, your child can also have great fun building with cardboard boxes.
- County Fair Games**  
 Set up some fair-style games in your own backyard! Stack empty coffee cans and toss beanbags to knock them down. Hang a hoop from a branch and toss a ball through it. Think of more fun games!

### Nursery Rhymes

Nursery rhymes teach children auditory skills and help them develop an appreciation for rhyme and rhythm. They also help children develop language, memory, creativity, and other cognitive skills.



#### Once I Saw a Little Bird

Once I saw a little bird come hop, hop, hop;  
 (Make bird hop.)  
 So I cried, "Little Bird, will you stop, stop, stop?"  
 And was going to the window to say,  
 "How do you do?"  
 But he shook his little tail, and far away he flew.  
 (Make bird fly away.)

#### Simple Simon

Simple Simon met a pieman,  
 Going to the fair;  
 Says Simple Simon to the pieman,  
 "Let me taste your ware."



## Look for Books

### *Have You Heard the Nesting Bird?*

by Rita Gray

### *Buzz, Buzz, Baby!*

by Karen Katz

### *The Best Place to Read*

by Debbie Bertram and Susan Bloom

### *Tip Tip Dig Dig*

by Emma Garcia

### *Dig, Dump, Roll*

by Sally Sutton

### *Horsey Up and Down*

by Caroline Jayne Church



## Cooking Together

*When cooking with infants and toddlers, allow them to help in a safe way with mixing, pouring, rolling, mashing, shaking, etc. Use words to describe what you are doing and what you plan to do next. Talk about what you see, smell, feel, hear, and taste.*

### For the Birds

oats  
dried fruit  
birdseed  
peanut butter  
pine cone  
string

Gather a pine cone and tie string to one end. Set out a small dish of peanut butter. Offer your child a spoon or child-safe knife to spread peanut butter all around the pine cone. Mix small amounts of oats, dried fruit, and birdseed on a plate. Have your child roll the pine cone along the mixture so it attaches to the peanut butter. Once it's amply covered, hang the pine cone feeder outside and watch for hungry birds!



## Sing Along with Me

Find these songs at [www.funshineexpress.com](http://www.funshineexpress.com)

### Guess the Bird

Sung to "Skip to My Lou"

Can you guess which bird I am?  
Listen close and hear my sound.  
I say ("Quack! Quack!") all day long.  
Which bird can I be? (A duck!)

Repeat with: Caw (A crow!)  
Hoot (An owl!)  
Cluck (A chicken!)  
Gobble (A turkey!)



### Construction Zone

Sung to "Pop! Goes the Weasel"

The backhoe digs up all the dirt.  
The loader fills 'er up!  
The dump truck dumps it out on the ground.  
Boom! That's construction!

The dozer pushes the dirt all around.  
The roller presses it down.  
The mixer churns round and round.  
Boom! That's construction!



## Reminders . . .

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