

Hickory Dickory Dock



Hickory dickory dock. The mouse ran up the clock. The clock struck 1. The mouse ran down. Hickory dickory dock. Tick tock, tick tock

Hickory dickory dock. The mouse ran up the clock. The clock struck 2. The mouse said BOO! Hickory dickory dock. Tick tock, tick tock

Hickory dickory dock. The mouse ran up the clock. The clock struck 3. The mouse went whee! Hickory dickory dock. Tick tock, tick tock

Hickory dickory dock. The mouse ran up the clock. The clock struck 4. The mouse said 'No more' Hickory dickory dock. Tick tock, tick tock

How about?

- Adding new verses - 4 = bumped on the floor 5 = Hi 5 or changing the mouse to other animals, thinking how they move e.g the frog hopped up the clock, the snake slithered up the clock?
- Counting out each strike of the clock
- Using a mouse puppet and a child can be the clock.
- Try singing it in French or maybe other languages

Singing with your **baby or small toddler**

- Sit baby/toddler on your knee and rock from side to side to the 'tick tock'. Either run fingers up the child's back or jiggle them up and down
- Bounce or raise knees and bump to the floor for the chimes then repeat actions from before.
- For 2, play peekaboo and 3, run or slide hands down your child's back and 4 shake fingers
- With babies, it is nice if they are lying down and then you can run fingers up and down for the mice or hop/bounce hands on their bodies for 'frogs' and hide your faces over the top of them to play peekaboo or hide yours or their faces with a scarf.

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Singing games with **older toddlers**

A Hand rhyme. Children can hold up their arm, with hand palm facing out flat and turn a finger on the palm as if it is the hands of the clock and then run their fingers from elbow to hand, clapping for each chime. They can peekaboo, sweep up hands for whee! and shake fingers for no more

A singing game. Children and adults hold hands facing each other and sway to and fro like a pendulum. They run on the spot for the mouse and then jump for the chimes. They can then peekaboo and for the 'whee!' the adults can lift the child up and swing her round. For 'no more' they can suddenly stop still.

Musical activities with **nursery, reception and year one children**

- **Singing game.** This could be played a bit like 'duck, duck goose'. Children form a circle and one child walks round the outside. As the number 1 is counted, the child in the circle is tapped on the shoulder and they both run in opposite directions to get back to the space as the children continue the song and keep 'tick tocking' until someone is back in the space. After 'boo' they run. As they shout 'whee!' they run. On 'no more' they all sit down
- **Clapping game.** Children clap and pat to the beat for the first line. As the mouse runs up and down you link/catch hands as if making a chain. Pat for each chime of the clock
- **Percussion instruments.** This is a great song for learning to play to the beat. Play around with the song by clapping the rhythm and then singing the song while clapping and walking to the beat. Then sing the song and play a percussion instrument to the beat. Claves are a good class instrument for this.
- Change the dynamics - loud and soft with the instrument and voices
- Show a collection of instruments and talk with the children to find different instruments which can be played during the song. Maybe a triangle could be played on the counting. Claves could be used for climbing.
- **Play around with the song.**
 - A child can conduct by opening and closing hands to determine when to sing out loud or in their heads
 - Choose a letter and as they sing the song, they have to clap on the words beginning with that letter
 - They could also clap on the words that rhyme or the words which begin with the same letter as their own name

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