

Toddler Language: Itsy Bitsy Pause

Learning Value:

This activity promotes development and learning by encouraging children to remember information to use later, and use verbal communication to express their ideas.

Materials Needed:

- ▶ Itsy Bitsy Spider lyrics
(hand movements below each line)

Participants:

This activity is intended for adult/child interaction.

Directions:

Step 1: Sing and do the hand movements to Itsy Bitsy Spider with your child.

Step 2: Sing the song a second time but pause after the first line like you forgot what comes next. This will allow your child an opportunity to say and do the next part. Continue through the nursery rhyme and pause again.

Pausing and allowing your toddler to fill in the blanks will help them develop their language skills. You can also build language while completing daily routines. See what your toddler says if you “forget” and put their shoe on before their sock!

Itsy Bitsy Spider Lyrics (hand movements below each line)

The itsy bitsy spider climbed up the waterspout.

(Touch the thumb of one hand to the index finger of the other hand. Then touch the index finger to the thumb of the other hand. Do it over again while lifting your hands up.)

Down came the rain,

(Bring your hands down. While you are doing this, wiggle your fingers to simulate rain.)

And washed the spider out!

(Sweep your hands away from one another while hand palms are pointing towards the floor.)

Out came the sun, and dried up all the rain,

(Form a circle with your hands (sun), and rise your hands.)

And the itsy bitsy spider climbed up the spout again! (Repeat step one.)

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