

Five Action Songs for Toddlers & Bubs

Sung to the melody of Frere Jacques, this is a fun Australian animal song using simple animal actions & we often sing three rounds.

1. Barramundi Cockatoo

Verse 1

Actions

Barramundi Barramundi

(hands together like a fish swimming)

Cockatoo Cockatoo

(hand on head waving like feathers)

Emu & Koala Emu & Koala

*(hand made into Emu head & then
cuddle shoulders)*

Kangaroo Kangaroo

(hands in front like paws)

Verse 2

Sugar Glider Sugar Glider

(fingers spread like gliding)

Tassie Devil Tassie Devil

(fingers making teeth shape)

Platypus & Wombat Platypus & Wombat

*(one hand swimming &
then patting nose)*

Crocodile Crocodile

(using hands & arms to snap)

Have children sit in pairs facing each other, holding hands, rocking back & forth as they sing. At the end of the last three verses there's a fun sound to make!!

2. Row Row Row your boat

Row row row your boat

Gently down the stream

Merrily merrily merrily

Life is but a dream

Row row row your boat

Gently up the creek

If you see a little mouse

Don't forget to squeak, Eeek!

Row row row your boat

Gently to the shore

If you see a lion

Don't forget to Roar, Roooooar!

Row row row your boat

Gently down the stream

If you see a crocodile

Don't forget to scream, Aaaaaah!

Such a fun song with lots of room for voice variations, learning body parts & that lovely big kiss at the end!

3. Open Shut Them

	<i>Actions</i>
Open shut them Open shut them	<i>(open & close fingers)</i>
Give a little clap	<i>(clap hands together)</i>
Open shut them Open shut them	<i>(open & close fingers)</i>
Lay them in your lap	<i>(walk hands down to lap)</i>
Creep them creep them	<i>(walk hands up to chin)</i>
Creep them creep them	<i>(walk hands up to chin)</i>
Right up to your chin	<i>(rest fingers on chin)</i>
Open wide your little mouth	<i>(open mouth wide)</i>
But do not let them in	<i>(hide hands behind back)</i>
Shake them Shake them	<i>(shake hands in front)</i>
Shake them Shake them	
Shake them just like this	
Roll them roll them	<i>(roll hands around each other)</i>
Roll them roll them	
Blow a great big kiss! Mwah!	<i>(blow a kiss to friends)</i>

Such a favourite action song! At the end of each verse I often ask the children "what next?" And they'll call out another action. I love this version because the final line in the verse remains the same.

(However if you prefer, you can use "all day long" or "all through the town" or "all the way to daycare")

4. *The Wheels on the Bus*

Actions

The wheels on the bus go round & round

(move hands in a circular

Round and round, round and round

motion by your side)

The wheels on the bus go round & round

Round and round

The doors on the bus go open & shut

(open & shut hands in front)

Open & shut, open & shut

The doors on the bus go open & shut

Open & shut

The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish *(move hands in front like wipers)*

Swish, swish, swish, swish, swish, swish

The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish

Swish, swish, swish

The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep *(pretend to beep horn with hand)*

Beep, beep, beep, beep, beep, beep

The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep

Beep, beep, beep, beep, beep, beep

The Wheels on the Bus cont..

The people on the bus go up & down

(move your body up & down)

Up & down, Up & down

The people on the bus go up & down

Up & down

The babies on the bus go wah, wah, wah

(pretend to cry, rubbing eyes)

Wah, wah, wah, wah, wah, wah

The babies on the bus go wah, wah, wah

Wah, wah, wah

The mummies on the bus go Shhh, shhh, shhh

(hold finger up to lips to

Shhh, shhh, shhh, shhh, shhh, shhh

make shhh action)

The daddies on the bus go shhh, shhh, shhh

Shhh, shhh, shhh,

My lovely workmate Sarah taught me this gem of a song!! It's our go to song before washing hands for lunch with lots of rowdy animal actions . Of course choose whatever animals the children are loving at the time! Eg dinosaurs, kangaroos, snake etc

Hop Little Bunnies

See the sleeping bunnies

(children lying down on floor)

Sleeping till its noon

Shall we wake them with a merry tune

Oh so still

Are they ill?

Wake up little bunnies!

(children jump up & jump up & down!)

Hop little bunnies hop hop hop Hop little bunnies hop hop hop

Hop little bunnies hop hop hop Hop little bunnies hop hop hop

Hop little bunnies hop hop hop Hop little bunnies hop hop hop

Hop little bunnies hop hop hop Hop & stop. Lie back down

See the sleeping lions

(children lying down on floor)

Sleeping till its noon

Shall we wake them with a merry tune

Oh so still

Are they ill?

Wake up little lions!

(children make claws & roar!)

Roar little lions roar, roar, roar Roar little lions roar, roar, roar

Roar little lions roar, roar, roar Roar little lions roar, roar, roar

Roar little lions roar, roar, roar Roar little lions roar, roar, roar

Roar little lions roar, roar, roar Roar & stop. Lie back down

See the sleeping eagles *(children lying down on floor)*

Sleeping till its noon

Shall we wake them with a merry tune

Oh so still

Are they ill?

Wake up little eagles! *(children put arm out either side & fly)*

Fly little eagles fly, fly, fly Fly little eagles fly, fly, fly

Fly little eagles fly, fly, fly Fly little eagles fly, fly, fly

Fly little eagles fly, fly, fly Fly little eagles fly, fly, fly

Fly little eagles fly, fly, fly Fly & stop. Lie back down

See the sleeping crocodiles *(children lying down on floor)*

Sleeping till its noon

Shall we wake them with a merry tune

Oh so still

Are they ill?

Wake up little crocodiles! *(children snap with their hands)*

Snap little crocodiles snap, snap, snap Snap little crocodiles snap, snap, snap

Snap little crocodiles snap, snap, snap Snap little crocodiles snap, snap, snap

Snap little crocodiles snap, snap, snap Snap little crocodiles snap, snap, snap

Snap little crocodiles snap, snap, snap Snap & stop

I hope you enjoy sharing these songs with your children.

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