

Fun with Toddlers: Ducks Theme

Songs to Sing

Five Little Ducks Went Out One Day

<http://tmas.kcls.org/five-little-ducks-went-out-one-day/>

Five Little Ducks went out one day,
over the hills and far away.

Mother Duck said, "Quack, Quack, Quack, Quack,"
but only four little ducks came back.

(Repeat counting down to "but no little ducks came back.")

Sad mother duck went out one day, over the hills and far away

Mother Duck said, "Quack, Quack, Quack, Quack,"
and five little ducks came running back.

Six Little Ducks that I Once Knew <http://tmas.kcls.org/six-little-ducks/>

Duck Picture Books and Activities they Inspire

Five Little Ducks by Raffi. The words from the song (above) in a book with illustrations. And Ten Rubber Duckies by William Winburn. These are both countdown songs/stories, and they have a really memorable, predictable rhyme and rhythm – easy for kids to memorize!

- Sing the song, and act it out with rubber ducks or handmade puppets. Great for learning to subtract and learning about zero.

One Duck Stuck by Phyllis Root. Fabulous rhyming, rhythmic words. And a counting book. And lots of fun marshland creatures.

- Sensory play in muddy muck: give child a bag of dirt (or collect dirt from yard). Spend time exploring the dirt, describing it, looking at it through a magnifying glass. Add a little water. Explore some more. Then add more water till you've got goeey mud. Get a toy duck stuck.

Ten Little Rubber Ducks by Eric Carle. Based on a real-life story of a shipping carton of rubber ducks that fell into the ocean.

- Numbers: Collect 10 rubber ducks, or use paper ducks. Child rolls dice, counts the dots, puts that many ducks in the tub to show "how many fell into the ocean?"
- Talk about ordinal numbers & directions: the first duck swam north, the second duck...

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