Fables, Fairy Tales, and Funny Rhymes



The Five Little Ducks

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Hey, Diddle, Diddle

Draw a picture for Hey, Diddle, Diddle. Circle the rhyming words.



Hey, diddle, diddle, the cat and the fiddle
The cow jumped over the moon;
The little dog laughed to see such sport,
And the dish ran after the spoon.

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One, Two, Buckle My Shoe

Draw a picture for each line of the poem.



One, two, buckle my shoe;
Three, four, shut the door;
Five, six, pick up sticks;
Seven, eight, lay them straight!

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The Itsy Bi	tsy Spider
Draw a picture of the beginnered of the poem.	ning, middle, and
The itsy-bitsy spider	
Climbed up the water spout	
Down came the rain	
And washed the spider out	
Out came the sun	

Beginning

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And dried up all the rain

And the itsy-bitsy spider

Climbed up the spout again.

End

Old Mother Hubbard

Draw a picture about the story of Old Mother Hubbard.

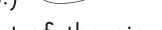


Old Mother Hubbard;
Went to the cupboard,
To give her poor dog a bone;
But when she got there
The cupboard was bare,
And so the poor dog had none.

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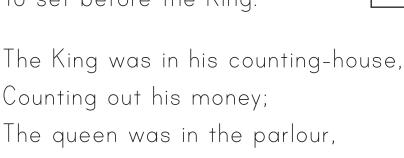
Sing a Song of Sixpence

Directions: Circle the rhyming words in the poem. (There are 3 sets of rhyming words.) Draw a picture of the blackbirds coming out of the pie.



Sing a song of sixpence, A pocket full of rye. Four and twenty blackbirds Baked in a pie.

When the pie was opened The birds began to sing. Now, wasn't that a dainty dish To set before the King.



The maid was in the garden, Hanging out the clothes; When up came a blackbird And nipped off her nose.

Eating bread and honey;



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The Owl and the Pussy-Cat

by Edward Lear

Draw a picture of two characters in the poem.

The Owl and the Pussy-Cat went to sea
In a beautiful pea-green boat;
They took some honey, and plenty of money
Wrapped up in a five-pound note.
The Owl looked up to the moon above,
And sang to a small guitar,
"O lovely Pussy! O Pussy, my love!
What a beautiful Pussy you are,
You are,

What a beautiful Pussy you are!"
Pussy said to the Owl, "You elegant fowl!
How wonderfully sweet you sing!
Oh, let us be married! Too long we have tarried:
But what shall we do for a ring?"
They sailed away for a year and a day
To the land where the Bong-tree grows,
And there in a wood a piggy-wig stood
With a ring in the end of his nose,
His nose.

With a ring in the end of his nose.



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The Owl and the Pussy-Cat

by Edward Lear

"Dear Pig, are you willing to sell for one shilling your ring?" Said the piggy, "I will."

So they took it away, and were married next day By the turkey who lives on the hill.

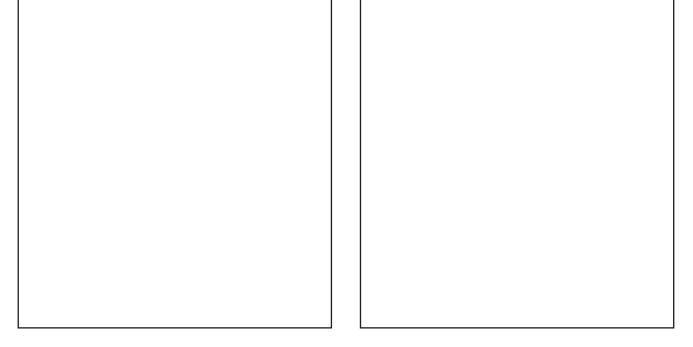
They dined upon mince and slices of quince, Which they ate with a runcible spoon;

And hand in hand, on the edge of the sand,

They danced by the light of the moon,

The moon,

They danced by the light of the moon.





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Five Little Monkeys

Directions: 1. Circle the rhyming words in the poem.

2. Color in the picture of the monkey jumping on the bed.

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed,

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One fell down and bumped his head,

Mama called the doctor and the doctor said.

"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

Four little monkeys jumping on the bed,

One fell down and bumped his head,

Mama called the doctor and the doctor said.

"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

Three little monkeys jumping on the bed,

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One fell down and bumped his head,

Mama called the doctor and the doctor said.

"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

Two little monkeys jumping on the bed,

One fell down and bumped his head,

Mama called the doctor and the doctor said.

"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

One little monkey jumping on the bed,

He fell down and bumped his head,

Mama called the doctor and the doctor said,

"Put those monkeys straight to bed!"



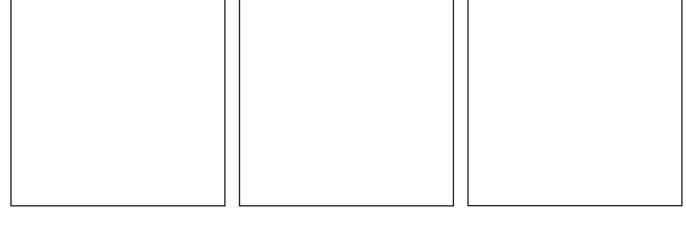
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Old King Cole

Draw a picture of each object that Old King Cole called for in the rhyme.



Old King Cole was a merry old soul,
And a merry old soul was he;
And he called for his pipe,
And he called for his bowl,
And he called for his fiddlers three.
And every fiddler, he had a fine fiddle,
And a very fine fiddle had he;
"Tweedle dee, tweedle dee," said the fiddlers:
"Oh, there's none so rare as can compare
With King Cole and his fiddlers three."



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Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

by Jane Taylor

Circle the rhyming words in the poem below.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are!
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.

In the dark blue sky you keep,
Often through my curtains peep
For you never shut your eye,
Till the sun is in the sky

When the blazing sun is gone, When he nothing shines upon, Then you show your little light, Twinkle, twinkle, all the night.

As your bright and tiny spark *Lights the traveler in the dark, *Though I know not what you are, *Twinkle, twinkle, little star.

Then the traveler in the dark
Thanks you for your tiny spark,
How could he see where to go,
If you did not twinkle so?

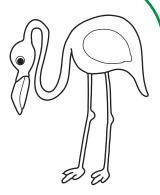


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At The Zoo

by William Makepeace Thackeray

Draw a picture of your favorite animal from the poem.



First I saw the white bear, then I saw the black;
Then I saw the camel with a hump upon his back;
Then I saw the grey wolf, with mutton in his maw;
Then I saw the wombat waddle in the straw;
Then I saw the elephant a-waving of his trunk;
Then I saw the monkeys—mercy, how unpleasantly they smelt!

Five Busy Honey Bees



Draw a picture of your favorite part of the story.



Five busy honey bees were resting in the sun.

The first one said, "Let us have some fun."

The second one said, "Where shall it be?"

The third one said, "In the honey tree."

The fourth one said, "Let's make some honey sweet."

The fifth one said, "With pollen on our feet."

The five little busy bees sang their buzzing tune,

As they worked in the beehive all that afternoon.

Bzzzzz! Bzzzzz! Bzzzzz! Bzzzzz!!



Peter Piper Picked a Peck

Peter Piper is an alliteration poem. Almost every word in the poem starts with the letter P. Try to read it fast!



PETER Piper picked a peck
Of pickled peppers;
A peck of pickled peppers
Peter Piper picked;
If Peter Piper picked a peck
Of pickled peppers,
Where's the peck of pickled peppers
Peter Piper picked?

Draw a picture of Peter Piper picking peppers.



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The Five Little Ducks

Five little ducks

Went out one day

Over the hill and far away

Mother duck said

"Quack, quack, quack, quack."

But only four little ducks came back.

Four little ducks

Went out one day

Over the hill and far away

Mother duck said

"Quack, quack, quack, quack."

But only three little ducks came back.

Three little ducks

Went out one day

Over the hill and far away

Mother duck said

"Quack, quack, quack, quack."

But only two little ducks came back.

Two little ducks

Went out one day

Over the hill and far away

Mother duck said

"Quack, quack, quack, quack."

But only one little duck came back.

One little duck

Went out one day

Over the hill and far away

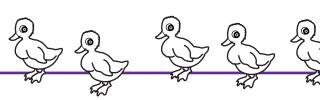
Mother duck said

"Quack, quack, quack, quack."

But none of the five little ducks came back.

Sad mother duck
Went out one day
Over the hill and far away
The sad mother duck said
"Quack, quack, quack."

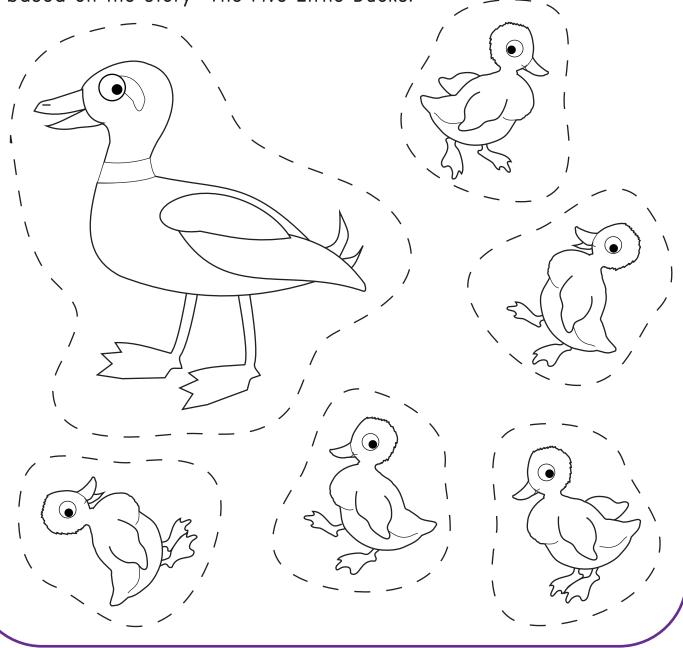
And all of the five little ducks came back.



The Five Little Ducks

Activity For The Five Little Ducks

Print out the patterns for mother duck and the five little ducks. If available, print on cardstock or thicker paper. Ask children to color in the patterns, then help cut them out and glue them onto popsicle sticks. Put on a puppet show with the puppets based on the story "The Five Little Ducks."



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The Hare and the Tortoise

by Aesop

A Hare was making fun of the Tortoise one day for being so slow.

"Do you ever get anywhere?" he asked with a mocking laugh.

"Yes," replied the Tortoise, "and I get there sooner than you think. I'll run you a race and prove it."

The Hare was much amused at the idea of running a race with the Tortoise, but for the fun of the thing he agreed. So the Fox, who had consented to act as judge, marked the distance and started the runners off.

The Hare was soon far out of sight, and to make the Tortoise feel very deeply how ridiculous it was for him to try a race with a Hare, he lay down beside the course to take a nap until the Tortoise should catch up.

The Tortoise meanwhile kept going slowly but steadily, and, after a time, passed the place where the Hare was sleeping. But the Hare slept on very peacefully; and when at last he did wake up, the Tortoise was near the goal. The Hare now ran his swiftest, but he could not overtake the Tortoise in time.

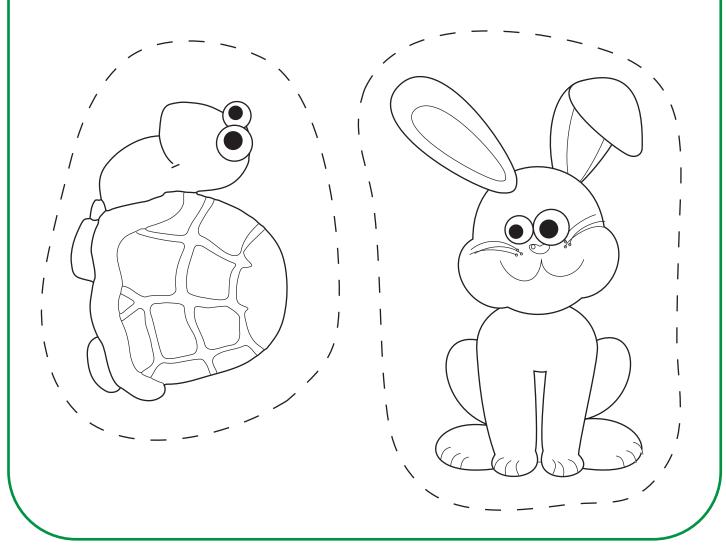
Moral: The race is not always to the swift.

The Hare and the Tortoise

by Aesop

Activity For "The Hare and the Tortoise"

Print out the patterns for the tortoise and the hare. If available, print on cardstock or thicker paper. Ask children to color in the patterns, then help cut them out and glue them onto popsicle sticks. Put on a puppet show with the puppets based on the story, "The Hare and the Tortoise."





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