

# The Itsy Bitsy Spider

## Primary Objectives

- 9a. Uses an expanding expressive vocabulary
- 9b. Speaks clearly

## Why It's Important

Young children enjoy exploring the sounds they can make with their voices. Simple rhymes and fingerplays give your child the opportunity to play with the sounds of language as she expands her vocabulary.

## Materials

None

## What You Do

1. Invite your child to sing “The Itsy Bitsy Spider” with you. Sing slowly the first time to give your child a chance to match your words and hand motions.
2. When you sing the words itsy bitsy, change the pitch of your voice for emphasis.
3. Sing the song again, changing the words to big fat spider and using a different voice pitch and hand motions. Invite your child to mimic your words and movements. *This time we’re going to sing about a big fat spider. I’m going to make my voice sound louder and lower when we sing.*
4. Ask your child to think of other ways to sing the song by changing the words, pitch, or motions. Encourage her to lead the song as you follow along.
5. Continue the activity for as long as your child is interested.
6. At other times throughout the day, give your child the opportunity to think of new words and motions for other familiar songs. Invite her to share her ideas with others.