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**Parents’ Night Out Rhymes, Songs, Stories Sample Handout**

**Freddie had a Fishbowl: Fingerplay & Featured Felt story craft**

Freddie had a fishbowl (bowl w/ hands)

In it was a fish, (hold up one finger)

Swimming around, (swimming motions)

With a swish, swish, swish.

Fred said, “I know what I will do. I’ll buy another fish and that will make \_\_.” (hold up 2 fingers)

Fred said, ‘I’m sure it would BE very very nice if I just had \_\_.” (hold up 3 fingers)

Fred said, “If I just had one MORE, that would make, one, two, three, \_\_.” (hold up 4 fingers)

Fred said, “What fun to see them DIVE. One, two, three, four and \_\_.”(hold up 5 fingers)

How many fishes do you see? How many fishes – count them with me! (Children count 1 2 3 4 5)

**Here is the Sea: Fingerplay**

Here is the sea, the wavy sea,

(make small waves with hands)

Here is the boat and here is me.

(lightly clench one fist for the boat and pop one finger through for ‘me’)

 All the little fishes down below

(put hands down low)

 Wriggle their tails, and away they all go.

(wriggle fingers, then put them behind you)

**Going Fishing: ‘Fishing’ Bounce**

Going fishing in the deep blue sea

(child on knees, hands held firmly)

Catching fishes for my teas

(child's head falls slowly between knees)

Catch another for my brother

(give a little pull upwards)

One! Two! Three! (pull child up on three).

**Sailing: Lullaby**

Sailing sailing over the water

Sailing sailing over the oceans

Sailing sailing over the sea

Sail on back to me

**Row, Row, Row Your Boat: Song/Action**

Row, row, row your boat, gently down the stream

Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily, Life is but a dream.

Row, row, row your boat, gently down the stream

If you see a crocodile, don’t forget to scream - Ahh!

Row, row, row your boat, gently down the shore

If you see a dinosaur, don’t forget to roar – Rarr!!

Row, row, row your boat, gently down the river

If you see a polar bear, don’t forget to shiver - Brrr!

Row, row, row your boat, gently down the bay

If you see a pirate ship, Go the other way- Aiiy!

**Slippery Fish/Octopus Song: (Can be told as a Felt Story, with Pictures on Sticks, or Song)**

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A slippery fish, a slippery fish, swimming in the ocean.  
A slippery fish, a slippery fish, Glub. Glub. Glub.  
Oh no, I’ve been eaten by a tuna fish!

A tuna fish, a tuna fish, swimming in the ocean.  
A tuna fish, a tuna fish, Glub. Glub. Glub.  
Oh no, I’ve been eaten by an octopus!

An octopus, an octopus, Swimming in the ocean.  
An octopus, an octopus, Glub. Glub. Glub.  
Oh no, I’ve been eaten by a great big shark!

A great big shark, a great big shark, Swimming in the ocean.  
A great big shark, a great big shark,  
Glub. Glub. Glub.  
Oh no, I’ve been eaten by a humongous whale!

A humongous whale, a humongous whale,  
Swimming in the ocean.  
A humongous whale, a humongous whale, Glub. Glub. Glub.

… Burp! Excuse me  
or Oh no, I’ve been eaten by a human!

Was it you?

**Catch Me and Kiss Me: Rhyme**

Catch me and kiss me and say it again

Set sail in a cockle shell boat

If no one fell out then who stayed in?

Catch me and kiss me and say it again.

**Rub a Dub Dub: Rhyme**

Rub-a-dub-dub three men in a tub

And who do you think they’ll be

The butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker

And all of them gone to the sea

**My Big Blue Boat: Song**

I love to row in my big blue boat, big blue boat, big blue boat  
I love to row in my big blue boat, out in the deep blue sea

My big blue boat has two white sails, two white sails, two white sails  
My big blue boat has two white sails, out in the deep blue sea

So come for a ride in my big blue boat, my big blue boat, my big blue boat,

So come for a ride in my big blue boat, out on the deep blue sea

**‘Nelly’ Go ‘Cross the Ocean: Circle Dance Action Song**

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\_\_ go ‘cross the ocean, \_ go cross the sea

\_\_ go ‘cross the mountain top

But then come back to me

\_\_ go ‘cross the prairies,

\_\_ go ‘cross the plains

\_\_ go ‘cross the desert sands

And then come back again.

\_\_ jump up and down now

\_\_ jump up and down

\_\_ turn round and round and round

And round and round and round.

**Waves at the Beach: Song**  
*Tune: The Wheels on the Bus*

The waves on the beach go up and down, up and down, up and down

The waves on the beach go up and down,

All day long

Crabs at the beach crawl back and forth, back and forth, back and forth, …

Lobsters at the beach go snap snap snap, snap snap snap, snap snap snap, …

Clams at the beach go open and shut, open and shut, open and shut, … All day long.

**Fiction Books:**

**Boat Works**

Slaughter, Tom (J + Babes)

**Deep Blue Sea: a book of colors**

Woods, Audrey (J + Babes)

**Fish Eyes, a book you can count on**

Ehlert, Lois (J + Fic)

**Fish, Swish! Splash Dash! Counting Round and Round**

Macdonald, Suse (J + Fic)

**Happy**

Van Tout, Mies (J + Fic)

**I Spy Under the Sea**

Gibbs, Edward, (J + Fic)

**I’m the Biggest Thing in the Ocean**

Sherry, Kevin (J + Babes)

**Mr. Gumpy’s Outing**

Birmingham, John (J + Fic)

**One Blue Fish; a colorful counting book**

Reasoner, Charles (J + Babes)

**Shark in the Dark**

Bentley, Peter (J + Fic)

**Shark in the Park**

Sharratt, Nick (J + Fic)

**There Once Was a Puffin**

Jacques, Florence & Halpern, Shari

(J + Fic)

**This is Not My Hat**

Klassen, John (J + Fic)

**Who Sank the Boat**

Allen, Pamela (J + Fic)

**Wow! Ocean**

Neubecker, Robert (J + Fic)

**Non-Fiction Books:**

**Baby Beluga**

Raffi, (j784.624 R13ba)

**Deep Blue Sea: 6 amazing pop-up scenes**

Ferguson, Richard (j591.77F35d Easy)

**Into the A, B, C**

Rose, Deborah lee & Jenkins, Steve (j591.77 R79i)

**Felt Story Resources**

**Websites**

Here are some websites that have great flannel/felt board ideas. Many of these sites will link to other sites with yet more ideas!

**DLTK’s Crafts for Kids**

http://www.dltk-kids.com/

A great place to find templates for felt pieces.

**Mel’s Desk: Storytime, Early Literacy, Parent Education, Staff Training…**

http://melissa.depperfamily.net/blog/

Children’s librarian Mel has lots of great felt story ideas.

**Storytime Katie**

http://storytimekatie.wordpress.com/

Children’s librarian Katie has created a great site with themed storytime plans. Check out “Flannel Friday,” an area of the website devoted to felt stories and ready-to-use patterns.

**Make Learning Fun**

http://www.makinglearningfun.com/

This Early Childhood Education site has felt patterns for popular stories such as Dog’s Colorful Day and The Seals on the Bus.

**Local Sources for Felt Board Supplies**

**Dollar or Loonie Stores** – various locations.

**Dress-Sew Supply**: 337 West Hastings; Telephone: 604-682-6196

Large supply of felts in many colours, sewing supplies, fabrics, fusible interfacing.

**Michael’s: the Arts & Crafts Store**: several locations in the Mainland.

<http://www.michaels.com>

Large supply of craft materials, such as plastic eyes, embroidery threads, & inexpensive felt squares in lots of colours.

**Welk’s Discount Store**: 3511 Main St., Vancouver, BC; Tel: 604-873-3330

A good selection of felt squares, fabric paint, plastic eyes, and other craft supplies.

**Collins Educational:** 8358 St. George St., Tel: 604-325-5005  
<http://www.collinseducation.com/> A variety of craft materials, including felt pieces.

***Have fun making early literacy and language learning materials to use with your child!***

***The library has lots of great resources to help you so please ask us to help you find what you want.***