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# PEAK

## Count Down to Kindergarten

### Where Is Santa

Sung to: "Where is Thumbkin"

Where is Santa? Where is Santa?

Here I am! Here I am!

Merry, Merry Christmas

Merry, Merry Christmas

Ho Ho Ho! Ho Ho Ho!

### 5 Little Christmas Trees

Five little Christmas trees

Standing all alone

Their hearts were very sad

'Cause they hadn't found a home.

Then chop went the ax

And down fell the tree

And off they went with a happy family!

(continue from 4 to 1 Christmas trees)

No little Christmas trees

Standing all alone

Their hearts were very happy

'Cause they all found a home!

### Let's All

Sung to: "We Wish You A Merry Christmas"

Let's all do a little clapping,

Let's all do a little clapping,

Let's all do a little clapping,

& spread Christmas cheer.

*You can change the clapping to other activities.*

2. Jumping

3. Twirling

4. Stretching

5. Bending

### I'm A Little Pine Tree

Sung to: "I'm A Little Teapot"

I'm a little pine tree- as you can see,

All the other pine trees are bigger than me.

Maybe when I grow up-then I'll be

A great big merry Christmas tree!



Songs, Rhymes and Finger Plays  
Literacy Development



Start Early. Reach Higher.

### The Lights on the Tree

#### **Sung to: "The Wheels on the Bus"**

The lights on the tree go blink, blink, blink,

Blink, blink, blink, blink, blink, blink.

The lights on the tree go blink, blink, blink

All Christmas Day.

#### *Other Verses:*

The presents at the house go rattle, rattle, rattle,  
etc.

The mom at the house goes bake, bake, bake, etc.

The dad at the house goes snore, snore, snore, etc.

The grandma at the house goes hug, hug, hug, etc.

The grandpa at the house goes kiss, kiss, kiss, etc.

### Christmas Fingerplay

I am a Christmas tree growing up tall, (stretch)

But when I first started, I was this small (crouch).

Then I grew bigger and had branches this wide, (stand slowly, arms out).

And I made pine cones with seeds hiding inside. (fold hand for pine cone)

The wind shakes my branches, (shake arms).

And down those seeds fall, (flutter fingers downward).

To make new little pine trees for tinsel and balls. (point hands together for tree, opening slowly to form ball shape).

### Two Little Candy Canes

Way up high on the Christmas tree

Two little candy canes winked at me

So I shook that tree as hard as I could

And down came the candy canes

Hmm, Hmm, Good!



### I'm a Little Santa

#### **Sung to: "I'm a Little Teapot"**

I'm a little Santa short and fat,

Here is my beard and here is my sack,

On Christmas Eve I hop in my sleigh,

With a "Ho ho ho" I'm on my way.

## **PEAK Literacy Tip**

Finger plays, songs and rhymes are important for helping children learn the sounds of language. This is the beginning step of learning to read.

It is important for young children to:

- Repeat rhyming songs and poems and identify rhymes
- Recognize the common sounds at the beginning of words

Have fun with these seasonal songs and rhymes.

### **Santa Claus**

#### **Sung to: "Are You Sleeping?"**

Santa Claus, Santa Claus,

Ho, ho, ho.

Ho, ho, ho.

Where is Santa?

Where is Santa?

I don't know.

Do you know?

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