

Sing It Out

Story Time Song Bank

Transition songs, wiggle breaks and lullabies to bookend your circle.

Hello / Gather

The Hello Song (tune: “Twinkle, Twinkle”)

Hello, hello, how are you? / Hello, hello, I’m glad you came too. / Wave your hands and stomp your feet, / Find a friend and take a seat.

Where Is Everybody? (tune: “Frère Jacques”)

Where is [Name]? Where is [Name]? / Here I am! Here I am! / How are you today, friend? / Very well, I thank you! / Let’s read on. Let’s read on.

Book Intro

Open Shut Them

Open, shut them; open, shut them. / Give a little clap, clap, clap. / Open, shut them; open, shut them. / Lay them in your lap, lap, lap. / Now our story time begins...

Wiggle Breaks

Shake Your Sillies Out

Gotta shake, shake, shake my sillies out (x3) / And wiggle my waggles away. / (Repeat: clap, jump, yawn.)

Bubble Breath

Deep breath in — hold a big bubble in your mouth. Blow it out sloooowly. Repeat 3x to reset the group.

Transitions

Tidy-Up Chant

Clean up, clean up, everybody do your share. / Clean up, clean up, everybody, everywhere.

Turn the Page (tune: “Row, Row, Row Your Boat”)

Turn, turn, turn the page, / gently as you go. / What comes next? Let’s take a look — / read it nice and slow.

Goodbye / Lullaby

The Goodbye Song (tune: “Goodnight, Ladies”)

Goodbye, readers. Goodbye, readers. / Goodbye, readers — we’ll read again soon.

Twinkle Reprise (lullaby close)

Sing “Twinkle, Twinkle” at half speed. Whisper the last line. Perfect for naptime hand-offs.

Rhythm tip: The same three songs, every week, in the same order = a predictable rhythm that helps little ones feel safe enough to focus on the story.