



Addition/ Subtraction Songs

Play songs and sing fingerplays that include addition and/or subtraction of small numbers from 1–5 or 10.

For example:

*Way up high in the apple tree,
Five red apples smiled at me (hold up 5 fingers),
I shook that tree as hard as I could (shake hand),
Dooooowwwnnnn came an apple... (Pretend 1
finger is falling)
Mmmm, it was good!*

Repeat the rhyme until all the apples are off of the tree and emphasize that there are zero apples left.

Prompt Children to Add and Subtract Using Objects

“Oh no! We started with five apples, but two have fallen down. How many do we have left?
What is five take away two?”