Babies & Toddlers storytime- Mother Goose Rhymes

Books:

* Clare Beaton’s Nursery Rhymes, by Clare Beaton
* Pat-a-Cake! Nursery Rhymes, by Annie Kubler
* Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, by Ira Trapani
* Bedtime Rhymes, by Lucy Cousins
* Big Fat Hen, by Keith Baker

Songs and fingerplays:

* [http://curry.virginia.edu/go/wil/rimes_and_rhymes.htm](http://curry.virginia.edu/go/wil/rimes_and_rhymes.htm) - website includes a Rhyme-a-Day resource with an illustrated nursery rhyme and activities to do with it
* WCCLS Birth2Six YouTube channel for Washington County Cooperative Library Services- a collection of nursery rhymes videos sung in English and Spanish
* [http://www.mamalisa.com/?t=heh](http://www.mamalisa.com/?t=heh) - Mother Goose rhymes in English, Spanish and French. You can listen to the tune as well as read the words.
**Flannelboard pieces:**

http://storytimekatie.com/flannelboards/ Katie is a librarian who has created a large library of flannelboard stories, and her website includes instructions and words to many fingerplays and rhymes.


**Crafts and activities:**


This craft uses foam sheets and shapes, glue sticks, markers, and yarn. It is a great activity for practicing fine motor skills, as well as counting, sequencing, shapes, and re-telling songs or rhymes.

This activity involves cotton balls that have been dyed with black water color paints. A clothespin is the writing tool to dab dots onto the child’s written name.

http://www.momto2poshildivas.com/2013/02/nursery-rhymes-exploring-humpty-dumpty.html

**Humpty Dumpty egg puzzles** - Cut out ovals from cardstock to make eggs. Color a face on the egg so it looks like Humpty Dumpty. Cut the oval into several pieces and paperclip or put in a sandwich bag for each child. Have the child put the egg puzzle together using Band-Aids.
Large motor activities:

**Jack Be Nimble**- Set a sturdy pillar candle on the floor and invite children to jump over it while you recite the rhyme. Have them try jumping with one foot or two to develop different large motor skills.

**Humpty Dumpty**- Build a wall with blocks and set a toy version of Humpty Dumpty on top of it. Have children re-enact Humpty falling off of it and then set it back on top again.

**Pat-a-cake**- Gently hold baby’s hands while acting out this rhyme:

Pat-a-cake, Pat-a-cake (*pat hand together*),

Baker’s man (*pretend like you’re stirring something in a bowl*),

Bake me a cake as fast as you can!

Roll it and pat it (*roll hands, then pat them together*),

And mark it with a “B”,

And put it in the oven for baby and me (*pretend like you’re putting something in an oven*).
Pretend Play:

**Rub-a-dub-dub**- Let children re-enact the rhyme by providing three boxes large enough for them to sit in. Provide hats that represent the characters in the poem: a butcher, a baker, and a candlestick maker. Have the children take turns sitting in the boxes while you recite the poem.

**Snacks:**

**Humpty Dumpty**- hard boiled eggs

**Itsy Bitsy Spider**-


**Other resources:**

http://www.mgol.net/ Mother Goose On the Loose website- video clips of nursery rhymes, with words and developmental tips