

Going On a Picnic

Let's go on a picnic, the sun is shining bright.
Let's go on a picnic, the weather is just right!
But what shall we put in our basket, our basket,
our basket,
What shall we put in our basket to take on our
picnic today?
How about some blueberries?

Song:

Ringle rangle rowdy, cock-a-doodle doo,
Walking in the garden,
Picking berries blue,
One for me, one for you,
And our friends should have some, too.

And we put the berries into our basket.
But what else shall we put in our basket, our
basket, our basket?
What else shall we put in our basket to take on
our picnic today?
How about some bread?

Song:

The baker is baking sweet biscuits so small,
His oven can hold seven hundred in all.
Buy some for tea, buy some for tea,
The best are for thee.

And we put the bread into our basket.
But what else shall we put in our basket, our
basket, our basket?
What else shall we put in our basket to take on
our picnic today?
How about some butter for our bread?

Clapping game:

Come, butter, come,
Come, butter, come,
(Child's name) is waiting at the gate for a little
butter cake.
Come, butter, come,
Come, butter, come.

*Make gesture of sun above head.
"Come along" gesture
Pretend to hold basket in arm, and to put
objects into basket.*

Walk in a circle.

*Mimic picking blueberries,
Eating blueberry, offering one to another.*

*Pretend to wrap berries, and place in basket.
Pretend to hold basket in arm, and to put
objects into basket.*

*Mimic mixing, then kneading dough.
Using arms, form large "O" in front of body.
Gesture as if offering money for goods.*

*Pretend to wrap bread, and place in basket.
Pretend to hold basket in arm, and to put
objects into basket.*

*Sit on floor cross-legged,
Repeat rhythm throughout entire verse: two
claps on lap, one clap with hands.
Repeat replacing child's name with names of
family members, friends, etc.*

Let's go to the farm for our picnic!

Sing song while walking through room as if following a path.

Song:

We're going on a picnic, a picnic, a picnic,
We're going on a picnic to the farm today!

Song:

I went to the farm on a sunny day,
I passed a chicken along the way,
What do you think I heard her say?
Cluck, cluck, cluck.

Sit on floor, sing song, join in making animal sounds (adding animal gestures as appropriate)

I went to the farm on a sunny day,
I passed a horse along the way,
What do you think I heard him say?
Neigh, neigh, neigh.

(Repeat, inviting child to name which animal was encountered)

We've come to a lovely field,
Let's spread out our blankets,
And unpack our food,
And sit to enjoy our lunch in the sun!

Mimic movements as stated in words.

But who is that I see,
staring from the farm yard at our lunch and me?
It's Piggy-wig and Piggy-wee!

Finger Play:

Piggy-wig and Piggy-wee,
two hungry pigs as pigs could be,
For their dinner had to wait
Down behind the barnyard gate.

See this week's puppet show.

Pitty-Wig and Piggy-wee
Climbed the barnyard gate to see,
But no dinner could they spy from
On the gate, oh so high!

Piggy-wig and Piggy-wee
Got down sad as pigs can be.
But then the gate was opened wide
And they scampered forth outside.

Piggy-wig and Piggy-wee
Two hungry pigs as pigs could be
Saw dinner waiting not far off,
Such a full and tempting trough!

Piggy-wig and Piggy-wee
Two greedy pigs as pigs could be
Ran and ran and ran pell mell!
And into the trough those piggies fell!

We've had a fun day at the farmyard,
And enjoyed the sunshine so bright,
Now it's time for us to pack up, and head home,
For it is almost night.