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# Opening the Gift

## Play It Safe

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*Always Be Safe* by Kathy Schulz

*Car Safety* by Lisa M. Herrington

*How Do Dinosaurs Stay Safe?* by Jane Yolen

*Five Little Monkeys Jumping On the Bed* by Eileen Christelow

*Safe Kids: Food Safety* by Dana Meachen Rau

*Safety In My Neighborhood* by Shelly Lyons

*There, There* by Sam McBratney

*Boo Hoo Bird* by Jeremy Tankard

*Lively Elizabeth* by Mara Bergman



## Nursery Rhyme: Humpty Dumpty Songs & Fingerplays to Share



CD: "Whole Lotta Shakin'" from *Bean Bag Rock and Roll* by Georgiana Stewart

### Fun At The Playground

Climb the ladder, and down we slide;

(hands make motion of sliding)

Then on the teeter-totter we ride.

(motion of hands going up and down)

Swinging, swinging, way up high,

(swing arms back and forth)

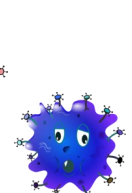
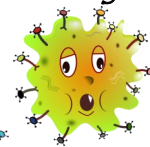
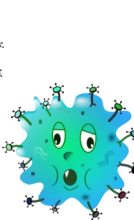
Stretching, stretching to touch the sky.

(stretch arms as high as possible)

Around we go on the merry-go-round,

(stand and turn in a circle)

Having fun at our playground!



### Five Nasty Germs

Five nasty germs were eager to play,

But then came the water and washed one away.

So four nasty germs tried to have some fun,

Until the soap came along and one had to run.

Then three nasty germs tried to make you sick,

But along came the scrubbing and one couldn't stick.

When those two nasty germs got into a fight,  
the rinse came along and washed one out of sight.

The last nasty germ thought  
it couldn't be seen,

But along came a towel and  
the hand was clean!

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fh/mch/CAREweb/>

### Traffic Light Song

(tune: *Mary Had A Little Lamb*)

Can you see the traffic light,

traffic light, traffic light?

GREEN means Go.

And YELLOW means SLOW.

And RED means STOP, STOP, STOP!



### Did You Ever Have a Boo-Boo?

(tune: *Did You Ever See a Lassie?*)

Did you ever have a boo-boo,

A boo-boo, a boo-boo?

Did you ever have a boo-boo,

A boo-boo right here?

(point to knee)

Right here on your knee,

Your knee, your knee.

Did you ever have a boo-boo,

A boo-boo right here?

(repeat with nose, elbow, head, etc)

*Storytime Plus!* by Kay Lincycomb



### Safety Poem

Stop, Look, and Listen

Before you cross the street.

Use your eyes, Use your ears,

and THEN you use your feet!

[songsforteaching.com](http://songsforteaching.com)

**Your next visit will be: April \_\_\_\_\_**

**Next month's theme will be: "Down On the Farm"**



# More Books to Share:

*But Why Can't I?* by Sue Graves

*Safety Basics* by Rebecca Weber

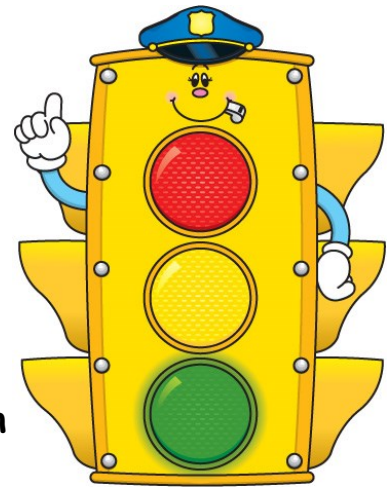
*Do Kangaroos Wear Seat Belts?* by Jane Kurtz

*Ride Right: Bicycle Safety* by Jill Urban Donahue

*Play It Smart: Playground Safety* by Jill Urban Donahue

*Be Aware! My Tips For Personal Safety* by Gina Bellisario

*Never Go Anywhere With a Stranger!* by Lisa M. Herrington



## Activity Ideas:

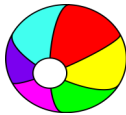
**Make A Traffic Light:** Materials: Graham crackers, peanut butter, and red, yellow, and green M&M's. Break graham crackers into rectangles and have children spread with peanut butter. Place the M&M's in the correct traffic light color pattern and talk about what each color means, then enjoy a tasty snack!

[www.preschoolrainbow.org](http://www.preschoolrainbow.org)

**Is It Dangerous?** Prepare for this sorting activity by gathering a variety of items that are safe to play with such as a doll, a toy truck, a ball. Also gather several items that are inappropriate to play with such as a book of matches, medicine containers, and cleaning products. (Make sure the products and containers are clean and empty). Place the props in a box. Put two plastic hoops on the floor and label them "safe" and "dangerous". To begin, pull an item from the box and help children identify the item. Ask youngsters if this item is safe to play with or if it could be dangerous to play with, then place it in the appropriate circle. Continue in the same way with the remaining items. When finished, place the safe items out for the children to play with and remove the remaining items for safekeeping.

*Mailbox Magazine, Preschool Edition Feb/Mar 2008*

## Book of the Month:



*1001 Fun Ways to Play* by Susan Elizabeth Davis and Nancy Wilson Hall PTC 649.5 D

The best way to teach children—through play—also happens to be the most fun. Packed with creative play ideas from child development experts for children from birth to five, *Gymboree's Play & Learn* is a great resource for parents-to-be, parents of young children, and other caregivers.

- Kid-friendly play ideas are great for spontaneous fun—no complicated preparation necessary.
- Chapters organized by age help parents and caregivers flip to an appropriate activity quickly.
- Helpful introductions highlight developmental milestones for each age group.
- Activities enhance development in key areas, such as language, problem solving, imagination, coordination, and motor skills.

## Road to Reading Tip:

Young children begin to narrate their actions with words. Parents and caregivers may hear preschoolers "thinking out loud." Children may talk out loud as they solve problems, control their behavior, and engage in pretend play. This is an important shift in your young child's thinking and language development, signaling an emerging ability to plan actions and reflect on them as they are carried out. [pbs.org](http://pbs.org)



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