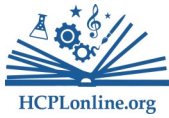


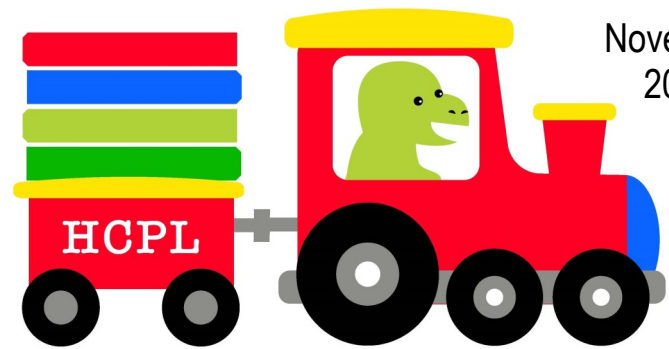
# HCPL Preschool Traveling Library: Opening the Gift



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## Songs & Fingerplays

### Family Fingerplay

This is a family  
[show all ten fingers]  
Let's count and see  
How many people there are  
And who they could be!

This is the mother,  
[wiggle index finger]  
This is the father  
[wiggle middle finger]  
This is the sister,  
[wiggle ring finger]  
And this is the brother  
[wiggle pinkie]

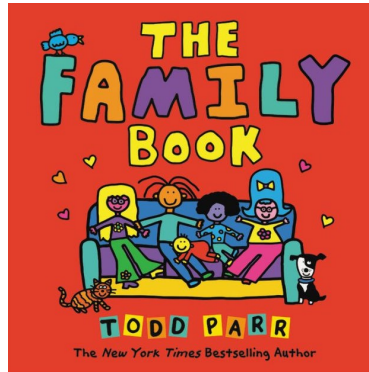
Here is grandpa  
[wiggle thumb]  
And grandma too!  
[wiggle other thumb]  
An aunt,  
[wiggle other index finger]  
An uncle,  
[wiggle other middle finger]  
And cousins who  
[wiggle other ring finger and pinkie]  
Make up a family for me and you!  
[point to self and children]

### Some Families

Some families are large  
[hold arms out wide]  
Some families are small  
[bring hands close together]  
But I love my family, best of all!  
[hug self]

## Theme: Gather Around the Table

### Books to Share



Food, family, and fun go together like peanut butter and jelly! Why not celebrate the joyous, memorable moments we share in the kitchen or around the table with stories, songs, and rhymes?

In *Bee-bim Bop!*, a daughter and mother explore a traditional Korean meal with the flair it deserves. *Grandma's Tiny House* presents a different take on a counting book and

shows how families seem to multiply when a home-cooked meal appears on the table. And Todd Parr's *The Family Book* shows no matter the size or makeup of your family, they are all unique in their own way! Much like a family's favorite recipe.

***Grandma's Tiny House*** by JaNay Brown-Wood  
***Around the Table That Grandad Built*** by Melanie Heuiser Hill

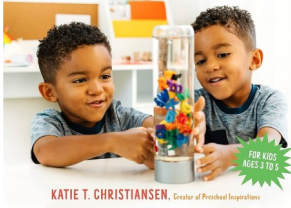
***Bee-bim Bop!*** by Linda Sue Park  
***The Family Book*** by Todd Parr  
***Feeling Thankful*** by Shelley Rotner

**Nursery Rhyme:** To Market, To Market  
**Music:** "Victor Vito" from *The Best of Laurie Berkner Band*  
by The Laurie Berkner Band

**Looking for more book ideas?  
Check these out!**



Next month's theme will be *Sock Hop!*



Give little learners the foundation they need for school and life with this essential collection of activities from veteran preschool teacher Katie T. Christiansen. Using her years of experience developing curriculum, she has curated 75 easy hands-on projects centered on the most important skills children should practice between the ages of 3 and 5--from early literacy, math and science to gross- and fine-motor skills and social-emotional mindfulness. Best of all, these activities require minimal preparation and use affordable, everyday items, so they're perfect for busy, budget-conscious caregivers and educators.

## Try a Fun Activity



### Family Tree Craft

- Sticks from outside (or craft sticks)
- Cardboard tube
- Poster putty
- Paint
- White Cardstock
- Washable Paint
- Markers

1. Cut cardboard tubes to make several ovals
2. Pinch the oval shapes at the top and bottom to form a leaf shape
3. Using the sticks and poster putty, create the branches of the family tree onto the white cardstock
4. Dip the cardboard tube leaves into the paint and add leaves to the branches
5. Allow leaves to dry before labeling the leaves with each family member
6. Optional: Add photos of each of the family members next to their leaves

<https://thepreschooltoolboxblog.com/funny-family-family-tree-crafts-preschool-playfulpreschool/>

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Children are great assistants in the kitchen. Allow your child to engage in simple cooking tasks such as mixing, pouring, or adding and counting ingredients. This helps them work on strengthening their fine motor skills as well as early math skills!



### Questions or suggestions?

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## More Rhymes

### I Am Hungry

tune: Are You Sleeping?

I am hungry! [I am hungry]  
What should I eat? [What should I eat?]  
Think I'll have some pizza  
[think I'll have some pizza]  
Without any meat! [Without any meat].

I am hungry! [I am hungry]  
What should I eat? [What should I eat?]  
Think I'll have tomato soup  
[think I'll have tomato soup]  
With lots of heat! [With lots of heat].

I am hungry! [I am hungry]  
What should I eat? [What should I eat?]  
Think I'll have some ice cream  
[think I'll have some ice cream]  
Cold and sweet! [Cold and sweet].

### Let's Be Thankful

tune: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Let's be thankful for this day  
For the food we eat today

We are grateful, we are glad  
For the good things that we have

Let's give thanks for you and me  
And our friends and family.

### Stir, Stir, Stir the Soup

tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Stir, stir, stir the soup  
Stir it all day long.  
Add some [insert food name here]  
Take a taste [slurrrr!]  
Soup will make us strong. [flex arm]