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BOOKS TO GROW

Kit Theme: Mother Goose

- Book titles included:
  1. **CATCH ME & KISS ME & SAY IT AGAIN** by Wendy Watson
  2. **RING O'ROSES** by Leslie Brooke
  3. **JAMES MARSHALL'S MOTHER GOOSE** by James Marshall
  4. **MOTHER GOOSE: A COLLECTION OF CLASSIC NURSERY RHYMES** ill. by Michael Hague
  5. **RAIN RAIN GO AWAY: A BOOK OF NURSERY RHYMES** ill. by Jonathon Langley

- Video:

  WEE SING: KING COLE'S PARTY

- Audio:

  MAINLY MOTHER GOOSE

Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

THE JUST RIGHT MOTHER GOOSE by Arnold Lobel

LITTLE DOG LAUGHED ill. by Lucy Cousins

MOTHER GOOSE by Kate Greenaway

MOTHER GOOSE: THE CLASSIC VOLLAND EDITION by Eulalie Grove; ill. by Richardson

POSITIVELY MOTHER GOOSE by Diane Loomans

TASHA TUDOR'S MOTHER GOOSE

TICKLE TOE RHYMES by Joan Knight

Activity Ideas – **Mother Goose**

• After reading "Jack Jumped Over the Candlestick," set up a safe place where children can walk, step or jump over an object resembling a candlestick. Likewise, after reading "There Was a Crooked Man," lay down tape or string in a crooked line and have children follow it.

• Many of the rhymes lend themselves to accompanying movements. Have children act out verses like "Pat-a-cake" or "This Old Man," or the following:

JACK AND JILL
Jack and Jill went up the hill
To fetch a pail of water, *(Extend hands out flat, palms facing down; climb them upwards.)*
Jack fell down and broke his crown, *(Let one hand fall quickly into lap.)*
And Jill came tumbling after. *(Let other hand follow jerkily.)*
Up Jack got and said to Jill *(Raise one hand and then the other.)*
As in his arms he caught her, *(Cross arms and hug shoulders.)*
"If you're not hurt, brush off the dirt, *(Brush off clothes.)*
And then we'll fetch the water."
S-l-o-w-l-y, s-l-o-w-l-y, up the hill, *(Climb hands up slowly.)*
This time they spilled no water.
They took it home to mother dear, *(Close fist and seem to carry bucket.)*
Who kissed her son and daughter. *(Kissing sound.)*
(From Let's Do Fingerplays)

TWO LITTLE BLACKBIRDS
Two little blackbirds
Sitting on a hill, *(Hold up both hands, thumbs erect, fingers bent.)*
One named Jack, *(Wiggle one thumb.)*
The other named Jill. *(Wiggle other thumb.)*
Fly away, Jack! *(Bend down one thumb.)*
Fly away, Jill! *(Bend down other thumb.)*
Come back, Jack! *(Raise one thumb erect.)*
Come back, Jill! *(Raise other thumb erect.)*
(From Finger Frolics)

For a variation that emphasizes opposites, insert these words for "hill," "Jack" and "Jill":

- cloud, soft and loud
- snow, fast and slow
- pool, hot and cool
- gate, early and late

(From Teddy and Fred Koch)

THE OWL
There was an old owl who lived in an oak.
The more he saw, *(Point to eyes.)*
The less he spoke. *(Cover mouth.)*
The less he spoke,
The more he heard. *(Cup hand around ear.)*
Why can't we be like that wise old bird?
(From Finger Frolics)

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