This is Tomie dePaola’s 25th anniversary edition of favorite rhymes that are fun for parents to share with babies and older children.

New words and sounds your child might learn: baa, tickly, knock, door, shoe, cat, moon, cuddle.

Before:
- Sing or say a favorite rhyme to your child, such as Mary had a Little Lamb.

During:
- Read the rhyme on the page your child turns to.
- Emphasize the rhyming and rhythm of the sentences.
- Make up hand motions or finger play as you read the nursery rhymes.
- Move your child’s body to the rhythm of the rhymes as you read the words.
- Do the actions in the rhymes such as tickle, jump, knock, fall, etc.

After:
- Play Ring-Around-the-Rosie.
- Sing some Native songs or chants.
- Teach your older child to jump rope or clap to the rhythm of a rhyme.

Try some of the ideas above. Continue to use your own imagination during book play, too. Have fun with the book and enjoy your time together.

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