



### RHYTHM STICK SONGS

I like to call these tapping sticks with young children. You can use regular store purchased rhythm sticks or you can use chop sticks or just 10" wooden dowels. At home, you can even use two table knives.

- It is important that all children have a pair of sticks before beginning.
- Have preschoolers sit on the floor with their legs crossed, so they have lots of floor space around them on which to tap.

Here are some songs to sing while your children tap their sticks on the floor, or one stick on top of the other.

#### LET'S ALL TAP OUR STICKS

Tune: "Mulberry Bush"

Let's all tap - our sticks today,  
Sticks today, sticks today.  
Let's all tap - our sticks today.  
Let's tap them - on our hand.

Tap, tap - tap, tap, tap,  
Tap, tap - tap, tap, tap,  
Tap, tap - tap, tap, tap,  
Tapping on our hand.

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Repeat with other places to tap the sticks.  
Such as; head, arm, foot, elbow, etc.

#### BILLY GOATS GO TRIP, TRAPPING

Tune: "Jingle Bell" (chorus only)

Trip, Trap, Trip, Trap  
Across the bridge they come.  
Here comes the Billy Goats,  
Trip, trapping, one by one.

Here comes baby goat  
Tripping lightly so,  
Trip, trap, trip, trap  
That's the way he goes.

Trip, trap, trip, trap,  
Louder taps, I hear  
The middle goat trips 'cross the bridge  
The troll he does not fear.

Here comes the great big goat  
Watch the bridge sway.  
His trip, traps, sound so loud,  
He scares the troll away!

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(Children tap sticks to make sounds effects for the goats  
As they trip, trap across the bridge.)

#### IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT

Tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It"

Cross your sticks in the air, in the air.  
 Tap your sticks in the air, in the air.  
 Tap your sticks in the air, do it with a flair.  
 Tap your sticks in the air, in the air.

Tap your sticks on the floor, on the floor.  
 Tap your sticks on the floor, on the floor.  
 Tap your sticks on the floor, then do it some more.  
 Tap your sticks on the floor, on the floor.

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### FOUND TWO RHYTHM STICKS

Tune: "Found A Peanut"

Found two rhythm sticks,  
 Found two rhythm sticks,  
 Found two rhythm sticks, just now.

Just now, I found two rhythm sticks  
 And I will tell you how.

They were laying,  
 They were laying,  
 In the middle of the floor,  
 So I stopped and picked them up  
 And walked right out the door.

You should see me,  
 You should see me,  
 Play those rhythms sticks today.  
 I can tap out any song  
 Just listen to me play!

Tap, tap - tap, tap,  
 Tap, tap - tap, tap,  
 Tap, tap, tap - tap, tap, tap, tap.

Tap, tap - tap, tap,  
 Tap, tap - tap, tap,  
 Tap, tap, tap - tap, tap, tap, tap!  
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### TAP YOUR STICKS

Tune: "Frere Jacques"

Tap your sticks.  
 Tap your sticks.  
 One, two, three.  
 One, two, three.

Can you tap your sticks,  
 Can your tap your sticks,  
 Just like me,  
 Just like me?

Tap your sticks,  
 Tap your sticks,  
 Way up high,  
 Way up high.

No-w, bend down,  
 No-w, bend down,  
 Tap the ground.  
 Tap the ground.

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