# **Nature Finger Plays**

#### Beehive

This is a beehive (hand cupped)

Where are the bees?

Hidden away where nobody sees...

Now they come creeping out of the hive

One, two, three, four, five (extend fingers one by one)

Five bees!

Bzzzzzzzz!

# **Five Little Peas**

Five little peas in a peapod pressed

One grew, two grew and so did all the rest

They grew and they grew, and they would not stop

'til finally one day, the pod went pop!

# **Five Little Squirrels**

Five little squirrels sat up in a tree; (Hold up five fingers)

The first squirrel said, "Well, what do I see?" (Point to thumb)

The second squirrel said, "I see a dog!"

The third squirrel said, "I see a frog!"

The fourth squirrel said, "Let's run into the shade!"

The fifth squirrel said, "I'm not afraid!"

Then RUFF went the dog, and away the squirrels ran,

One, two, three, four, five!

## Las Ardillas

Una ardilla se balanceaba sobre una rama delgadita,

Como veía que resistía, fue a llamar a otra ardilla.

Dos ardillas se balanceaban sobre una rama delgadita,

Como veían que resistía, fueron a llamar a otra ardilla ...

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.... (sigue agregando una ardilla)

# Ten Little Raindrops

One little, two little, three little raindrops, Four little, five little, six little raindrops, Seven little, eight little, nine little raindrops, Ten little raindrops falling down!

Falling, falling, falling raindrops, Falling, falling, falling raindrops, Falling, falling, falling raindrops, Pitter-patter, pitter-patter, splash!

Diez Gotitas de Lluvia Uno, dos, tres gotitas Cuatro, cinco, seis gotitas Siete, ocho, nueve gotitas Diez gotitas de lluvia

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## **Five Little Birdies**

Five little birdies went out one day over the hills and far away

The mother bird called "Tweet, tweet, tweet, tweet, tweet"

But only four little birdies came to see

(continue decreasing number of birdies)

So, the mother bird she went out one day

Looking for her birdies far away

She called to her birdies, "Tweet, tweet, tweet, tweet, tweet"

And all five birdies came back to see

## Here's a Green Leaf

Here's a green leaf (show hand)
And here's a green leaf, (show other hand)
That you see, makes two.
Here is a bud (Cup hands together)
That makes a flower;
Watch it bloom for you! (Open cupped hands gradually)

## **Five Little Acorns**

Five little acorns sitting in a tree, Along came Mr. Squirrel, as hungry as can be. The fall wind blew and rustled all the leaves. Down came an acorn; Mr. Squirrel was PLEASED! (repeat with one less acorn each time)

## **Five Little Robins**

Five little robins outside the door: (Hold up hand)

One flew away and then there were four (Put down one finger at a time)

Four little robins sitting in a tree;

One flew away and then there were three

Three little robins looking at you;

One flew away and then there were two.

Two little robins sitting in the sun;

One flew away and then there was one.

One little robin sitting all alone;

He flew away and then there were none.

## **Five Little Seeds**

Five little seeds, five little seeds. Three will make flowers; two will make weeds.

Under the leaves, and under the snow, Five little seeds are waiting to grow.

Out comes the sun, down comes a shower. And up come the three—pretty, pink flowers.

Out comes the sun that every plant needs. And up come the two—silly old weeds.

(vary the numbers of flowers and weeds to practice the combinations that make five)

