Things to do together

• Look at the pictures of circus animals and see if your child can make the sounds that those animals make.
• Make a list of things that make you both laugh
• Talk together about the colors of the circus. What colors make you think of the circus?
• Set up a three ring circus made out of string or cardboard, using paper, markers, chalk or paint. Fill your circus with toy animals or animals cut from felt.
• Create a circus tent by putting a colorful sheet over the kitchen table. Read circus books by flashlight under your “big top”.

Rhymes And Fingerplays

**Five Big Elephants**
Five big elephants - oh, what a sight,
Swinging their trunks from left to right!
Four are followers, and one is the king.
They all walk around in the circus ring.

**Wiggles the Clown**
I wear a funny little hat.
I have a funny nose.
Sometimes I’m thin.
Sometimes I’m fat.
My shoes have floppy toes.
I wiggle, wiggle all about.
I jiggle up and down.
I make children laugh and shout.
It’s fun to be a clown.

**Circus Clown**
I’d like to be a circus clown,
And make a funny face.
(Make a funny face)
And have all the people laugh at me,
As I jump around the place.
(Act silly, make a clown face)

**Tommy O’ Flynn**
Tommy O’Flynn and his old gray mare
(bounce child on knees)
went to see the county fair.
The bridge fell down
(drop knees to floor)
and the bridge fell in,
(open knees and let child fall gently through)
and that was the end of Tommy O’Flynn!

**Funny Clown**
Funny clown, funny clown,
Spin around.
(spin around)
Funny clown, funny clown
Jump up and down
(jump up and down)
Funny clown, funny clown,
Touch your toes.
(touch toes)
Funny clown, funny clown
Honk your nose.
(touch nose)

**Circus**
Elephants walking, elephants walking
See the clowns, funny clowns
Ponies with their riders, poodles doing tricks,
See the show, circus show!