Rhymes And Fingerplays

Families
Some families are large
Some families are small
But I love my family best of all!

Fine Family
Here is the family in my household.
Some are young,
And some are old.
Some are tall,
Some are small,
Some are growing just like me.
Together we all live as a family.
(Hold up one finger for each line, starting with the thumb.)

Family
Here is a daddy
(wiggle thumb)
Here is a mommy
(wiggle index finger)
Here I am for three
(wiggle pinky)
Together we’re a family
As happy as can be!
(clap)

Music
Mother plays the violin
Father plays the flute
Little sister plays the horn
Toot! Toot! Toot!

Mother and Father and Uncle John
(Bounce child gently on your lap)
Went to market one by one
Mother fell off
(Slant child to one side)
Father fell off
(Slant child to other side)
But Uncle John went on and on
(return to gentle bouncing)

Come-a-Look-A-See
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Here’s my mama (wiggle thumb)
Come-a-Look-A-See
Here’s my papa (wiggle index finger)
Come-a-Look-A-See
Brother tall (wiggle middle finger)
Sister, (wiggle ring finger)
Baby (wiggle pinky)
I love them all!
(Blow a kiss)

Things to do together

• Go through a photo album with photographs of your family members. Talk with your child about the people in the photographs. Share stories about them. If your child is very familiar with the people in the photographs, ask open ended question about them like, “What is Aunt Sally doing here?” “Where do you think Grandpa is going?” etc.

• Using a photograph of a family member, ask your child to talk about them. Write down what your child says about them. If you like, mail this dictation to the person. Let your child be a part of addressing and mailing the letter even if it’s only dropping it in the mailbox.