Rhymes And Fingerplays

**Fishing**

1, 2, 3, 4, 5
I caught a fish alive
6, 7, 8, 9, 10
I threw him back again

**Five Little Fishes**

Five little fishes swimming in a pool.
(wiggle five fingers, move arm)
The first fish said, "This pool is cool!"
(Shiver and hug yourself)
The second fish said, "This pool is deep."
(Use a low voice)
The third fish said, "I want to sleep."
(yawn and stretch)
The fourth fish said, "I spy a ship."
(hand shading eyes)
Fishing boat comes, line goes kersplash!
(Throw in line)
Away the five little fishes dash.
(fingers "swim" away quickly)

Five Little Fish

Five Little fish
Swimming in the sea
(mime swimming motions)
Teasing Mr. Shark
You can't catch me
(Make teasing gesture with hands)
Along comes Mr. Shark
As quiet as can be
(swim stealthily)
And SNAPPED that fish
Right out of the sea
(Clap hands like jaws closing on a fish)

Four little fish, swimming in the sea...
Etc.

**Octopus**

Once I saw an octopus
In the deep blue sea
I called, "Mr. Octopus,
Oh, won't you swim with me?"
Out came his tentacles,
So very long and straight
One, two, three, four, five and six
and seven and eight.

Things to do together

- Pour water into a flat tub. On a piece of paper, make two columns, "Float" and "Sink". Choose items from around the house and have your child predict whether they will float or sink.
- Cut out fish shapes using construction paper. Encourage your child to glue these onto blue paper and add crayon or marker details. Ask your child what the fish are doing in their drawing. Write this down and post the drawing and dictation in the house somewhere.
- Put on music and "swim" through the house together. Ask your child what they see.
- Bake some fish shaped cookies together. Make sure you include your child in reading the recipe (or the directions if you use a pre-packaged mix)
- Visit your local Aquarium. Ask your child lots of questions about what they see.

Other Resources

Preschooler's Busy Book by Trish Kuffner