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**Rhymes And Fingerplays**

**Knock, Knock, Who’s There?**

Knock, knock, who’s there?  
( Pretend to knock)

Two little feet that go tap, tap  
(Do motions as indicated)

Knock, knock, who’s there?  
Two little knees that go slap, slap

Knock, knock, who’s there?  
Two little hips that go wiggle, wiggle

Knock, knock, who’s there?  
One little tummy that goes jiggle, jiggle

Knock, knock, who’s there?  
Two little eyes that go blink, blink

Knock, knock, who’s there?  
One little head that goes think, think

Knock, knock, who’s there?  
Open the door and see.  
(pretend to open door)

Knock, knock, who’s there?  
It’s every part of me.  
(wiggle whole body)

**If I Were a Detective**

If I were a detective, I’d look and look  
(Make circles with fingers in front of eyes, look around)

And write down clues in my notebook.  
(Pretend to write)

If I were a detective, I’d think and think  
(Tap side of head with index finger)

And figure out the mystery as quick as a wink!  
(Snap fingers & wink)

**Five Rabbits were Hiding**

Five rabbits were hiding  
(clenched fist)

in the woods one day.  
1-2-3-4-5 jumped out  
(fingers come out as they count)

**Here is a Hive**

Here is a hive  
(Fingers together in a circle)

But where are the bees?  
( Look into “hive”)

Deep inside where nobody sees  
(Snap fingers & wink)

Soon they’ll come out of the hive 1, 2, 3, 4, 5  
( Unwrap fingers one at a time)

Bzzzzz  
("Buzz" fingers all around your head)

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**Other Resources**

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