Rain
First a little drop of rain hit the ground (tap, tap)
Then another drop of rain hit the ground (tap, tap)
Then another and another and another and another
And pretty soon we heard a different sound (Splash! Splash!)

Birds
In the leafy treetops
The birds sing "good morning!"
They're first to see the sun
They must tell everyone
In the leafy treetops
The birds sing "good morning!"

Ladybugs and Butterflies
Ladybugs and butterflies (open and close hands, flap arms)
And buzzing bees up in the trees... (move fingers overhead)
Teeny tiny little ants
Crawling up and down your pants! (move fingers quickly from feet to knees)

Itsy Bitsy Monkey
(tune of "Itsy Bitsy Spider")
The itsy bitsy monkey climbed up the coconut tree (have hands climb)
Down came a coconut and bopped him on his knee (hit knee gently with fist)
Along came his mama, who kissed away the pain (make kissing noise)
Then the itsy bitsy monkey climbed up the tree again. (hands climb again)

I Am a Snake
(Action match the rhyme's words)
I have no legs, I have no arms,
I can take off my skin.
I wiggle my tongue like this
I'm very, very thin.
I can open my mouth so wide
And eat my dinner whole.
I can curl up nice and tight
Or stretch out like a pole.

Things to do Together
• Taste the Rainforest—Buy different foods that you know grow in tropical climates like rainforests—bananas, coconuts, mangoes, papayas, star fruit, guava, kiwis, chocolate (!) are just a few possibilities. Not only are children learning new vocabulary, they are also learning more about where their food comes from before it arrives at the supermarket!
• Humidity—To help show children how humid and hot rainforests are, take them to a greenhouse that grows tropical plants. Nurseries selling these tropical plants are a possibility and sometimes parks also have greenhouses.

Other Resources
EcoArt! By Laurie Carlson