Things to do together

- Before you go grocery shopping, make a paper list with your child. Once you get to the store, let your child take charge of the list and checking things off of it.
- Use a shopping trip as an opportunity to talk about budgets and budgeting.
- Whenever possible, allow your child to handle the money transactions. Count the change together.
- Draw a blank map of the mall and fill in the names of the stores on your trip there.
- While in a store, count how many colors you and your child can find. Name unusual colors as well.
- As you walk through a parking lot, look for a specific letter on license plates.

Rhymes And Fingerplays

**Five Brown Buns**

Five brown buns in the bakery shop  
Five brown buns with sugar on top  
Along came a man (gal)  
With a penny in his (her) hand  
He (she) took one bun  
And away he (she) ran

**Simple Simon**

Simple Simon met a pieman  
Going to the Fair  
Said Simple Simon to the pieman  
"Let me taste your ware."  
Said the man to Simple Simon  
"Show me first your penny."  
Said Simple Simon to the pieman,  
"Indeed, I have not any."

**Going Shopping**

Come to the store with me (beckon)  
Just down the street (point)  
We don't need a car (pretend to steer)  
We can go on our feet (tap feet)  
Daddy wants cherries and apples and steak  
(make a circle like a steak)  
Mother wants bread and strawberry cake  
(rub tummy and smack lips)

**The Shopping Trip**

We went shopping one fine day  
And here is what we bought:  
**Scissors**  
(make cutting motion with fingers. Try continuing each motion as you add another)  
**New shoes**  
(begin walking in place)  
**A flat hat**  
(place other hand on head)  
**A rocking chair**  
(rock back and forth)  
**And bubble gum**  
(make chewing motion)

**Going to Market**

To market, to market  
To buy a fat pig  
Home again, home again  
Jiggety jig  
To market, to market  
To buy a fat hog  
Home again, home again  
Jiggety jog.

Other Resources

Fussbusters on the Go: Strategies and Games for Stress-Free Outings, Errands, and Vacations with your Preschooler by Carol Baicker-McKee