Theme Packets  Summer

Rhymes And Fingerplays

Mister Sun
Oh mister sun, sun, mister golden sun
Won't you please shine down on me
Oh mister sun, sun, mister golden sun
Hiding behind the tree
These little children are asking you
To please come out so they can play with you
Oh mister sun, sun, mister golden sun
Won't you please shine down on
Please shine down on,
please shine down on me!

Sing a Song of Lemonade
Sing a song of lemonade.
We'll pour it in a cup.
We'll stir it with a straw
And then we'll sip it up.
It will be so refreshing
We'll have to have some more,
And we'll be drinking lemonade forever, ever more!

You Are My Sunshine
You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are gray.
You'll never know dear how much I love you,
Please don't take my sunshine away.

Bed in Summer
by Robert Louis Stevenson
In winter I get up at night
And dress by yellow candle-light.
In summer quite the other way,
I have to go to bed by day.
I have to go to bed and see
The birds still hopping on the tree,
Or hear the grown-up people's feet
Still going past me in the street.
And does it not seem hard to you,
When all the sky is clear and blue,
And I should like so much to play,
To have to go to bed by day?

Mooey Cow
This mooey cow switched her tail all day,
And this mooey cow ate the sweet meadow hay,
And this mooey cow in the water did wade,
And this mooey cow chewed her cud in the shade,
And this mooey cow said "moo the sun's gone down,
It's time to take the milk to town."
(Count off one finger at a time)

Things to do together
• Using magazines or the internet, print off or cut out illustrations and photographs of things that look like summer to you and your child: Colors that seem like summer, pictures that remind you of summer etc. Make a summer collage together. Or create a summer book. Encourage your child to add comments to the illustrations.
• Make a list of activities people do in the summer. Put a star by the ones that your child thinks sound most fun or has enjoyed the most.
• Make chalk drawings of summer outside on the sidewalk or driveway together.
• Tell your child a story about your favorite childhood summer memories.

Other Resources
Exploring Water and the Ocean by Gayle Bittinger