Rhymes and Fingerplays

Zoo Moves
Oh, if I were a tiny snake,
A tiny snake, a tiny snake,
If I were a tiny snake,
I'd slither around the zoo!

If I were an elephant,
An elephant, an elephant,
If I were an elephant,
I'd march around the zoo!

I Know a Giraffe
(sung to “On Top of Old Smokey”)
I know a giraffe
With a neck that’s real high.
She stretches and stretches,
’Till she reaches the sky.
She lives on the plains
With the elephants, too.
You might also see her
When you go to the zoo.

Lou at the Zoo
Adapted from Ready to Go Storytimes by Gail Benton and Trisha Waichulaitis
(below is the verse to repeat and chant)
My name is Lou and I work at the zoo,
Feeding the animals, can you guess who?

(Give children clues and an opportunity to guess the animals, and then show them a photo of the animal)

The Elephant
An elephant goes like this and that
(rock back and forth)
She’s terribly tall and terribly fat
(stretch arms up tall and out wide)
She has no fingers, she has no toes,
(wiggle fingers and toes)
But goodness, gracious, what a nose!
(make elephant trunk with arms)

Other Resources
Singable Songs for the Very Young by Raffi (CD)