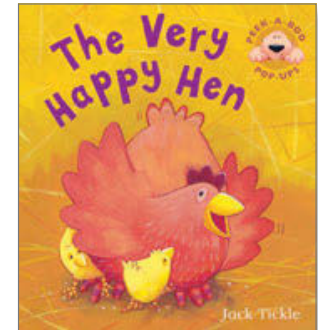


## Story of the week: "The Very Happy Hen" by Jack Tickle.

*Little Tiger Books, Great Britain, 2004.*

- A wonderful book with moving pictures to illustrate the animals doing things on each page. This is a great book to expose your child to many new verbs he may not have heard yet – wriggle, splash, etc.
- It also contains rhyming verse on each page which makes it fun to read with rhythm. Have your child repeat and play with the rhyming words on each page as this is an early literacy skill that you can begin to develop.



## Song of the week: "Down in the Water, Up in the Sky"

Words: "Down in the water. Catching fishes. One, two, three. Up in the sky. Watching birdies. One, two, Whee!"

- This is a lovely song to sing which creates lots of anticipation in your child. Hold your child on your lap, facing you. Begin singing, "down in the water, catching fishes". When you begin counting, start lowering your child backwards to the floor. You can then change the words to Up in the Sky and during the counting, lift your child up into the air.
  - Your child will begin to anticipate the lowering and lifting, asking you to do it again and repeating the verbs and nouns in each line.
  - Choose as many different nouns and verbs as you can think of to add more verses to the song:
- Out on the road, riding buses One, Two, Vroom – bouncing on your knees.
- Sitting in the bathtub, washing me One, Two, Scrub-a-dub-dub – pretend to be washing yourself.

