Hi everyone. Here are some ideas for activities that you can go through at home with your little ones while we’re not attending Step by Step groups. They follow the format that you already know from attending your group. I’ll try to post one every week – please let me know how you get on - Annie Walker X

**Activity – Nursery Rhyme Singing Basket**

**What You Can Use:**

1. Small basket, old shoe box, tub or similar.
2. Favourite soft toys, nursery rhyme characters (any toy that can represent rhymes or songs) to put in the basket/box.

**Activity:**

It’s really simple to put together a nursery rhyme treasure basket!

1. Select some soft toys to put into your basket/box. Add some that can represent a nursery rhyme or song.
2. Once you have collected together a basket of props, sit down with your child, place the basket in front of them and let them explore. **There is no right or wrong way to play with singing basket** - see what your child does – they may pull the items out one by one, or even tip the basket up completely.
3. When they pick up a toy, start singing the nursery rhyme that corresponds with the toy. Your child may join in with the actions or words/sounds that they recognise.

**Ideas for nursery rhymes and props:**

* Row, row, row your boat – a boat, a crocodile
* Old MacDonald had a farm – a farmer and a selection of farm animals
* Baa, baa black sheep – a sheep
* The wheels on the bus – a bus
* Incy, wincy spider – a spider
* 3 little ducks – a duck
* Sleeping bunnies – a rabbit
* Twinkle, twinkle – a star
* I have a Little Turtle – a turtle
* Hickory, Dickory, Dock – a mouse &/or clock
* This little piggy – a pig

**Story Time**

Start with the Listening Song

Follow this with Twinkle Twinkle Little Star – the little ones enjoy these songs and it helps to settle them before the story.

Choose a story or let your child chose one.

Enjoy your story time together – feel free to let us know how you get on.