MISSOURI BUILDING BLOCK
PICTURE BOOK AWARD

Everybody Says Meow
By Constance Lombardo

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Rhyme:

5 Little Mice
5 little mice went out to play
(wiggle five fingers or “mice” upright on one hand)

Gathering crumbs along the way
(options to pretend the mice are scurrying or pretend to gather food)

Along came a pussy cat, sleek and fat
(With your non-mouse hand, place your ring and middle finger on your thumb while your forefinger and pinky finger stay up to resemble a cat. Pretend to take one mouse away.)

And 4 little mice came scampering back

4 little mice went out to play...
3 little mice...
2 little mice...

1 little mouse came out to play
Gathering crumbs along the way

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Along came a pussy cat sleek and fat
And no little mice came scampering back.

Note: This can also be sung to the tune of “Five Little Ducks” or adapted into a flannel board.

**Song:**

I’m a Little Kitty Cat
(Tune: “I’m a Little Teapot”)

I'm a little kitty cat nice and sweet  (put your “paws” in front of you)
Here are my whiskers  (pretend to pet the whiskers on the side of your face)
and here are my feet  (wiggle hands)
When I go out hunting, mice beware  (scrunch down and pretend to prowl)
Or you might just have a scare!  (open “paws” and slightly lurch forward)

Source: Jbrary ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKqWugm9-AE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKqWugm9-AE))

**Craft: Paper Plate Cat Puppet**

Cut one paper plate in half. Flip half paper plate over and align the curved edge to the curved edge of a whole paper plate. Secure the two with a stapler or tape (double-sided tape is one of my favorite things). This creates a pocket where the child’s hand can hold their puppet. Make cat features on the outside of the whole paper plate using markers, pre-cut pieces of whiskers ears and a nose or have paper scraps and allow the children to cut their own cat features with or without the help of their adult.

**Flannel Board: Little Cat, Little Cat**

Prep: Create several different hats representing different potential community members (firefighter, farmer, chef, police, cowboy, etc.) and one small cat head that can fit behind each hat. Stealthily hide the cat behind one of the hats. Prompt the children to say the following:

Little cat, little cat!
Are you under the (name type of hat here)?

Ex.  Little cat, little cat!
Are you under the firefighter’s hat?

Reveal whether or not the cat is under that hat and then take suggestions for the next hat to try.

Templates for hats and the words to the rhyme were found at [Makinglearningfun.com](http://Makinglearningfun.com).