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PICTURE BOOK AWARD

Pokko and the Drum
By Matthew Forsythe

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Rhymes:
The Big Bass Drum
Oh! We can play on the big bass drum,
And this is the way we do it:
Rub-a-dub boom goes the big bass drum,
And this is the way we do it

Oh! We can play on the violin,
And this is the way we do it:
Zum, zum, zin, sayst the violin,
And this is the way we do it

Oh! We can play on the little flute,
And this is the way we do it:
Tootle, toot, toot, says the little flute,
Zum zum zin goes the violin,
Rub-a-dub boom goes the big bass drum,
And this is the way we do it.

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**Little Green Frog**
A little green frog in a pond am I (point to yourself)
Hoppity, hoppity, hop (hop up and down)
I sit on a lily leaf high and dry (crouch and sit like a frog)
Hoppity, hoppity, hop (hop up and down)
And watch all the fishes as they swim by (wiggle hands)
Hoppity, hoppity, hop (hop up and down)
How I make the water fly (throw hands up)
Hoppity, hoppity, hop (hop up and down)
SPLASH! (clap hands)

**Songs:**

The Finger Band is Coming to Town
(Tune: Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush)
The finger band is coming to town
Coming to town, coming to town
The finger band is coming to town
So early in the morning

This is how they strum their guitar
Strum their guitar, strum their guitar
This is how they strum their guitar
So early in the morning

This is how they play their flute
Play their flute, play their flute
This is how they play their flute
So early in the morning

This is the way they bang the drums,
Bang the drums, bang the drums
This is the way they bang the drums
So early in the morning

Oh my look at the time, the band has played all day. It’s time for them to go!

The finger band is going away
Going away, going away
The finger band is going away
They’ve played all day
Source: Jbrary (watch them to see the actions!)
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The Little Green Frog
Gunk gunk wen the little green frog one day
Gunk gunk went the little green frog
Gunk gunk went the little green frog one day
And his eyes went ahh, ahh gunk
(circle your fingers around your eyes and stick out your tongue)

“Frog Went a Courtin’” from Victor Vito by Laurie Berkner

Five Green and Speckled Frogs
Five Green and speckled frogs
Sittin’ on a hollow log
Eating the most delicious bugs (yum yum)
One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Now there are four green speckled frogs. (galumph galumph)

Activities:

Pokko on Parade: Using felt, cut out shapes of different instruments and different animals. Place animals on your felt board in a line. Ask the children to match up instruments with animals. For example, you would ask whoever had the felt drum to hold it high in the air, then ask them if they can place the drum with the felt frog on the board.

Experiment with instruments!: Put out a variety of instruments and let the children play them. You can talk about each instrument, as well as different musical terms, such as pitch and rhythm. You could even play along with music if you want, or have each child choose an instrument and parade around the story time room like Pokko and her band. Here is a good article with some more ideas: https://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2019/01/instruments-in-storytime/

Make a frog craft! This link has 20 different ideas for fun frog crafts: Crafts 4 Toddlers Blog

Learn about frogs! Find a few good non-fiction books and learn basic facts about frogs. Then have your kids compete in a frog jumping competition: Coffee Cups and Crayons Blog

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