

Preschoolers Pretend

Rhymes & Resources

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Toy Song

(McKinnon/ *Busy Bees Winter*, adapted)

Tune: "Frere Jacques"

I'm a doll, I'm a doll.

Watch me dance, watch me dance. [*twirl*]

First I dance one way. [*twirl one direction*]

Then I dance the other way. [*twirl the other way*]

Round and round, round and round.

I'm a train, I'm a train.

Watch me chug, watch me chug. [*chug back and forth like a train*]

First I chug one way. [*chug forward*]

Then I chug the other way. [*chug back*]

Back and forth, back and forth. [*chug back and forth like a train*]

I'm a ball, I'm a ball.

Watch me bounce, watch me bounce. [*jump up and down*]

First I bounce one way. [*bounce forward*]

Then I bounce the other way. [*bounce back*]

Up and down, up and down. [*bounce*]

Puppet, Puppet

(McKinnon/ *Busy Bees Winter*)

Tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

Puppet, puppet

Jump up high. [*jump*]

Puppet, puppet

Touch the sky. [*reach up*]

Puppet, puppet

Twirl around. [*twirl*]

Puppet, puppet

Touch the ground. [*touch ground*]

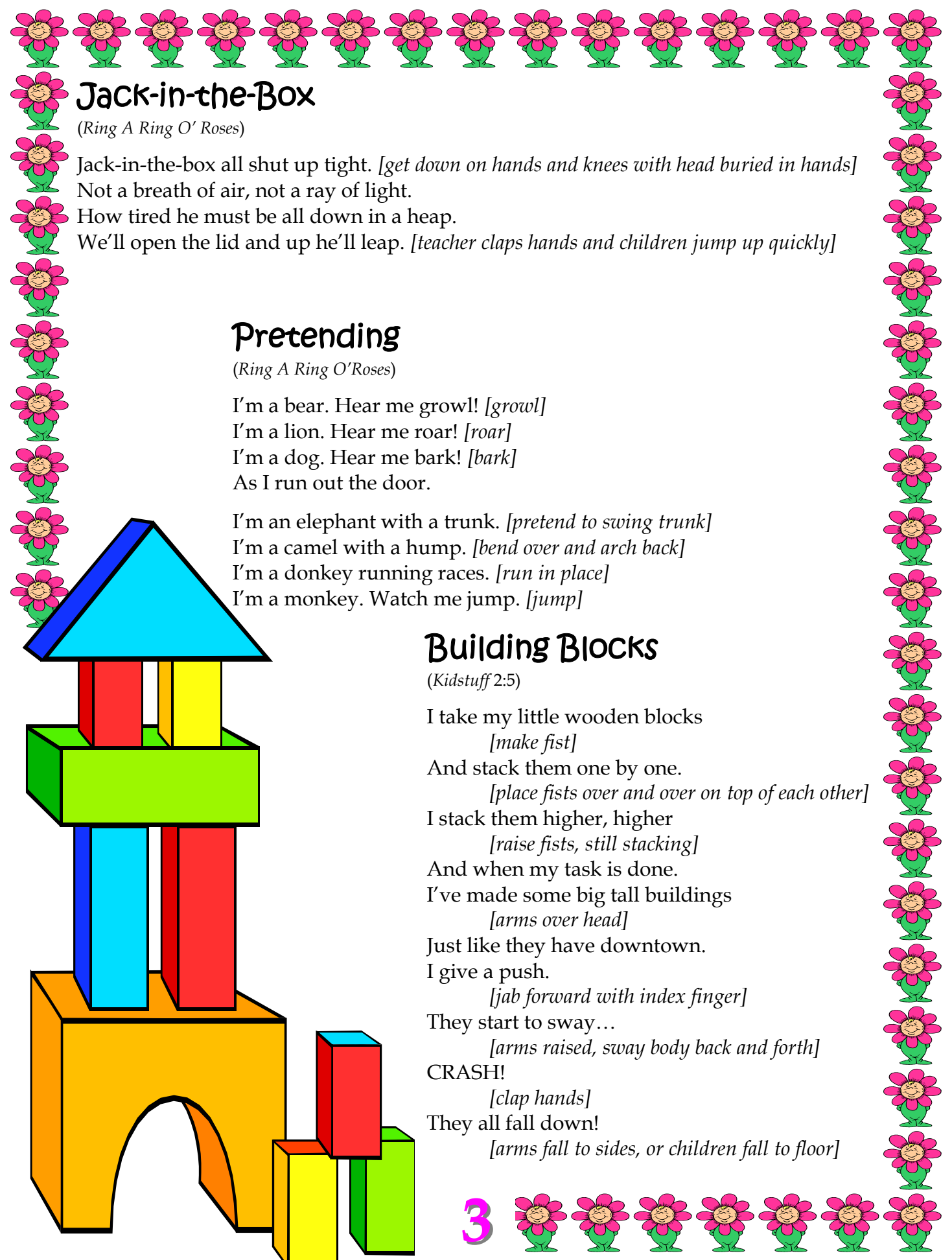
Puppet, puppet

Hop, hop, hop. [*hop*]

Puppet, puppet,

Now you stop.

Children can act this out themselves or use a puppet.



Jack-in-the-Box

(Ring A Ring O' Roses)

Jack-in-the-box all shut up tight. *[get down on hands and knees with head buried in hands]*
Not a breath of air, not a ray of light.

How tired he must be all down in a heap.

We'll open the lid and up he'll leap. *[teacher claps hands and children jump up quickly]*

Pretending

(Ring A Ring O' Roses)

I'm a bear. Hear me growl! *[growl]*

I'm a lion. Hear me roar! *[roar]*

I'm a dog. Hear me bark! *[bark]*

As I run out the door.

I'm an elephant with a trunk. *[pretend to swing trunk]*

I'm a camel with a hump. *[bend over and arch back]*

I'm a donkey running races. *[run in place]*

I'm a monkey. Watch me jump. *[jump]*

Building Blocks

(Kidstuff 2:5)

I take my little wooden blocks

[make fist]

And stack them one by one.

[place fists over and over on top of each other]

I stack them higher, higher

[raise fists, still stacking]

And when my task is done.

I've made some big tall buildings

[arms over head]

Just like they have downtown.

I give a push.

[jab forward with index finger]

They start to sway...

[arms raised, sway body back and forth]

CRASH!

[clap hands]

They all fall down!

[arms fall to sides, or children fall to floor]

Five Knights in Shining Armor

(Phelps/ Finger Tales)

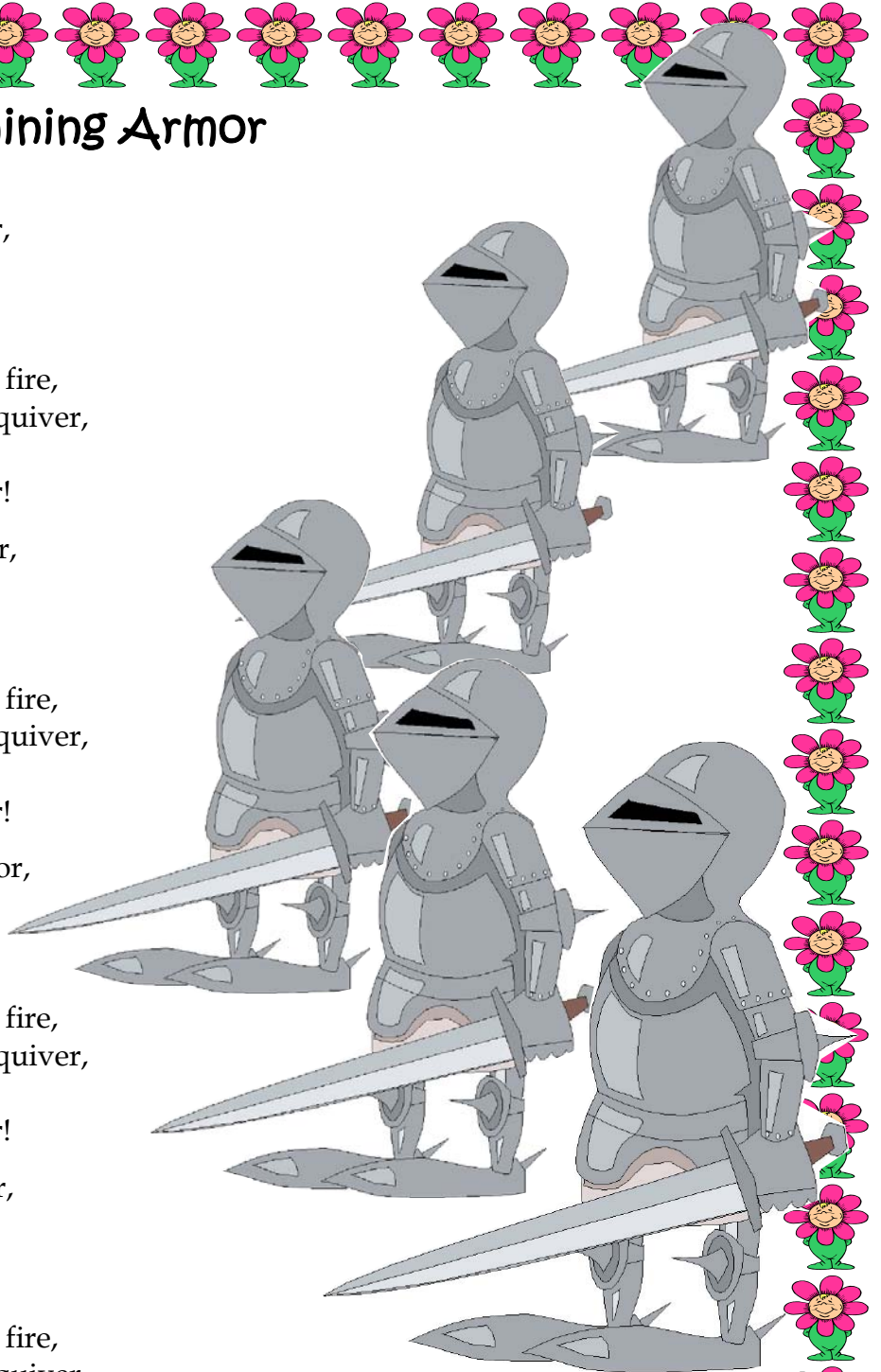
Five knights in shining armor,
Fearless and brave,
Went dragon hunting
Deep in a cave.
The dragon started breathing fire,
The knights' knees were all aquiver,
So one little knight
Took off running for the river!

Four knights in shining armor,
Fearless and brave,
Went dragon hunting
Deep in a cave.
The dragon started breathing fire,
The knights' knees were all aquiver,
So one little knight
Took off running for the river!

Three knights in shining armor,
Fearless and brave,
Went dragon hunting
Deep in a cave.
The dragon started breathing fire,
The knights' knees were all aquiver,
So one little knight
Took off running for the river!

Two knights in shining armor,
Fearless and brave,
Went dragon hunting
Deep in a cave.
The dragon started breathing fire,
The knights' knees were all aquiver,
So one little knight
Took off running for the river!

One knight in shining armor,
Fearless and brave,
Went dragon hunting
Deep in a cave.
The dragon started breathing fire,
The knight's knees were all aquiver,
So the last little knight
Took off running for the river!



The Runaway Toys

(Kidstuff 2:5)

The toy box people discovered one night *[make flannel board pieces for each toy]*
That the toy box lid wasn't on very tight.

So they pushed it open just a little bit more.
And they all jumped down to the nursery floor.

The rag doll said, "Let's dance, everyone!
We're all going to have a lot of fun!"

"Oh, boy, let's go!" said a little pink pig
Who hopped and jumped and danced a jig.

The wind-up duck with the key in his back
Just waddled along saying, "Quack, quack, quack."

The spinning top spun round and round
And made a merry humming sound.

The shiny red car went "Vroom, vroom, vroom!"
Step aside, everybody, Just watch me zoom!"

The noise woke up the plump teddy bear.
Who danced all around with never a care.

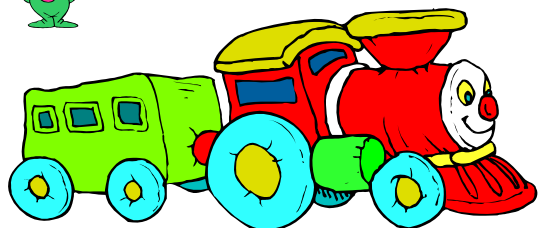
The jack-in-the box jumped up with glee
And bounced back and forth so happily.

The train went chugging Choo! Choo! Choo!
Then blew the whistle Whoo! Whoo! whoo!

The circus clown said "Let's form a parade!
Line up, everybody. Don't be afraid."

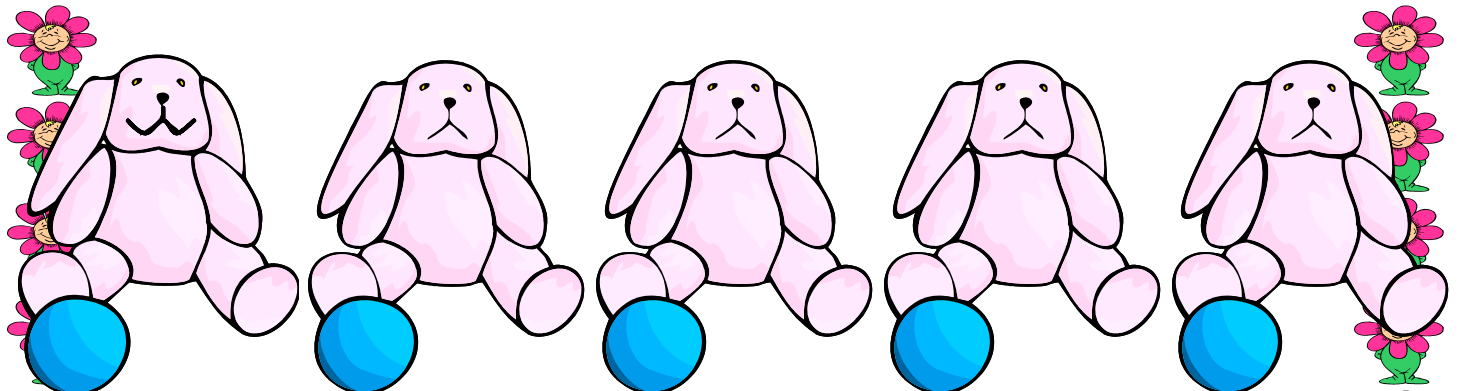
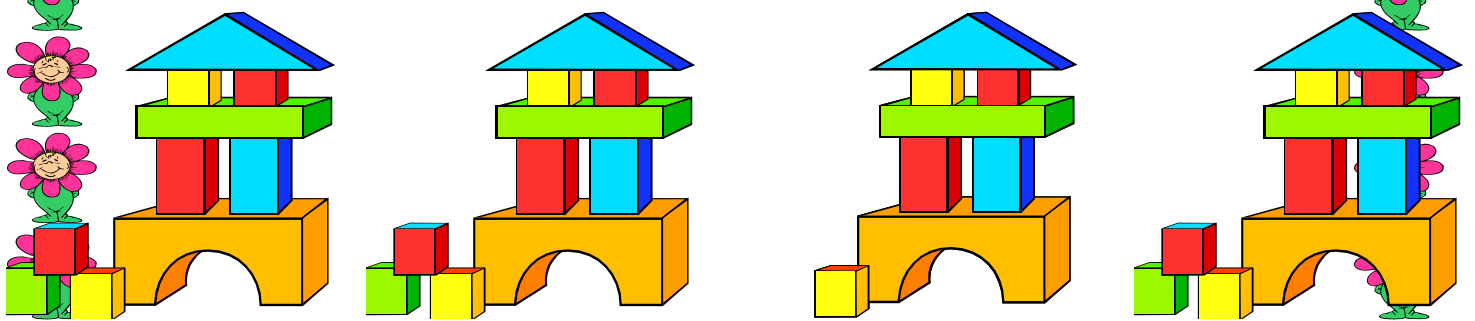
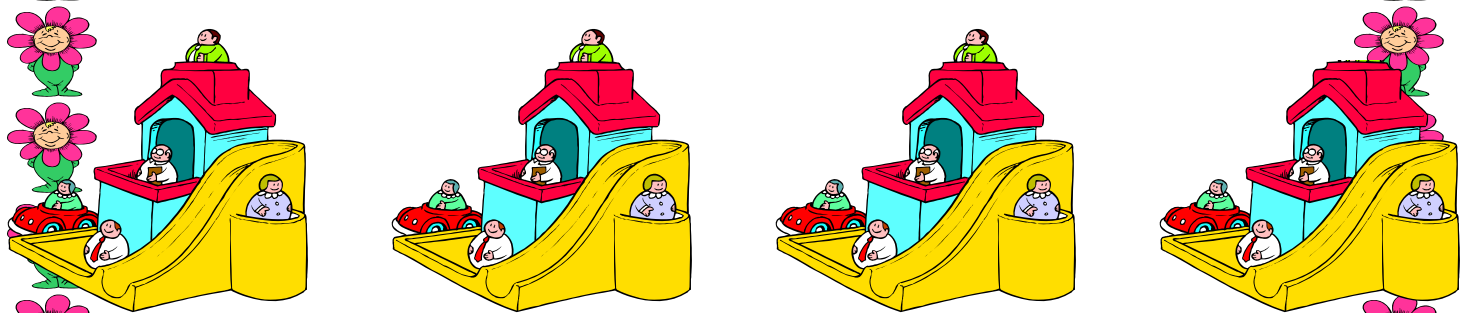
They were all so happy to be set free
That they danced right away from the nursery.

They all danced away to the top of a hill
And as far as I know, they're dancing there still.





Which toy is different in each line?

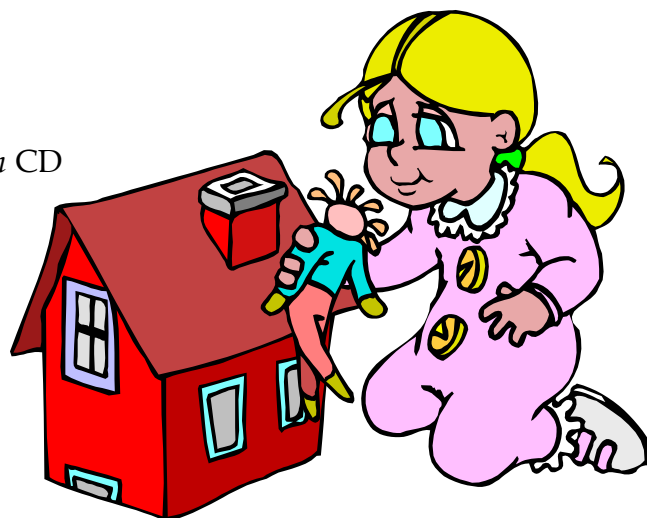


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- King & Queen Puppet
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Story Totes

Animals for All Seasons [seasons & different animals]

"B" Is for Building [building & construction machines]

Beautiful Babies [big brothers, big sisters, & new babies]

Billions of Bugs [all kinds of insects]

Birthday Bonanza [celebrating birthdays]

Bunches of Bears [teddy bears & real bears]

Cool Cats & Cuddly Kittens [cats & kittens]

Dazzling Dinosaurs [dinosaurs]

Fabulous Food [food and eating]

Fascinating Families [all types of families & their members]

Fun on the Farm [farms & farm animals]

Helpers & Heroes [community helpers]

Monster Mania [monsters]

Pooches by the Pound [dogs & puppies]

Preschoolers Pretend [imagination & play]

Rainbows & Stars [colors & shapes]

Sensational Seasons [the four seasons]

Sing a Song of Sixpence [music & rhyme]

Spectacular Sea Stories [ocean & sea creatures]

Trips Around Town [places to visit]

Wacky Weather [all types of weather]

Wonderful World of Wheels [transportation]

Zoo-rific [zoos & zoo animals]

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