

Cool Cats & Cuddly Kittens

Rhymes
&
Resources

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My Kitty

(Stetson/ Little Hands Fingerplays & Action Songs)

My kitty's tail swishes to and fro. [*bend arm at elbow, wave back and forth*]

My kitty sits by a sunny window. [*sit down*]

My kitty likes to climb a tree. [*hands "climb" upward*]

My kitty's whiskers tickle me! [*wiggle fingers under chin*]

K-I-T-T-Y

(Mary Marshall)
Tune: "B-I-N-G-O"

There was a lady had a cat
And Kitty was her name-o.
K-I-T-T-Y, K-I-T-T-Y, K-I-T-T-Y,
And Kitty was her name-o.

*As you sing the other verses, take away one letter
for each verse and clap instead of saying the
missing letter until all are gone.*



One Little Kitten

(Lohnes/ Finger Folk)

One little kitten with a tiny mew,
Called for another, and then there were two.

Two little kittens, climbing up a tree,
Called for another, and then there were three.

Three little kittens, racing 'round the floor,
Called for a friend, and then there were four.

Four little kittens, frisky and alive,
Called for a friend, and then there were five.

A puppy comes along, hoping for some fun,
And all the little kittens run, run, run!



Pussycat Creeping

(Cheryl's Sweethearts ChildCare)

Pussycat creeping and crawling along.

[right hand fingers creeping along]

Little bird chirping and singing a happy little song.

[left hand sitting on left shoulder]

Up jumps pussy, right into the tree.

[right hand onto left shoulder]

Away flies the bird so glad to be free.

[left hand flies away]

Carrie had a Little Cat

(Cheryl's Sweethearts ChildCare)

Tune: "Mary had a Little Lamb"

Carrie *[substitute any child's name]* had a little cat, little cat, little cat.
Carrie had a little cat. Its fur was white as snow.

Everywhere that Carrie went, Carrie went, Carrie went.
Everywhere that Carrie went the cat was sure to go.

It followed her to school one day, school one day, school one day.
It followed her to school one day, oh, yes, the cat knew how.

It made the children laugh and play, laugh and play, laugh and play.
It made the children laugh and play to hear the cat meow.

Katie Katie Capricorn

(Kidstuff 4:7 alt.)

Katie Katie Capricorn is searching for her kittens *[hold hand over eyes as if searching]*

The first little kitten, white and gray,

Has run to the park to race and play. *[hold thumb up and move as if running]*

The second little kitten with small white feet,

Lies dreaming on the window seat. *[hold up index finger, then lay head on hands]*

The third little kitten, frisky as can be,

Has climbed to the top of a very tall tree. *[hold up middle finger, make climbing motions]*

The fourth little kitten with eyes that gleam,

Laps and laps at a bowl of cream. *[hold up ring finger, cup hands, make lapping motions]*

The fifth little kitten is all alone,

Meowing for Katie to take her home. *[hold up little finger and meow]*

Katie Katie Capricorn has found all her kittens.



Kitty Pokey

(Sue Eilers)

You put your whiskers in, you put your whiskers out. [*put head in*]

You put your whiskers in, and you shake them all about.

You do the kitty pokey and you turn yourself around.

That's what it's all about.

You put your little paw in, you put your little paw out. [*put one hand in*]

You put your little paw in, and you shake it all about.

You do the kitty pokey and you turn yourself around.

That's what it's all about.

You put your slinky tail in, you put your slinky tail out. [*put backside in*]

You put your slinky tail in, and you shake it all about.

You do the kitty pokey and you turn yourself around.

That's what it's all about.

Cat Chant

(Kidstuff 4:7)

Big cats. [*hold up hand over head*]

Little cats. [*hold hand at knee level*]

Fat cats. [*curve arms, hold out at sides*]

Skinny cats. [*bring arms almost together*]

White cats. [*point to something white*]

Black cats. [*point to something black*]

Brave cats. [*puff out chest*]

Fraidy cats. [*look scared*]

Sleepy cats. [*put head on closed hands*]

Little Kitten

(Cheryl's Sweethearts ChildCare)

Tune: "I Have a Little Dreidel"

I have a little kitten

With soft and shiny fur.

And when I pet my kitten,

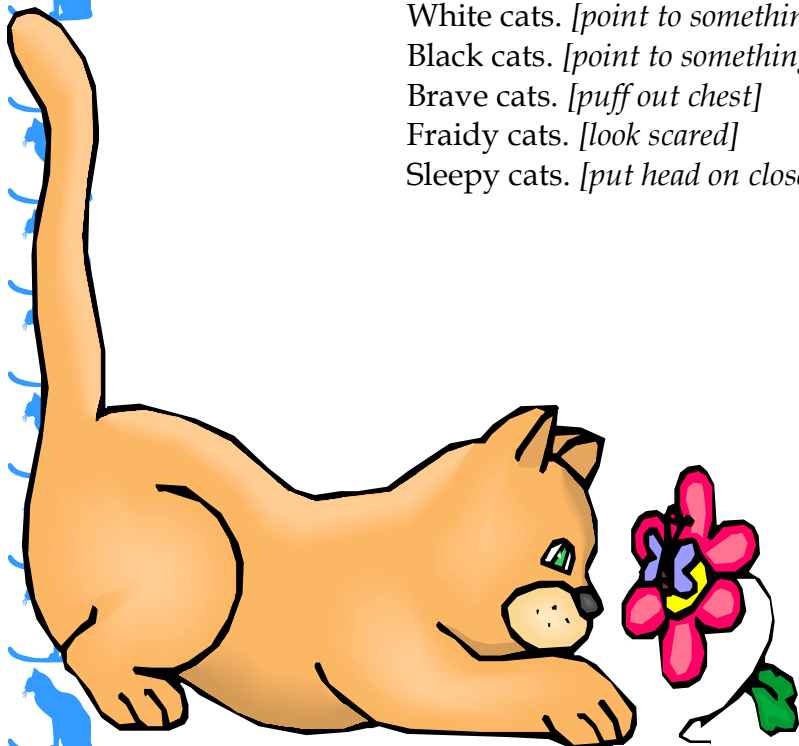
She goes purr, purr, purr, purr.

Oh kitten, kitten, kitten

With soft and shiny fur.

I love to pet my kitten,

And hear her purr, purr, purr.



Little Kitty

(Silberg/ 300 Three Minute Games)

This little kitty lost her sweater. *[count fingers beginning with littlest]*

This little kitty lost her muff.

This little kitty said, "It's cold outside."

This little kitty said, "Oooh, look at that white stuff."

This little kitty said, "Brrreeeee,"

This nice warm house is the place for me." *[put thumb in fist]*



Five Little Kittens

(Briggs/ 101 Fingerplays)

Five little kittens
Sleeping on a chair.
One rolled off,
Leaving four there.

Four little kittens,
One climbed a tree
To look in a bird's nest.
Then there were three.

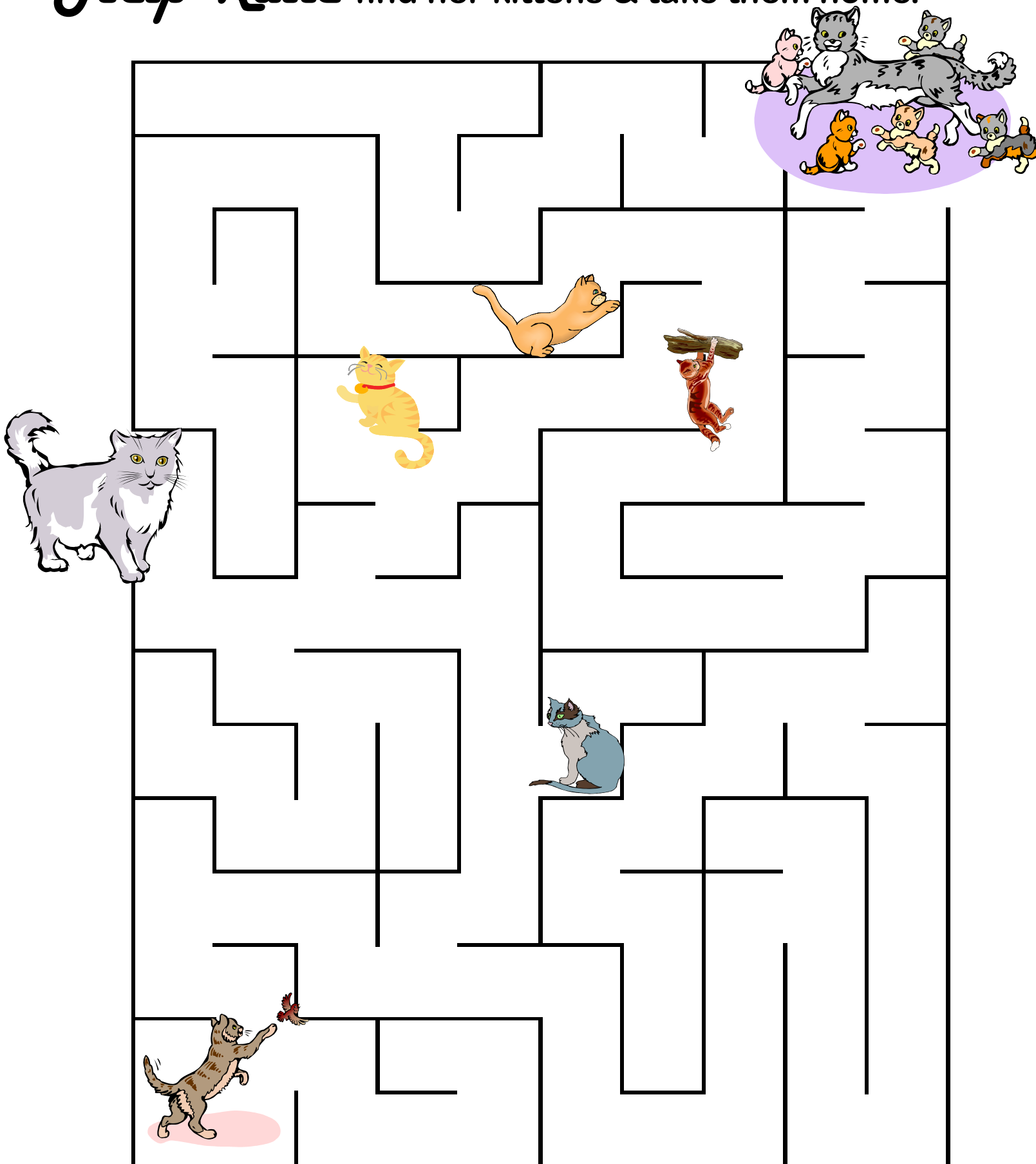
Three little kittens
Wondering what to do.
One saw a mouse.
Then there were two.

Two little kittens
Playing in the hall.
One little kitten
Chased a red ball.

One little kitten
With fur soft as silk.
Was left all alone
To drink a dish of milk.









*This can be used with finger
puppets or a flannel board.*

Help Katie find her kittens & take them home.









Selected Books on Cats

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Puzzles, Puppets, & Music

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- 25 Fun Animal Songs CD
- I Can't Sit Still* CD (Joel Frankel)
- Join the Parade!* CD
- Mother + Baby Puzzle (9 pieces)
- Nursery Rhyme Time: Songs, Rhymes and Movement Activities* CD
- Kitten Puppet (black & white)
- Kitten Puppet (gray and white)
- Kitty with Ball Puppet
- Pets Peg Puzzle (9 pieces)
- Songs from the Aristocats* CD





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Story Totes

Animals for All Seasons [seasons & different animals]

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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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