

# Five Little Ducks (all ages)

## You will need:

- Paper, pens and paper plates
- If you are not sure of the tune, you can use this link from the Literacy Trust <http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/song>

## The Activity:

- Sing the song with your little one and use your fingers or other props to represent the ducks

## Extending the activity:

- Extend the activity by creating your own ducks using craft materials - paper, pens, paper plates.
- Use outdoor resources such as stones, leaves or twigs to represent the ducks.
- You could float 5 leaves (ducks) on a puddle outdoors or find objects that float during bath time.
- Ask your child to help make nests for the ducks by collecting natural resources outdoors, e.g. twigs, grass, leaves.
- Extend your little ones thinking by asking them about the sounds a baby duckling or a duck might make.

## Five Little Ducks Song

Five little ducks went swimming one day, over the hills and far away,  
Mother Duck said "Quack, quack, quack, quack!"  
Four little ducks came swimming back.  
Four little ducks went swimming one day...  
Three little ducks went swimming one day...  
Two little ducks went swimming one day...  
One little duck went swimming one day over the hills and far away,  
Mother Duck said "Quack, quack, quack, quack!"  
No little ducks came swimming back.  
No little ducks went swimming one day, over the hills and far away,  
Mother Duck said "Quack, quack, quack, quack!"  
Five little ducks came swimming back.

## Keeping Everyone Safe

Always supervise children when playing with water. Never leave children unattended in the bath



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### Words to introduce during the activity to support language development

|      |        |       |
|------|--------|-------|
| over | away   | three |
| hill | little | four  |
| back | one    | five  |
| far  | two    |       |

### How this supports your child's learning:

An experience and appreciation of rhythm and rhyme is essential for children's success in mastering the fundamental skills required for speaking, reading and writing. Songs and rhymes are also a great way to introduce mathematical language and to support children's emotional development.

### TOP TIP:

Try to minimise distractions e.g. background noise, no television so children can fully engage with you and the song.



Using the template below why not cut out and decorate your own duck

