



Bookbug's Song and Rhyme Library

'Open Close Them'

This action song is perfect for children of all ages. The simple actions are easy for little ones to join in with, and the words tell you what to do. Sing nice and slowly to give children a chance to join in and try the actions for themselves. Action songs like this one are great for developing fine motor control.

How to use this song with babies:

- Sing the song with your baby on your lap
- Make sure your baby can see the actions – opening and closing your hands, rolling them up, clapping – this will help them catch the meaning of the words
- **Wiggle your fingers and tickle your baby as you 'slowly creep' your hands up towards their chin**
- Finish the song with a kiss and a cuddle

How to use this song with toddlers:

- Encourage your toddler to join in with the actions – clapping, putting their hands on their lap, shaking their hands
- Let your toddler creep their fingers up to your chin and give you a tickle!

How to use this song with 3 to 5-year-olds:

- Children will enjoy joining in with all the actions
- They can get started by giving their hands a wiggle and a shake
- Try singing it louder then softer
- In a group or with siblings, they can take turns blowing each other kisses
- If the children know the song well, you could even try going faster, and faster with each repetition