

Cumbria County Council

# Chat Play Share

## Rhymes and songs

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### London Bridge

London Bridge is falling down,  
falling down. London Bridge is  
falling down my fair lady.

Build it up with wood and clay,  
wood and clay, wood and clay.  
Build it up with wood and clay  
my fair lady.

Wood and clay will wash away,  
wash away, wash away  
Wood and clay will wash away  
my fair lady.

#### Birth – 2 years



Sit with your baby facing you. Say their name to encourage them to look at you as you are singing.

Use bricks as you are singing the rhyme. Build up the bricks as you sing “Build it up” and knock the bricks down as you sing “falling down.” Depending on your child they may be able to build up and knock down the bricks as well.

#### 2-3 years



Smile and say your child’s name to encourage them to watch your face while you are singing.

Use bricks to build up a bridge together as you are singing the rhyme.

Make a game where your child must wait for the word *build* before they build up the bricks and wait for the word *falling* before, they knock the bricks down.

#### 3-4 years



Help your child to learn the song by singing it with them lots of times. Use your bodies to act out the rhyme.

Make your body into a bridge shape as you sing “build it up” and drop down on “falling down.” Make waves with your arms as you sing “wash away”. Introduce noises and words that fit in with the rhyme such as “crash” and “swoosh”.

## Chat Play Share...Other ideas you could try....

**Share a book** *together about this rhyme.*

*Chat about the pictures and story. Make comments and ask simple questions.*

The House that Jack Built by Diana Mayo

Let's Build a House by Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom

All Kinds of Homes: A Lift-the-Flap book by Thando Maclaren and Emma Damon

A Day with the Animal Builders by Sharon Rentta

### **Ready Steady Go!**

This game can be played in lots of ways.

Your child is learning to listen and wait by not carrying out the action until they hear the word "go". Play this game using bricks. Build up the tower and your child can knock down the bricks when you say "go". You may need to hold their hands until they get the idea of the game. You can play this game with rolling a ball, blowing bubbles or pushing toys.



### **Up and Down**

Introduce the concepts of up and down. Your child will also be learning to listen and follow simple instructions. Simon says is a good game for practicing this.

If Simons says something, they follow the instruction if not then they don't. Such as: Simon says look up. *They look up.*

Look down. *They don't follow the instruction.*



For all the verses of the London Bridge is Falling Down rhyme follow the link below for a downloadable lyric sheet.

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