

## Five Little Chicks

Singing and reciting nursery rhymes boosts children's language and literacy skills.

- *You can download chick lolly stick puppets from our website.*
- *This is designed for a group of five children – you can adapt it for one child or more by joining in and helping them manage the lolly stick chicks.*
- *With younger children you can start with three chicks instead of five.*
- *Once the children are familiar with the rhyme they can join in as the chicks and you could be the mother hen.*

Five little chicks went walking one day

*(Hand out 5 chick lolly stick puppets)*

Into the barn and around the hay

*(encourage the children to join in with their lolly stick chicks)*

Mother hen says "Cluck, cluck, cluck, CLACK!"

*(join in with the Erica lolly stick puppet)*



And 4 little chicks come wandering back.

*(Make one chick wander off ... perhaps put in a basket beside you, reassuring the child they can have it back at the end of the song)*

**Repeat the song with:**

Four little chicks...

Three little chicks...

Two little chicks...

**Ending with:**

One little chick went walking one day

Into the barn and around the hay

Mother hen says, "Cluck, cluck, cluck, CLACK!"

And 5 little chicks come wandering back.

*(Hand the chicks back to the children)*