Let’s Go Swimming!

we welcome the summer season with a cool and refreshing story time about swimming

BOOKS

How Will We Get to the Beach? by Brigitte Luciani
illustrations by Eve Tharlet
published by NorthSouth Books

Rattletrap Car by Phyllis Root
illustrations by Jill Barton
published by Candlewick Press

SONG

The Wheels on the Bus

The wheels on the bus go round and round (roll fisted hands, one over the other)
Round and round, round and round
The wheels on the bus go round and round
All through the town.

Additional verses:
The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep (downward motion with hand)
The wipers on the bus go swish, swish swish (move arms in wiper-like motion)
The driver on the bus says “Move on back!” (point thumb over shoulder)
The children on the bus go up and down (stand up, then sit down)
The babies on the bus go, “Waa, waa, waa!” (rub eyes with fisted hands)
The moms/dads go, “Hush, hush, hush!” (index finger near mouth)

SONG

Let’s Go Swimming by Laurie Berkner

Lots of little fish were sleeping on a rock
In the bottom of the ocean
They lifted up their heads
And they shook out their tails
And they said, “Let’s go swimming!”

Chorus
Let’s go swimming, let’s go swimming, yeah let’s go swimming
Let’s go swimming, let’s go swimming, in the bottom of the ocean

Then the little fish got so very, very tired
That they came back to the rock
They put down their heads
And they put down their tails
And they took a little nap.
And when they woke up
They were a little bit dirty
So they took a shower

And they washed their hair
And they washed their ears
And they washed their tummies
And they washed their very long fishy beards
They washed their noses
And they washed their toes-es
And then they said,
“Wait a minute! We’re fish!
We don’t take showers!”

Chorus

Then the little fish got so very, very tired
That they came back to the rock
They put down their heads
And they put down their tails
And they took a little nap.

And when they woke up
They decided to ride their bicycles
So they rode to the left
And they rode to the right
And they rode all day
And they rode all night
They rode down the hill
And then faster still
And then they said,
“Wait a minute! We’re fish!
We don’t take ride bicycles!”

Chorus

And when they woke up
They decided to brush their teeth
So they got their toothbrush
And their toothpaste
And they squeezed a little on
They really liked the taste
Then they put in their mouth
And brushed north and south
And then they said,
“Wait a minute! We’re fish!
We don’t brush our teeth!”

Repeat chorus twice
ACTION RHYME

**Two Little Hands**

Two little hands go clap, clap, clap
Two little feet go tap, tap, tap
Two little fists go thump, thump, thump *(one fist on top of other, then reverse)*
Two little feet go jump, jump, jump
One little body turns around and around
One little body sits quietly down

SONG

**The More We Get Together**

The more
(tap fingertips of both hands together)
We get together, together, together
(put fists together, thumbs on top and move hands in circular motion)
The more
(tap fingertips of both hands together)
We get together
(put fists together, thumbs on top and move hands in circular motion)
The happier we’ll be
(brush hands on chest in upward motion)
‘Cause your friends are my friends
(hook one pointer finger over the other, hold outward)
And my friends are your friends
(turn hands over to reverse positions, draw hands toward self)
The more
(tap fingertips of both hands together)
We get together
(put fists together, thumbs on top and move hands in circular motion)
The happier we’ll be
(brush hands on chest in an upward motion)