

SIMPLE SHABBAT SONGS AND FINGER PLAYS FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

One day as I was walking
A long, long way from home,
I met a little (animal of your choice).
He said Shabbat Shalom.
(Sound of animal)
He said Shabbat Shalom.
He said Shabbat Shalom.

- Repeat. Everyone sings the verse with family members and guests taking turns naming an animal and making the sound of the animal they chose.

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What do you like about Shabbat?
_____ likes the _____.
That's what he likes about Shabbat.
What do you like about Shabbat?
_____ likes the likes the _____.
_____ likes the likes the _____.
That's what they like about Shabbat.

- Repeat. Everyone sings the verse with each member of the family and guests taking turns naming what they like about Shabbat.

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Yom Rishon, Avodah	Sunday work
Yom Sheynee, Avodah	Monday work, etc.
Yom Shleeshee, Avodah	Shabbat, rest.
Avodah, Revee-ee	
Yom Chamishee, Avodah	
Yom Sheeshee, Avodah	
Avodah	
Yom Shabbat, Menucha	
Yom Shabbat, Menucha	
Yom Shabbat, Menucha Menucha.	

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(To the tune of ADON OLAM)
Shabbat is the nicest day
For rest and play For rest and play
We work and work
The whole week long
The rest on Shabbat
Makes us strong.

All in the house is peace and quiet
On Shabbat eve
And my dolly is dressed in her best
On Shabbat eve
And the pictures look down from the walls
And the candies are burning so tall Shabbat Shalom
Shabbat Shalom
Menucha v'simcha ha yom.
(Rest and happiness today)

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Ma ya feh ha yom
Shabbat Shalom 2x (How beautiful it is today)

Shabbat, Shabbat Shalom 3x
Shabbat Shalom

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Jack be nimble, Jack be quick.
Help me polish the candle stick.
Polish it fast, polish it bright.
Make it shine for Friday night.

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A CHALLAH FOR SHABBAT
(To the tune of "Turkey in the Straw")
Oh, I walked around the corner;
And I walked around the block;
And I walked right into
The bakery shop!
And I said to the baker,
"I need a challah for Shabbat."
And the baker said,
"How much money have you got?" So, I handed him some money,
And boy it was a lot.
And he gave me a challah
To celebrate Shabbat!

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TZEDAKAH SONG ... GIVE A PENNY
(To the tune of "Did You Ever See a Lassie?")
Did you give a penny, a penny, a penny?
Did you give a penny for tzedakah today?

Did Elizabeth and Stephanie?
Did Joshua and Danny?
Did you give a penny for tzedakah today?

CHALLAH FOR SHABBAT

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TZEDAKAH SONG ... GIVE A PENNY

Give a penny, even two
For someone who has less than you.

Help another when they're in need
That's a mitzvah, yes indeed!

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For additional Shabbat songs, see:

Because We Love Shabbat, Abrams, Leah, Tara Publications, 1987.

Songs, stories, and activities for young children and their families.

Apples & Honey & Grape Juice Too!, Cohen, Janice, Chicago BJE, 1988.

Songs for the Jewish preschool sung to old familiar tunes.