Count on Wet Ones®

What can you do with clean hands? Count with these finger-play rhymes!

**How to:**

- Present the finger-play songs by first passing out a fresh Wet Ones wipe. Explain that they are going to do some counting finger-plays.
- Ask children why they think they need to clean their hands first. This will start a good discussion about how clean hands get rid of germs and keep us from getting sick.
- Launch the first song by asking children if they know the song *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*. Invite them to sing the song with you to familiarize them with the tune and concept.
- Then ask, “What would happen if the monkeys were gems on your hand? How would the song be different?” Now you are ready to sing the new words. Encourage children to use their hands and fingers to act out the song.

**Five Little Germies**  
*(Tune: Five Little Monkeys)*

Five little germies  
Crawling on our hands  
One jumps off  
When we hold a friend’s hand  
Momma called the doctor  
And the doctor said . . .  
“Wipe those hands—  
Don’t let the germs spread!”

This song would continue with four, three, two and one little germies and end with:

No little germies  
Really can be seen.  
We use Wet Ones  
To keep hands clean!

**I Caught a Germ Alive**  
*(Tune: I Caught a Fish Alive)*

One, Two, Three, Four, Five  
I have caught a germ alive  
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten.  
I wiped him away again.

Why did I wipe away the “ick?”  
Because it just might make me sick.  
Which hand was it that I wiped?  
First the left one, then the right!

**Skills Learned:** germ awareness, creative movement, small motor coordination, language

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