

▶ Down in the Jungle

Down in the jungle where nobody goes, there's a great big elephant washing his clothes.
With a rub-a-dub here and a rub-a-dub there, that's how an elephant washes his clothes.
He goes stomp, stomp, a boogie-woogie-woogie. Stomp, stomp, a boogie-woogie-woogie.
Stomp, stomp, a boogie-woogie-woogie. That's how an elephant washes his clothes.

Down in the jungle where nobody goes, there's a great big lion washing his clothes.
With a rub-a-dub here and a rub-a-dub there, that's how a lion washes his clothes.
He goes roarrrr, roarrrr, a boogie-woogie-woogie. Roarrrr, roarrrr, a boogie-woogie-woogie.
Roarrrr, roarrrr, a boogie-woogie-woogie. That's how a lion washes his clothes.

Down in the jungle where nobody goes, there's a great big monkey washing his clothes.
With a rub-a-dub here and a rub-a-dub there, that's how a monkey washes his clothes.
He goes ooh, ooh, a boogie-woogie-woogie. Ooh, ooh, a boogie-woogie-woogie.
Ooh, ooh, a boogie-woogie-woogie. That's how a monkey washes his clothes.

Down in the jungle where nobody goes, there's a great big crocodile washing his clothes.
With a rub-a-dub here and a rub-a-dub there, that's how a crocodile washes his clothes.
He goes snap, snap, a boogie-woogie-woogie. Snap, snap, a boogie-woogie-woogie.
Snap, snap, a boogie-woogie-woogie. That's how a crocodile washes his clothes.

Chords GGCD/GGCD/G7C/D7G/GGCD/GGCD/GGCD/DG

Hand rhyme – actions

Children hold up pretend binoculars and shake their finger. Mime the animal of each verse, rubbing their hands together side to side as they wash the clothes. Finish the verse with 4 claps.
The chorus is an animal action plus jazz hands for 'boogie-woogie' or some rolling or criss-cross hands.
For example: Binoculars, shake finger, long elephant's trunk, rub hands side to side, clap clap clap clap, stomp feet, jazz hands, stomp feet, jazz hands, stomp feet, jazz hands, clap clap clap clap.

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Musical Activities for Preschool and Families

SINGING WITH BABIES: With your baby lying down, looking up at you, or your small toddler on your knee, walk your fingers up and down their bodies to 'go to the jungle' and then either mime the animal looking at them or do an action on their bodies, whichever feels right. For the 'rub-a-dub-dub,' you can rub their tummies and the 'boogie-woogie', you could tickle your babies.

SINGING GAME: Using your pretend or handmade binoculars, have fun exploring in the jungle together. Hide some animals around the room for your child to run to or find, as you sing the song. If there are a few friends round for tea, make some animal masks. The friends with masks can hide and 1 or 2 explorers go around the house trying to find them. Maybe, when they come into the room the 'hidden animals' could make a sound.

PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS. Show a collection of instruments and help your child find different instruments which can be played during the song. Children could choose a different instrument to be played for the animals. Play claves or a drum to keep the beat going throughout. Different instruments can be played for certain parts of the song. For example, a drum to start with, another instrument for the animal and then bells for the 'boogie-woogie-woogie'. Children can make their own instruments or find different toys or kitchen utensils to make different sounds. Have you ever made an instrument out of a vegetable?

CAR JOURNEY CHALLENGE For alliteration or wider use of adjectives, children can replace 'great big' with other words. For example: gigantic, grey elephant, a cheeky, chatty monkey. Children can write additional verses with different jungle animals or a completely new topic. For example. 'great big snake'

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