

Ebeneezer Sneezer

For ages 7+



*Ebeneezer Sneezer what a cookie man
Walks upon his elbows every chance he can
Dresses up in paper even when it pours
Whistles Yankee Doodle every time he snores!
Oh Ebeneezer what a man! YEAH!*

Actions:

Seated on the floor with one stick (or pencil or any other “stick like” object!)

Throughout the song the beat is tapped on the knee (alternating left and right).

With the stick the rhythm is tapped on the floor.

When there is a rest swap hands – the stick is passed into the hand that was keeping a beat and with the hand that had the stick, click fingers.

On the final line the pattern changes slightly in that there are two rests “Oh Ebeneezer what a man! [CHANGE] YEAH! [CHANGE]”

Slightly more challenging version:

The beat on the knees and changing of sticks remains the same. What changes is what is tapped with the sticks.

Tap the opposite: If there is one syllable on the beat we tap twice and if there are two syllables on the beat we tap only once – we always tap the “opposite” rhythm to the one we sing.

If we sing “ta” we tap “te-te” and if we sing “te-te” we tap “ta”

This song is in Singing Games and Rhymes for Middle Years 2