

Chat, Play, Share

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London Bridge

London Bridge is falling down, falling down. London Bridge is falling down, my fair lady.

Build it up with wood and clay, wood and clay, wood and clay. Build it up with wood and clay, my fair lady.

**Wood and clay will wash away, wash away, wash away
Wood and clay will wash away, my fair lady.**

Additional verses:

- *London Bridge is falling down, falling down, falling down. London Bridge is falling down, my fair lady.*
- *Build it up with silver and gold, silver and gold, silver and gold. Build it up with silver and gold, my fair lady.*
- *Gold and silver I have none, I have none, I have none. Gold and silver I have none, my fair lady.*
- *London Bridge is falling down, falling down, falling down, London Bridge is falling down, my fair lady.*
- *Build it up with iron bars, iron bars, iron bars. Build it up with iron bars, my fair lady.*

Younger children

Use bricks as you are singing the rhyme. Build up the bricks as you sing "Build it up" and knock the bricks down as you sing "falling down."

Depending on your child's age they may be able to build up and knock down the bricks as well.

Older children

Help your child to learn the song by singing it with them lots of times. Use your bodies to act out the rhyme. Make your body into a bridge shape as you sing "build it up" and drop down on "falling down." Make waves with your arms as you sing "wash away". Introduce noises and words that fit in with the rhyme such as "crash" and "swoosh".

Chat Play Share...Other ideas you could try....

Share a book together connected to this rhyme. Chat about the pictures and story. Make comments and ask simple questions. Examples of books:

- The House that Jack Built by Diana Mayo
- Let's Build a House by Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom
- All Kinds of Homes: A Lift-the-Flap book by Thando Maclaren and Emma Damon
- A Day with the Animal Builders by Sharon Rentta

Ready Steady Go!

This game can be played in lots of ways. Your child is learning to listen and wait by not carrying out the action until they hear the word "go". Play this game using bricks. Build up the tower and your child can knock down the bricks when you say "go". You may need to hold their hands until they get the idea of the game. You can play this game with rolling a ball, blowing bubbles or pushing toys.



Up and Down

Introduce the concepts of up and down. Your child will also be learning to listen and follow simple instructions. 'Simon Says' is a good game for practicing this.

If Simon says something, they follow the instruction if not then they don't. Such as:
Simon says look up. *They look up.*

Look down. *They don't follow the instruction.*

