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**Sat on a tuffet,  
 Eating her curds and whey.  
 There came a big spider,  
 Who sat down beside her  
 And frightened Miss Muffet  
 away.**

**Younger Children** Sing the song gently to your child. Add actions by using your hand with wriggling figures as the spider. Tickle your child as you sing the last line of the song.

**Older Children** Little Miss Muffet is a rhyme which has many different variations around the world. Share the examples below with your child, they can all be sung to the same tune. Why not find the countries together on a map?

Little Miss Tuckett  
 Sat on a bucket,  
 Eating some peaches  
 and cream.  
 There came a  
 grasshopper  
 And tried hard to stop  
 her,  
 But she said, "Go away,  
 or I'll scream."  
**American version**

Little Miss Muffet  
 Arose from her tuffet  
 To box with the old  
 kangaroo.  
 There came a big  
 wombat  
 To join in the combat  
 And Little Miss Muffet  
 withdrew.  
**Australian version**

Lickle Miss Julie  
 Kotch pon ar stoolie,  
 An nyam wan ripe  
 Bombay;  
 Den bredda Anancy  
 Come frighten de  
 pickney  
 An tief de ripe mango  
 away.  
**Jamaican version**

Talk with your child about the different rhymes. They don't have to understand all the words to enjoy them!

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

Some children (and adults) are scared of spiders. If your child is scared talk sensitively about things which scare people but which, when explained are not frightening, such as spiders. Look at some pictures of spiders together and talk about what you see.

Share a story together about a spider and chat about the pictures and story. Examples of stories:

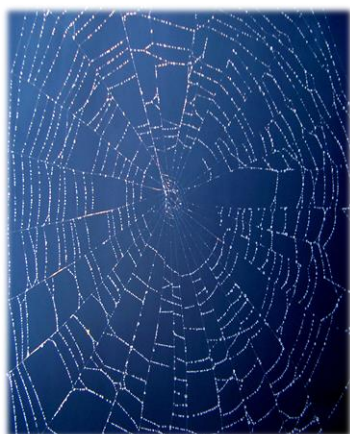
- Spinderella by Julia Donaldson
- Spider by Alison Steadman
- Speckle the spider by Emma Dodson
- Walter's wonderful web by Tim Hopgood
- Aaaarrgghh spider by Lydia Monks
- The Eensy Weensy spider freaks out by Troy Cummings

There are also lots of animated versions of stories online which you could watch together and then talk about. For example, 'The Very Busy Spider' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TfL0g-XRxnA>

### Little Miss Muffet game

Sing the nursery rhyme 'Little Miss Muffet'. Recite the rhyme several times and then change the 'sat down beside her' to include a variety of movements such as 'jumped round beside her', 'tiptoed round' or 'skipped round'. Encourage your child to listen and add in the correct action for the instruction you give, as this is good for practising listening skills. Can they think of any other ways to move which can be included as another verse?

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### Web hunt

Next time you go for a walk with your child or are outside, look out for spiders' webs. Look closely at any you find and talk about what you see. Share with your child that the spider spins the web to catch food. Think of words to describe the web and use this as a chance to introduce new words which your child might not know, for example, 'delicate, spiral, jewelled (if it's been raining)'.