## **Fingerplay Wisdom**

## **Relaxing Flowers**

Five little flowers standing in the sun (hold up five fingers) See their heads nodding, bowing one by one? (bend fingers several times)

Down, down, down comes the gentle rain (raise hands, wiggle fingers and lower arms to simulate falling rain)

And the five little flowers lift their heads up again!

(hold up five fingers)

This song tells the story of the flowers needing rain to grow. Singing finger play songs helps children learn lessens hidden within the song; in this case, counting, weather and growing.

In the Umbrella song they are learning math, subtraction, and colours of a rainbow. With each new song children are improving their listening and understanding skills and their reading readiness skills are further developed.

## **Five Umbrellas**

Five umbrellas stood by the back door,

The red one went outside, then there were four

Four umbrellas, pretty as could be

The blue one went outside, then there were three

Three umbrellas with nothing to do

The green one went outside, then there were two

Two umbrellas not having much fun

The yellow went outside, then there was one

Just one umbrella alone in the hall,

The purple one went outside, and that was all!



