

# Johnny Whoops!

Traditional

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## MOVEMENT:

To learn to do this rhyme, hold out your hand, palm facing you, and repeat, “Johnny,” while pointing at your pinky, ring finger, tall man, and pointer. Say “Whoops!” as your finger slides between your pointer and thumb. Say, “Johnny,” again as you point to your thumb.

Then head back up the hand, saying “Whoops!” as you slide between thumb and pointer, and repeating “Johnny,” as you point to pointer, tall man, ring man, and pinky. End by crossing your arms and saying, “Whoops!”

This nursery rhyme is a favorite for experimenting with vocal registers. Try doing the “Whoops” in a high voice and the “Johnny” in a low voice, then reverse it. Take turns, with some doing the “Johnny” and others doing the “Whoops!” Try transferring the rhythm of “Johnny” to unpitched percussion, then the “Whoops,” then both. Endless possibilities for play.



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