

The Elevator Song

Some children can't get enough movement songs, and this one is just the ticket. You can act it out, as described below, or YOU can be the elevator and lift your child a little at a time, higher for each floor.

Lyrics:

Let's go riding on an elevator (slapping lap to the beat)
Let's go riding on an elevator.
~First floor (hands out in front and low)
~Second floor (hands out in front higher)
~Third floor (hands out in front higher)
~Fourth floor (hands out in front higher)
~Fifth floor (hands waving above head)
Down, down, down, down, down!

At-Home Activities:

Laurie Berkner has a slightly different version. You can listen to it on YouTube at ["Waiting for the Elevator" by The Laurie Berkner Band | Best Songs For Kids - YouTube](#)

Read a book: Elevator Bird – Illustrated, November 24, 2020
by [Sarah Williamson](#) (Author)

Tips for Making Music with Toddlers

Babies and toddlers enjoy music when they get to experience it. It's OK to have music playing in the background, but they most remember – and learn from – the music that moves them. Look for opportunities to add marching, jumping, hopping, and, of course, lifting.

For younger kids, it's fine to have them sit in your lap for music. Have them facing you, so they can see your big smile. Encourage creativity by singing

new words to familiar tunes like "Drive, Drive, Drive Your Car" for "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" or by inserting your child's name in "Old MacDonald." Not sure how the tune goes? Make it up. You can fake it or try using another familiar tune that the words will fit with.

