

Favorite Preschool Piggy-Back Songs for Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur



Shanah Tovah

to the tune of Hal'li'luyah

Sha-na-na-nah, Sha-na-na-na-na-nah,
Sha-na-na-nah, Shanah tovah!
Sha-na-na-nah, Sha-na-na-na-na-nah,
Sha-na-na-nah, Sha-na-na-nah—,
Shanah tovah!

Shake the hands of the friends next to you,
Shake their hands and say: Shanah Tovah!
Shake the hands of the friends next to you,
Shake their hands and sa-a-ay:
Shanah Tovah!

Wave to a friend and share a big smile...
Send a hug out to all of your friends...
Clap your hands and welcome in the new year...

Rosh Hashanah Macarena

Apples, apples in the honey;
Yummy, yummy in my tummy!
Apples, apples in the honey;
Yay! It's Rosh Hashanah! (repeat, faster)

H-O-N-E-Y

to the tune of BINGO

On Rosh Hashanah, take an apple,
Dip it in some honey!
H-O-N-E-Y (3x)
Oh, wow, it tastes so yummy!

Dip an Apple

by Lisa Baydush to the tune of Mary Had a Little Lamb

Blow the shofar, toot toot toot,
toot toot toot, toot toot toot,
Blow the shofar, toot toot toot,
Rosh Hashanah's here!

Dip an apple in some honey...
For a sweet new year!

Eat a challah round and yummy...
For a sweet new year!

Shanah tovah to you and you...
Have a sweet new year!

Clap Your Hands (for Rosh Hashanah)

by Lisa Baydush to the tune of Clap, Clap, Clap Your Hands

Clap, clap, clap your hands,
Clap your hands together
Clap, clap, clap your hands,
It's a brand new year!

Sha-na-na-na-na-na-na-nah,
Sha-na-na-nah tovah! (repeat)

Five Little Apples

by Emily Aronoff Teck
to the tune of Six Little Ducks

Five little apples from a tree,
Ready to dip in sweet honey;
I gave one to Talia for a new year's treat,
How many apples are left to eat?
(count down to one, end: No more apples for us to eat!
Or: I hope your new year is very sweet!)

Yom Kippur Finger-Play

Finger-play, adapted by Nell Hirsch

Here's a child and here's a child, *(hands up in air)*
They've argued with each other; *(fists up and down)*
At Yom Kippur they say, "I'm sorry," *(talking hands)*
And make up with one another. *(clasp hands)*

Avinu Malkenu

I'm sorry for what I did wrong, (2x)
I'll try to be caring, more loving and sharing,
Forgive me for what I did wrong.

I'll try, I'll try to be,
the best that I can be,
I'll try, I'll try with all of my might
to do what I know is right.

Verse by Lisa Ashery:

Oh, God, please hear my prayer;
I want you to know that I care;
I'm thinking about all the things I can do
to make this a really good year!



Favorite Preschool Piggy-Back Songs for Sukkot & Simchat Torah



We'll be Goin' to the Sukkah on Sukkot

to the tune of She'll be Comin' Round the Mountain

We'll be going to the sukkah on Sukkot! (2x)
We'll be going to the sukkah (3x) on Sukkot!

What will we do in the sukkah?

We'll bring fruit to/decorate...
Shake the lulav...Smell the etrog...Eat our meals...

Sukkot Hokey Pokey by Judy Caplan Ginsburgh and Lisa Baydush to the tune of The Hokey Pokey

You hang an apple here,
You hang an apple there,
You take a bunch of apples
and you hang them everywhere;
You say a little bracha (*that's a blessing!*)
and you eat a yummy meal,
Sukkot's a real cool deal, YEAH!

What else can we hang in the sukkah?

You shake the lulav here, you shake the lulav there,
You shake it up and down, and you shake it everywhere...

This is My Lulav by Lisa Baydush to the tune of Johnny Works with One Hammer

This is my lulav, lulav, lulav,
This is my lulav for Sukkot (repeat)

This is my etrog, etrog, etrog,
This is my etrog for Sukkot! (repeat)

Chorus:

And now let's shake them,
Shake, shake, shake them up and down!
Now let's shake them
Left and right and all aro-ound!

We're in a sukkah, sukkah, sukkah!
We're in a sukkah for sukkot!

What do we do in the sukkah?
We shake the lulav and etrog! (chorus)

Shake, Shake, Shake that Lulav by Judy Caplan Ginsburgh and Lisa Baydush to the tune of Skip to My Lou

Shake, shake, shake it to the east/right,
Shake, shake, shake it to the west/left,
Shake, shake, shake it up above,
Shake, shake, shake that lulav!

Shake, shake, shake it to the north/front,
Shake, shake, shake it to the south/back,
Shake, shake, shake it to the ground,
Shake, shake, shake that lulav!

Shake, shake, shake it in the air,
Shake, shake, shake it everywhere,
Shake, shake, shake it up with love,
Shake, shake, shake that lulav!

We Roll the Torah

to the tune of Bibidibabidiboo from Cinderella

We roll the Torah over and over
and over and over again (*rolling hands*);
We read and we read and we read
and we read... (*open book hands*);
And then we be-gi-in again (AGAIN!)
(go faster!)

Favorite Preschool Piggy-Back Songs for Chanukah



Happy, Happy, Happy Chanukah

by Lisa Baydush to the tune of The Wheels on the Bus

Chorus:

Happy, happy, happy Chanukah,
Chanukah, Chanukah!

Happy, happy, happy Chanukah,
to you and you and you! (repeat)

What do you like about Chanukah?

Lisa likes to light the Chanukah (3x)
When it's Chanukah!

Chanukah is Here, Let's Celebrate!

to the tune of She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain

Chanukah is here, let's shout HOORAY!
Chanukah is here, let's HOORAY!
Chanukah is here, it's a happy time of year,
Oh, Chanukah is here, let's HOORAY!

Let's clap our hands... and shout HOORAY!
Let's stomp our feet...
Jump up and down...

Twinkle, Twinkle, Chanukah Lights

to the tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle, Chanukah lights,
Shining brightly for eight nights!
The shamas stands up straight and tall,
to light others one and all.
Twinkle, twinkle, Chanukah lights,
Shining brightly for eight nights!

Nine Little Chanukah Candles

to the tune of Ten Little Indians

1 little, 2 little, 3 little candles,
4 little, 5 little, 6 little candles,
7 little, 8 little, 9 little candles
On my chanukah!

Watch the candles shining brightly (3x)
On my chanukah!

Eight Little Chanukah Lights

Eight little Chanukah lights, } (3x)
We're gonna let 'em shine! }
Let 'em shine, let 'em shine, let 'em shine!

Gonna light another candle every night...
Won't let anyone (blow) it out...
Gonna shine our light for all to see...
Eight little Chanukah lights...

Soufganiyot

to the tune of Zum Gali, adapted by Lisa Baydush

Souf-gani-gani-gani, Souf-gani-gani,
Souf-gani-gani-gani-OT! (clap 4x) (repeat)



Jelly donuts for me! (whee!)
Jelly donuts for you! (woo!) (repeat) (chorus)

Chanu-Chanukah

by Lisa Baydush
to the tune of Froggie Went A'Courtin'

Chanu—Chanu-Chanukah!
Chanu—Chanu-Chanukah!
Chanukah is almost/finally here,
C'mon friends, let me hear you cheer for
Chanu—Chanu-Chanukah! (Yee-Haw!)

Light the menorah for 8 nights (2x)

Add a candle every night/Watch them shining oh so bright...

Spin the— dreidel round and round (2x)

Nes gadol ha-ya-a sham/A miracle in Jerusalem...

Eat yummy suf—ganiyot (2x)

Jelly donuts, oh so sweet/That's my favorite Chanukah treat...

Fry up— po-ta-to latkes (2x)

Heap them up on your plate/Eat them up, they taste so great! ...

Tell the story of the Maccabees (2x)

Free to be the Jew in me/Thanks to Judah Maccabee...

Chocolate, chocolate, chocolate gelt (2x)

Chocolate gelt is such a treat/it's so very good to eat...

Favorite Preschool Piggy-Back Songs for Tu B'Shvat



Let's Plant a Tree in Eretz Yisrael

to the tune of Achsav

Let's plant a tree in Eretz Yisrael! (2x)

Hey! Etz, etz, etz, b'Eretz Yisrael!
Hey! Etz, etz, etz, b'Eretz Yisrael!

The rain will fall...
The sun will shine...
Our tree will grow...

Tapping Stick Song

by Emily Teck and Lisa Baydush

to the tune of Clap Clap Clap Your Hands

Tap, tap, tap your sticks,
Tap your sticks together;
Tap, tap, tap your sticks,
Tap for Tu B'shvat!

Tap, tap, tap, tap, tap your sticks,
Tap, tap, tap with me!
Tap your sticks for Tu B'shvat,
The birthday of the trees!

Bang, zip, drum, tap...

Tree Growing Song

to the tune of Around the Mulberry Bush

This is the way we grow our roots,
Grow our roots, grow our roots,
This is the way we grow our roots,
On Tu B'shvat!

Pop through the dirt...
Stretch and grow...
Bend in the breeze...
Open our leaves...
Grow our fruit...
Give our fruit...

Apple Seed

to the tune of The Itsy Bitsy Spider

Once a little apple seed was planted in the ground;
Down came the raindrops falling all around;
Out came the sun, as bright as it could be,
And the little apple seed grew up
to be an apple tree.

Israel Blooms All Around

by Lisa Baydush

to the tune of The Green Grass Grows All Around

There is a land (echo) called Yisrael (echo)
the greenest land (echo) that you ever did see (echo),
and Israel blooms all around, all around
and Israel blooms all around!

And in that land... the tallest tree...
And on that tree... the longest branch...
And on that branch... the skinniest twig...
And on that twig... the littlest nest...
And in that nest... the whitest egg...
And in that egg... the sweetest bird...
And on that bird... the softest feather...
And on that feather... the tiniest seed...
And then that seed, fell to the ground
and one day grew into a brand new tree...

Tu Tu Tu B'Shvat

by Lisa Baydush to the tune of BINGO

I have a tree with lots of fruit,
and now I'll pick an apple!

Tu Tu Tu B'shvat!
Tu Tu Tu B'shvat!
Tu Tu Tu B'shvat!
The birthday of the trees!

Come with Me to Plant a Tree

to the tune of London Bridge is Falling Down

Come with me to plant a tree,
plant a tree, plant a tree,
Come with me to plant a tree on Tu B'shvat!

Take your shovel and dig a hole...
Put a seed into the hole...
Cover it up and water it well...
Watch the tree begin to grow...
Pick some fruit and eat it up...

Tu B'Shvat Knees and Toes

to the tune of Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Leaves, branches, trunk and roots, trunk and roots!
Leaves, branches, trunk and roots, trunk and roots!
Trees give us: shade and nuts and fruit!
Leaves, branches, trunk and roots, trunk and roots!

Tree Song

by Josh Miller*

Play the recording by Judy Caplan Ginsburgh,
and act out the song!

Favorite Preschool Piggy-Back Songs for Purim



It's All in the Megillah

by Lisa Baydush, verses to the tune of Muffin Man

Do you know the Jewish queen,
The Jewish queen, the Jewish queen?
Do you know the Jewish queen?
Her name is Esther!

Chorus:

Esther's in the Megillah,
the Megillah, the Megillah!
Esther's in the Megillah,
the Megillah-la-lah!

The other queen – Vashti;
The foolish king – Ahashverosh;
The Jewish guy – Mordechai;
The wicked man – Haman.

When Chag Purim is Here

by Lisa Baydush
to the tune of Apples and Bananas

I like to eat, eat, eat
chocolate hamantaschen! (repeat 3x)
when Chag Purim is here!

I like to dress, dress, dress, dress-up in a costume...
I like to shake, shake, shake, shake 'n shake my grogger...
I like to march, march, march, march in a parade...
I like to read, read, read, read the Megillah...
It's so much fun, fun, fun to celebrate Purim...

P is for Purim

to the tune of C is for Cookie, Sesame Street

P is for Purim, a happy holiday (3x),
oh, Purim is a happy holiday!

Let's celebrate Purim, hip hip hooray...
Let's make lots of noise when we hear Haman's name (boo!)...
Let's give a big cheer when we hear Esther's name (yay!)...

We'll be Celebrating Purim When it Comes

to the tune of She'll be Comin' Round the Mountain

We'll be celebrating Purim when it comes (2x);
We'll be celebrating Purim (3x) when it comes!

We'll be baking hamantaschen when it comes...
We'll be dressing up in costumes when it comes...
We will shake, shake, shake our groggers when it comes...

If You're Happy That It's Purim

to the tune of If You're Happy and You Know It

If you're happy that it's Purim, clap your hands...
If you're proud of brave Queen Esther, shout hooray...
If you're mad at mean ol' Haman, make some noise...
If you're happy that it's Purim, jump up and down...

Everybody Make Some Hamantaschen

by Lisa Baydush to the tune of Ten Little Indians

Chorus:

Everybody make some hamantaschen (3x)
Make some now with me!

Mix the dough (echo)... Hamantaschen!
(chorus) (then add next step)

Roll it out (echo)...
Fill it up (echo)...
Bake it now (echo)...
Tick-tock (3x) DING! Is it ready? Is it hot? Blow on it... now...

Everybody eat some hamantaschen (3x)
Eat some now with me! (repeat)
Yummy!

Hamantaschen, You're the One

to the tune of Rubber Ducky from Sesame Street

Hamantaschen, you're the one,
You make Purim loads of fun!
Hamantaschen, I'm awfully fond of you,
Doo doots...!

Hamantaschen, you're so sweet,
You have a taste that's hard to beat!...

Hamantaschen, you're so fine,
Chocolate chip is my favorite kind!...

Favorite Preschool Piggy-Back Songs for Pesach



Let My People Go by Sally Heckleman
to the tune of I've Been Working on the Railroad

The Jews were busy building cities
all the live-long day,
The Jews were busy building cities
and they did it Pharaoh's way;
Moses tried to get them out of Egypt;
he said, "Let my people go!"
But stubborn Pharaoh wouldn't listen;
he kept on saying, "No!"
"Let my people go" - "No!" (2x)
"Please let my people go-go-go/go—!" "No!"
"Let my people go" - "No!" (2x)
"Please let my people go!" "NO!"

Where, Oh Where is the Afikomen?
to the tune of The Paw Paw Patch

Where, oh where is the Afikomen? (3x)
Let's go find it now!

Is it under the table? No, it's not there!
Is it under the chair? No, it's not there!
Is it behind my back? Yay! We found it,
Here's the Afikomen!

Do You Know the Matzah Man?
to the tune of Do You Know the Muffin Man

Do you know the matzah man,
the matzah man, the matzah man?
Do you know the matzah man,
his name is Afikomen!

Where's he hiding? Do you know?...
We need him for our seder!

Can you find him? Yes, I can...
And look, here he is!



Matzarena
to the tune of The Macarena

I am so glad that it's time to eat matzah,
It's so crunchy, it's so good and it comes in a boxa;
I am so glad that it's time to eat matzah,
hey, Matzarena!

Afikomen (round) by Doda Mollie
to the tune of Frères Jacques

Afikomen, Afikomen,
Where are you? Where are you?
Where could you be hiding? (2x)
Where are you? Where are you?

It's Time to Fill the Seder Plate
to the tune of London Bridge

It's time to fill the seder plate,
seder plate, seder plate,
It's time to fill the seder plate,
soon we'll celebrate/now let's celebrate!

Put charosets/a shankbone/maror/some parsley/
an egg on the plate...

What Do We Put on the Seder Plate? to the
tune of What Do You Like About Shabbat by Jackie Silberg

What do we put on the seder plate? (echo)
Parsley for springtime (echo)
That's what we put on the seder plate! (echo)

Charosets for building (echo)...
A shankbone for the ten plagues (echo)...
An egg for new life (echo)...
Bitter herbs for slavery (echo)...

Plague Song
to the tune of If You're Happy and You Know It

There were frogs jumping everywhere! (2x)
They hopped through Pharaoh's door,
now they're hopping on his floor,
There were frogs jumping everywhere!

There were lice crawling everywhere!
Pharaoh scratched 'til he was sore,
then he scratched and scratched some more...

There were locusts swarming everywhere!
They ate all of Pharaoh's wheat,
there was nothing left to eat...

There was pitch-black darkness all day long!
Pharaoh stubbed his toes,
Then he fell and hurt his nose...

Favorite Preschool Piggy-Back Songs for Yom Ha-atzmaut



Yom Ha'atzmaut by Judy Caplan Ginsburgh
and Lisa Baydush to the tune of Skip to my Lou

Yom Ha'atzmaut (3x)
Israel's Independence Day (repeat)

Wave your flag and shout hooray! (3x)
for Israel's Independence Day! (chorus)

Clap Your Hands (for Israel)

by Lisa Baydush to the tune of Clap Clap Clap Your Hands

Clap, clap, clap your hands,
Clap your hands for Israel;
Clap, clap, clap your hands,
For Yom Ha-atzmaut!

Clap your hands and sing with me:
Happy birthday, Israel! (repeat)

Stomp, stomp, stomp your feet...
Jump, jump up and down...
Wave, wave, wave your flag...



The Itsy Bitsy Ackaveesh

by Rick Recht

The itsy bitsy ackaveesh
went up the mayim spout;
Down came the geshem
and washed the ackaveesh out!
Out came the shemesh
and dried up all the geshem,
and the itsy bitsy ackaveesh
went up the spout again.

The GREAT BIG achaveesh...

Blue and White for Israel

by Lisa Baydush to the tune of London Bridge

Israel's flag is blue and white
Blue and white, blue and white
Israel's flag is blue and white
Blue and white for Israel!

Kachol is blue, lavan is white (3x)
Blue and white for Israel!

Favorite Preschool Piggy-Back Songs for Shabbat



Are We Ready for Shabbat?

to the tune of Freres Jacques

Are we ready? (Yes, we're ready!)
for Shabbat? (for Shabbat!)
Do we have the candles?
(Yes, we have the candles!)
for Shabbat! (for Shabbat!)

...Kiddush cup
...grape juice
...challah
...flowers

Print and laminate images of Shabbat ritual items; put Velcro on the back. Let students each pick one object from a bag, which they can then put on a felt board during the song.

Prayer is Reaching

to the tune of Frere Jacques

Prayer is reaching, prayer is reaching,
up to God, up to God.
Saying what we're thinking,
Saying what we're feeling,
Reaching up, up to God. (repeat with out and in)

Preface song by explaining that prayer is a way for us to reach out/connect with God, and to tell God what we're thinking and feeling.

Ask if they know where God is? Explain that some people think of God being up in the sky (reach up) and some people think of God being all around us (reach out) and some people think of God being that still small voice inside of us who tells us the right things to do (give yourself a hug).

Stand up and sing this song with movement – reach up, out and in. Tap your forehead for thinking, and put your hands over your heart for feeling.

Hinei Rock You

by Lisa Ashery and Susan Sacks

to the tune of We Will Rock You by Queen
(Pat-pat-clap rhythm)

Hinei, hinei, mah tov! (2x)

Hinei, hinei mah tov
U'ma u'ma naim
Shevet, shevet achim
Gam yachad! (repeat)

Light the Candles 1-2-3

by Lisa Baydush to the tune of Take a Potato

Light the candles now with me,
Watch them shine so brightly,
Drink the grape juice, it's so sweet,
Eat the challah, such a treat!

Favorite Preschool Piggy-Back Songs for Torah Stories



Noah's Ark

by Marc Rossio to the tune of Grandpa's Farm

Chorus:

We're on our way, we're on our way,
on our way to Noah's Ark! (repeat)

Down on Noah's Ark,
there are two wooly sheep (repeat)
The sheep, they make a sound like this:
"Baaaaa!" (repeat) (chorus)

Good Ol' Noah Built an Ark

by Lisa Baydush to the tune of Old MacDonald Had a Farm

Good ol' Noah built an ark
'cause God said it would rain,
And on that ark he took two cows,
who sang and sang all day.

With a moo-moo here and a moo-moo there
Here a moo, there a moo, everywhere a moo-moo!

End song:

And then one day the sun came out, and the water went away.
So Noah opened the door of the ark...
Good ol' Noah waved goodbye, shalom, shalom, shalom!

Make a Rainbow w/scarves

by Lisa Baydush to the tune of Clementine

Make a rainbow, make a rainbow,
Make a rainbow way up high
Make a rainbow, make a rainbow,
Make a rainbow in the sky!

Red and orange, yellow, green,
Purple, blue and indigo
Pretty colors, pretty colors
Make a beautiful rainbow!

I'm a Little Rainbow

to the tune of I'm a Little Teapot from The Mailbox Magazine

I'm a little rainbow, (point to self)
Way up high. (point to ceiling)
After it rains, (wiggle fingers like rain falling)
Look in the sky. (shade eyes with hand; look up.)
You will see my colors, (point to eye)
Oh so bright! (finger bursts)
From end to end, (use index finger to trace arch in air)
I'm a lovely sight! (put both hands up, fingers spread)

Six Days to Make This Beautiful World

by Lisa Baydush to the tune of Down on Grandpa's Farm

Chorus:

Six day, six days to make this beautiful world! (2x)

On the first day, God made dark and light
On the first day, God made dark and light
And then God said that it was good (It was good!)
And then God said that it was good (It was good!)
(It took... chorus)

On the 2nd day, God made the land and sky and sea...
On the 3rd day, God made the flowers and trees...
On the 4th day, God made the sun and moon and stars...
On the 5th day, God made fish and birds...
On the 6th day, God made animals and people...

On the 7th day, God took a rest (2x)
And that is why we have Shabbat! (2x)

Favorite Preschool Piggy-Back Songs for Tikkun Olam



Helping Hands Hokey Pokey

to the tune of The Hokey Pokey

You put your helping hands in/out/in (3x)
and you shake them all about
You do a little mitzvah
and you turn yourself around
That's what it's all about! Yofi!

Helping feet, loving heart, whole self...

Did a Mitzvah

to the tune of Clementine, adapted by Sharon Sock

Did a mitzvah, did a mitzvah, did a mitzvah today!
Today I did a mitzvah, I was kind in many ways!

Zip in children's mitzvahs, such as gave tzedakah, helped a friend, etc.

We've Got the Whole World in Our Hands

We've got the whole world
in our hands! (repeat 4x)

Rivers and the oceans...
Trees and the flowers in our hands! (4x)
Air we breathe...

What Can We Do to Help the World?

by Lisa Baydush to the tune of What Do You Like About Shabbat by Jackie Silberg

What can we do to help the world? (2x)
We can pick up trash, we can pick up trash,
That's what we can do to help the world!

Zip in children's ideas about what they can do to help the world... turn off lights, recycle, help a friend.

The Green Team to the tune of The Ants Go Marching
from Dr. Jean's Going Green, adapted by Lisa Baydush

We are on the Green Team, hurrah, hurrah!
We help to keep our planet clean, hurrah, hurrah!
We recycle every day, we try to help in every way
To keep the earth clean,
We are proud to be the Green Team!

We pick up all the trash we see, it's up to you, it's up to me...

I Can Do a Mitzvah by Lisa Baydush
to the tune of Johnny Works with One Hammer

I can do a mitzvah, mitzvah, mitzvah,
I can do a mitzvah every day!

I can pick up trash, pick up trash, pick up trash;
I can pick up trash every day!