BIG IDEA: Phonological Awareness | **FOCUS ON: Rhyming**

3 The Ants Go Marching

GOAL

- **Students will develop an understanding of the concepts of rhyme and rhyming and how rhyme is typically used.**

MATERIALS

❍ Poem: "The Ants Go Marching"

TEACHER STEPS: Describe It

- Explain to students that they are going to learn a new poem that has rhyme and repeating patterns.
- Teach the first verse to the students so that they become familiar with the repeating parts.
- Tell the students that the verses also involve counting, beginning with 1 and finishing with 10.

STUDENT STEPS: Do It

Say the following:

- "Now we're going to say the poem together, and when we get to the parts that repeat, we're going to raise our voices without shouting."

VARIATION

- Use any repeating poem to emphasize these rhyming skills.

THE ANTS GO MARCHING

The ants go marching one by one.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The ants go marching one by one.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The ants go marching one by one;
The little one stops to suck his thumb,
And they all go marching
down
into the ground
to get out
of the rain.
Boom, boom, boom!

The ants go marching two by two.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The ants go marching two by two.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The ants go marching two by two;
The little one stops to tie his shoe,
And they all go marching
down
into the ground
to get out
of the rain.
Boom, boom, boom!

The ants go marching three by three.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The ants go marching three by three.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The ants go marching three by three;
The little one stops to ride a bee,
And they all go marching
down
into the ground
to get out

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The Ants Go Marching continued

of the rain.
Boom, boom, boom!

The ants go marching four by four.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The ants go marching four by four.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The ants go marching four by four;
The little one stops to ask for more,
And they all go marching
down
into the ground
to get out
of the rain.
Boom, boom, boom!

The ants go marching five by five.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The ants go marching five by five.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The ants go marching five by five;
The little one stops to jump and dive,
And they all go marching
down
into the ground
to get out
of the rain.
Boom, boom, boom!

The ants go marching six by six.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The ants go marching six by six.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The ants go marching six by six;
The little one stops to pick up sticks,
And they all go marching
down
into the ground
to get out
of the rain.
Boom, boom, boom!

The ants go marching seven by seven.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The ants go marching seven by seven.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The ants go marching seven by seven;
The little one stops to write with a pen,
And they all go marching
down
into the ground
to get out
of the rain.
Boom, boom, boom!

The ants go marching eight by eight.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The ants go marching eight by eight.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The ants go marching eight by eight;
The little one stops to roller-skate,
And they all go marching
down
into the ground
to get out
of the rain.
Boom, boom, boom!

The ants go marching nine by nine.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The ants go marching nine by nine.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The ants go marching nine by nine;
The little one stops to drink and dine,
And they all go marching
down
into the ground
to get out
of the rain.
Boom, boom, boom!

The ants go marching ten by ten.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The ants go marching ten by ten.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The ants go marching ten by ten;
The little one stops to shout
"THE END!!"

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