

February  
Nursery Rhyme

**Jack Be Nimble**

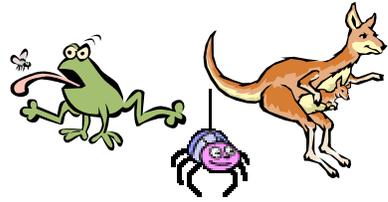
Jack be nimble.  
Jack be quick.  
Jack jump over  
the candlestick.



# February Activities



Talk about different animals that jump. For example: kangaroos, some spiders, frogs, etc. Visit the local library to research some other animals that jump or hop.



## Candle sort

Gather a bunch of candles from around the house. Help child sort the candles into different sets. For example: sort into like colors; like sizes; like smells, etc. Once candles are sorted, talk about each set and why they are sorted in this particular way.



## "Jump the Candlestick"

Gather a variety of pillows, small boxes, small stuffed animals, or an actual candlestick. Help the child "Jump" over the candlestick, or whatever you have set up. As the child jumps, sing the following:

\_\_\_\_\_(child's name) be nimble,  
\_\_\_\_\_(child's name) be quick,  
\_\_\_\_\_(child's name) jump over the  
\_\_\_\_\_(object) quick!



## Electricity Search

Talk about how our ancestors used candles for light, warmth, and cooking many years ago. Then discuss how we use electricity in the same ways today. Use a candle for light at dinner instead of the regular lights.

Another activity is to gather a few catalogs or old magazines. Search through the catalogs for items that require electricity. Cut or tear out the pictures and glue to a sheet of paper for an electricity collage.



## Fire Safety

Another issue that should be discussed in this unit is fire safety. Talk to children about being safe around fires, such as wood stoves, fireplaces, campfires, and candles. Have a family meeting and discuss what you could do in the event of a fire in your home.

*Children learn best in the context of a loving relationship. These activities are designed for children and adults to do together. Children should be encouraged to do as much as they safely can by themselves. There should be a lot of lively discussion accompanying these activities.*