

If I Had a Dinosaur

A little imagination and creative thinking is all you need for this activity.

WHAT THEY LEARN

Steady beat, creative thinking

WHAT YOU NEED

- Stuffed or toy dinosaur

WHAT TO DO

- Have children sit in a circle and teach the chant by patting a steady beat on legs while saying the words in rhythm.
- Once the children know the chant, have them continue to pat the beat while speaking the poem.
- To help keep track of whose turn it is, pass the dinosaur around the circle. Each student in turn fills in the last two beats with the name of their dinosaur. Encourage class to continue keeping the steady beat without stopping if possible unless they are holding the dinosaur on their turn.

Lyrics:

If I had a dinosaur living in my house, I would name it _____

ART EXTENSION:

Have each child draw a picture of their dinosaur. At the bottom of the page print the sentences from the chant filling in the blank with their dinosaur's name.

