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FREE PRINTABLE ACTIVITY PACK

Rub-a-Dub-Dub

A traditional Mother Goose nursery rhyme



For ages 4–8 ✦ Pre-K through 2nd grade

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✦ THE RHYME ✦

Rub-a-Dub-Dub

A Mother Goose rhyme about three tradesmen off on a very wobbly voyage



Rub-a-dub-dub,
Three men in a tub,
And who do you think they be?
The butcher, the baker,
The candlestick-maker,
And all of them gone to sea.

Listen along. Scan to watch the Storyland Classics read-aloud, or visit *storylandclassics.com/rubadub*. Say the rhyme together until children can join in on every line.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. How many men were in the tub?
2. Who were they? What did each one carry?
3. A *butcher* sells meat, a *baker* makes bread and a *candlestick-maker* makes candlesticks.

   What job would you take to sea?
4. Is a tub a good boat? Why or why not?

ACT IT OUT

Choose a butcher, a baker and a candlestick-maker. Squeeze them into a hula-hoop "tub" and let them rock side to side while everyone chants the rhyme.

> **Rhyme tip:** Rub your hands together on "rub-a-dub-dub," then hold up three fingers for the three men.

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✦ COLOR IT ✦

Three Men in a Tub

Color the butcher, the baker and the candlestick-maker, their wooden tub, the gulls and the lighthouse.



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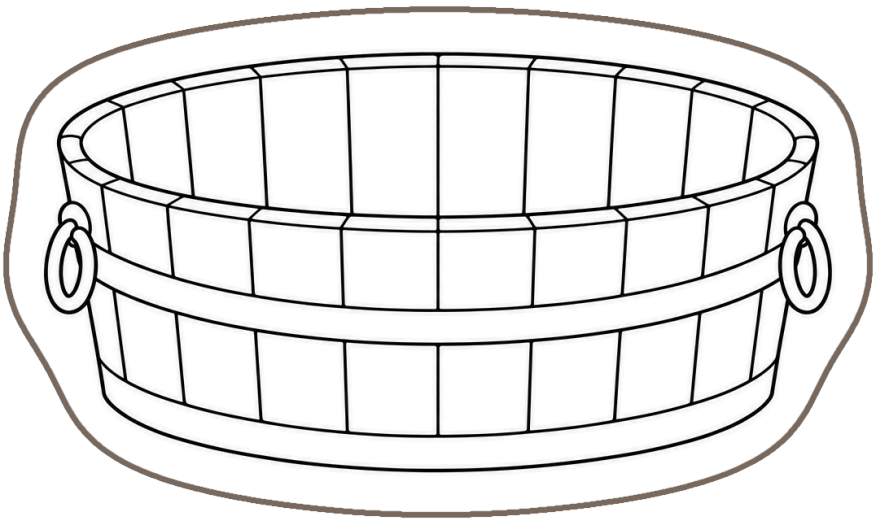
✦ CUT & PASTE CRAFT ✦

Three Men in a Tub

Color the pieces and cut them out. Then paste them on the sea on the next page.



Wooden tub



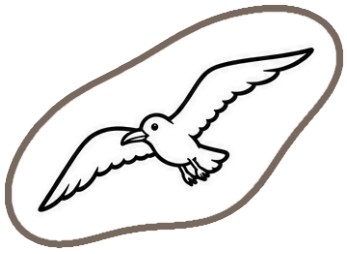
Butcher



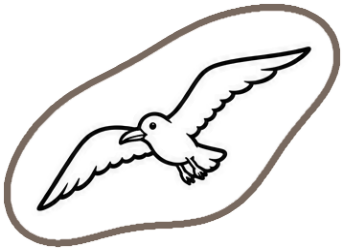
Baker



Candlestick-maker



Seagull



Seagull

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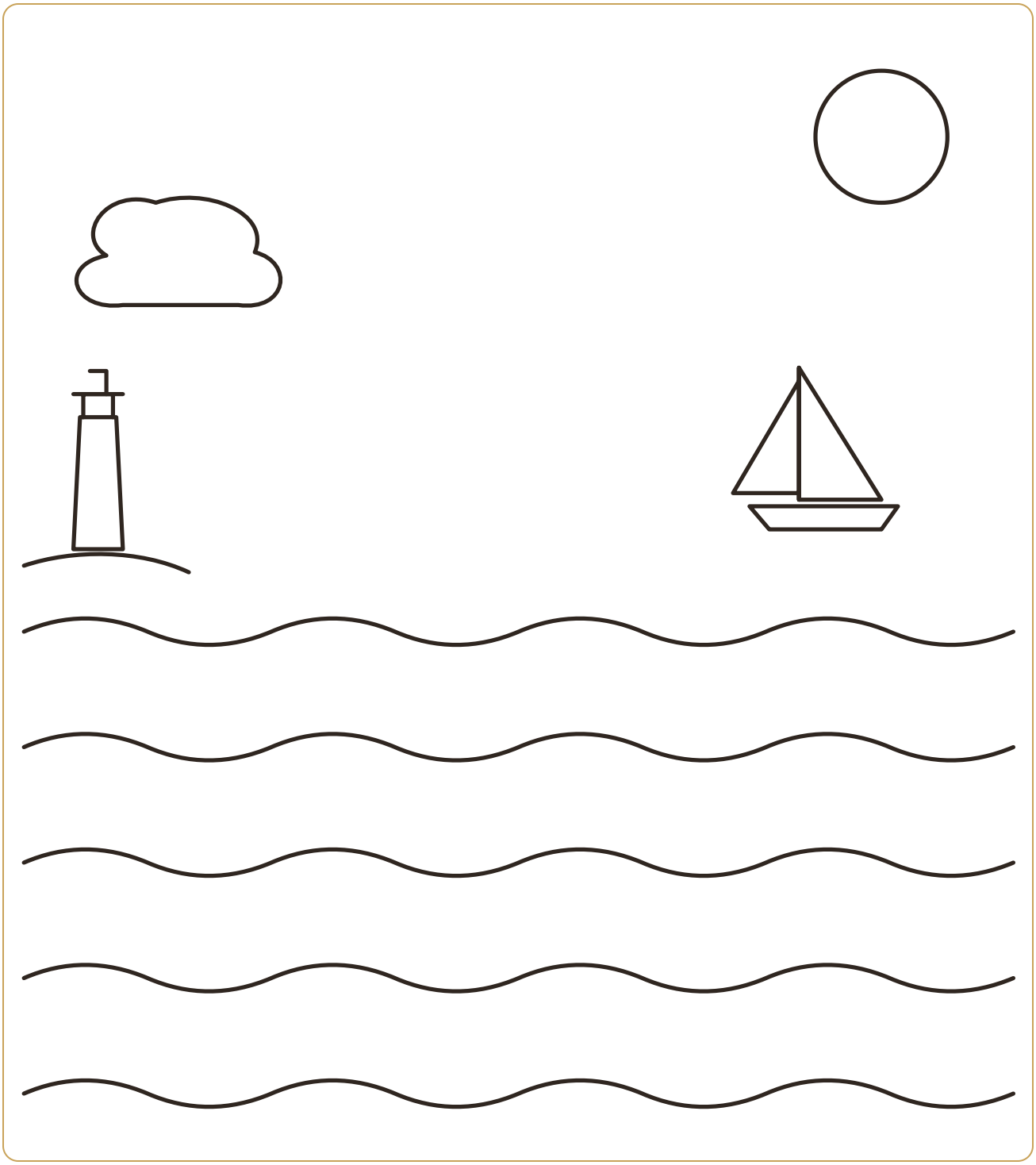
✦ CUT & PASTE CRAFT ✦

Out to Sea

*Paste the tub **on** the waves. Put the three men **in** the tub: the butcher on the **left**, the baker in the **middle** and the candlestick-maker on the **right**. Make the gulls fly **above** them.*



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✦ READING FUN ✦

Put the Rhyme in Order

Cut out the four lines. Say the rhyme, then paste each line in the right box.

1

2

3

4

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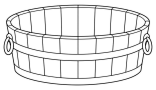
The butcher, the baker, the candlestick-maker,



Rub-a-dub-dub, three men in a tub,



And all of them gone to sea.



And who do you think they be?

Need a hint? The picture on each strip matches that line.

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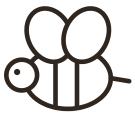
✦ RHYME TIME ✦

Words That Rhyme

Rhyming words sound the same at the end, like dub and tub, or be and sea.

1. These words are from the rhyme. Draw a line from each word to the picture that rhymes with it. *(Grown-ups: read the words aloud.)*

tub	 ten
men	 tree
sea	 cub
three	 bee

2. Circle the words that rhyme with *tub*.

dub sea rub men cub baker scrub

3. Finish the rhyme. Write a word from the box on each line.

tub be baker sea

Three men in a _____ ,

And who do you think they _____ ?

The butcher, the _____ ,

And all of them gone to _____ .

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✦ LISTEN & COUNT ✦

Count the Words

Words are the pieces of what we say. How many words can you hear?

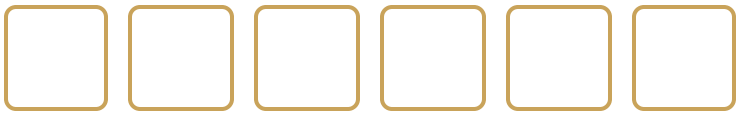
Say each one out loud. Clap once for every word. Color one box for each clap, then write how many words you heard.

Scrub the tub.



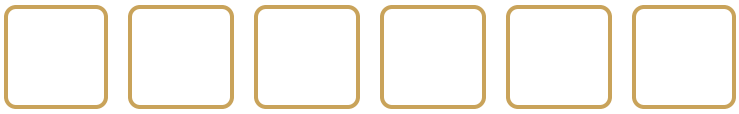
= ___ words

three men in a tub



= ___ words

the busy baker



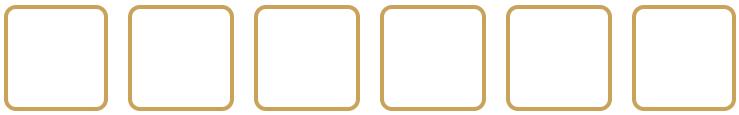
= ___ words

They went to sea.



= ___ words

a tall candlestick



= ___ words

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✦ READY TO WRITE ✦

Pencil Warm-Ups

Hold your pencil with a pinch grip: thumb and pointer finger pinch, middle finger underneath.

Start at the **green dot**. Trace each dotted line with your pencil. Go from left to right, and from top to bottom.

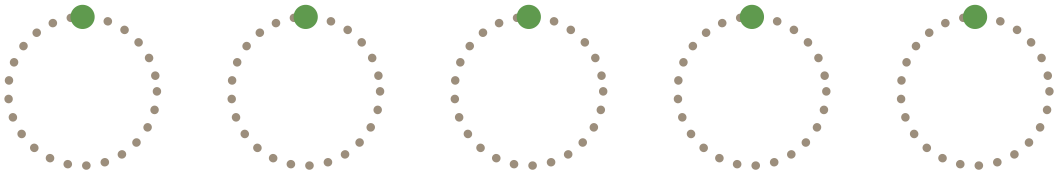
TUB BOARDS: STRAIGHT DOWN



OCEAN WAVES: WAVY LINES



ROUND LOAVES OF BREAD: ROUND AND ROUND



LIGHTHOUSE LIGHT: ZIG AND ZAG



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✦ HANDWRITING ✦

Trace & Write

Practice writing words from the rhyme. Start at the top line and go down.

1. Trace over the gray letters. Then write the word on your own in the space beside it.

tub

men

sea

three

2. Copy the line from the rhyme in your best handwriting.

Rub-a-dub-dub, three men in a tub,

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✦ PUZZLE TIME ✦

Word Search

Find the words from the rhyme. Words go across and down. Check off each word when you find it.

D	C	A	N	D	L	E	W	I	J
G	N	S	S	E	A	T	H	E	W
G	T	A	G	F	A	H	Y	L	U
W	W	J	M	N	T	R	N	J	E
W	A	V	E	S	B	E	F	O	W
N	G	D	M	E	N	E	R	H	B
C	U	B	R	E	A	D	W	R	A
R	L	B	U	T	C	H	E	R	K
N	L	C	T	O	S	J	O	C	E
G	I	R	D	U	B	S	F	A	R

☆ ☆ ☆

☐ Dub ☐ Men ☐ Three ☐ Butcher ☐ Baker

☐ Candle ☐ Sea ☐ Bread ☐ Gull ☐ Wave

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✦ FOR GROWN-UPS ✦

Answer Key

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Three.
2. The butcher (meat), the baker (bread) and the candlestick-maker (a candlestick).
3. Answers will vary.
4. Answers will vary. (It's round and wobbly, and not made for the sea!)

PUT THE RHYME IN ORDER

1. Rub-a-dub-dub, three men in a tub,
2. And who do you think they be?
3. The butcher, the baker, the candlestick-maker,
4. And all of them gone to sea.

RHYME TIME

1. tub – cub, men – ten, sea – bee, three – tree
2. dub, rub, cub, scrub
3. tub, be, baker, sea

COUNT THE WORDS

Scrub the tub. = 3, three men in a tub = 5, the busy baker = 3,
They went to sea. = 4, a tall candlestick = 3

WORD SEARCH

D	C	A	N	D	L	E	W	I	J
G	N	S	S	E	A	T	H	E	W
G	T	A	G	F	A	H	Y	L	U
W	W	J	M	N	T	R	N	J	E
W	A	V	E	S	B	E	F	O	W
N	G	D	M	E	N	E	R	H	B
C	U	B	R	E	A	D	W	R	A
R	L	B	U	T	C	H	E	R	K
N	L	C	T	O	S	J	O	C	E
G	I	R	D	U	B	S	F	A	R

BRING THE RHYME HOME

Watch the read-aloud at *storylandclassics.com/rubadub*, and find more nursery rhymes, stories, poems and free guides at **storylandclassics.com**.

Extend the fun: float a plastic tub with three toy people in the bath or sink, sort pictures of things a butcher, baker and candlestick-maker might sell, or count to three in different voices.

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KINDERGARTEN SKILLS IN THIS PACK

- **Listening & rhyme:** recognize rhyming words; count the words in a phrase (CCSS RF.K.2, RF.K.2a)
- **Print concepts:** left-to-right, top-to-bottom tracking; put the rhyme's lines in order (RF.K.1a)
- **Pre-writing & handwriting:** pinch grip, lines, circles and diagonals, tracing and copying letters (L.K.1a)
- **Position words:** left, right, next to, in front of in the craft directions (L.K.1e)
- **Speaking & listening:** talk-about-it questions after the read-aloud (SL.K.2, RL.K.10)

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