



Musical Steps

Animals

Rhyme

Keep a really strong, steady beat as you say the rhyme. The words move much faster in the third line of each verse., and the ending is completely different Download and listen to the mp3 recording to hear how it goes. Use the actions below, or choose children to be the cubs and lioness and act out the rhyme as you say it.

This is obviously a counting rhyme, but it also gives opportunities for discussion about family, animal names (lion, lioness, cub, other baby animals etc), safety (don't wander off and what to do if you are lost) and where the 'daddy lion' might be when all this is happening!

Five Little Lion Cubs

Five little lion cubs sitting in a lair, **hold up 5 fingers & move hand to beat**
Looking for mummy, but mummy wasn't there. **other hand shades eyes to 'look', then shake head**
"I'll go and find her!" said the first little one, **bend thumb in time to the beat**
And off he went in the hot, hot sun. **hide thumb**

Four little lion cubs sitting in a lair, **hold up 4 fingers & move hand to beat**
Looking for mummy, but mummy wasn't there.
"I'll go and find her!" said the next little one, **bend index finger in time to the beat**
And off he went in the hot, hot sun. **hide index finger**

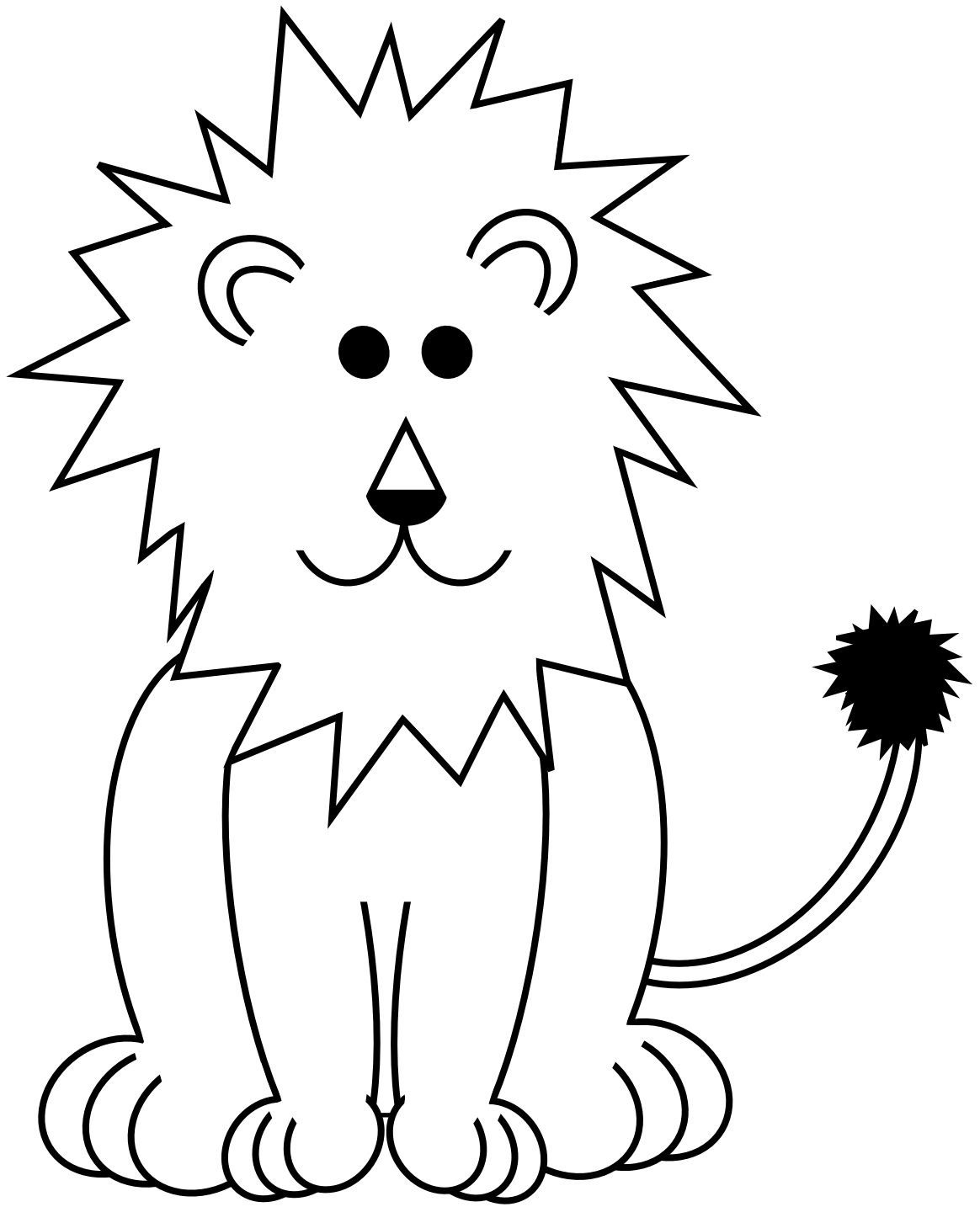
Three little lion cubs sitting in a lair, **hold up 3 fingers....**
Looking for mummy, but mummy wasn't there.
"I'll go and find her!" said the next little one, **bend middle finger...**
And off he went in the hot, hot sun.

Two little lion cubs sitting in a lair, **2 fingers....**
Looking for mummy, but mummy wasn't there.
"I'll go and find her!" said the next little one, **ring finger....**
And off he went in the hot, hot sun.

One little lion cub sitting in a lair, **hold up little finger....**
Looking for mummy, but mummy wasn't there.
"I'll go and find her!" said the last little one,
And off he went in the hot hot sun.

One big lioness back in the lair, **make lion claws**
Looking for her cubs, but her cubs weren't there. **shade eyes with hand to 'look', then shake head**
"Roar!" said the lioness, "Come to mum!" **cup hands round mouth, then beckon cubs with hand**
And back they came, one by one! **wiggle 5 'lion cub' fingers**

One, two, three, four, **bring 'lion cub' fingers out one by one, still in time to the beat**
Five and..... ROAAAAAAR! **cup hands round mouth**



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