

## **Spider on the Floor**

(Target Audience: Preschool)

This is a funny, simplified version great for developing vocabulary with very young children and ESL families. Expect lots of giggles with this activity! And it's a really good attention getter, especially on days when the children are not quite with you. If your group is new, use this for creating participation.

**Materials:** A tarantula-sized spider that can be seen more easily. Find a plasticized or rubber spider that is very lifelike.

1. Identify and talk about the animal; then, identify the location, the floor in this case and have everyone sing this simplified tune which consists of the same line throughout the song and not the version with a different last line. If you have many ESL families or those who have forgotten the lines, give them the lines one by one and have them repeat. Then have everybody slowly sing the tune.

There's a spider on the floor, on the floor (repeat the same line 5 times)

2. Move the spider up to your knee and have them sing:  
There's a spider on my knee, on my knee
3. Substitute "knee" for "shoulder", "head", and "ear". At this point there will be some giggling and by the time you get to "eye" everyone will be giggling!