

## Kooky Canadian Car Trip

(Target Audience: Ages 9–12)

Pick and choose which elements you would like to use in your program.

### 1. **Are we there yet?**

At the beginning of the program children could guess the exact time that the program will end and write their guess on a slip of paper. At the end of the program, a prize could be awarded to the person with the closest guess.

### 2. **Songs:**

The Wheels on the Car (adapted from “*The Wheels on the Bus*”)

Feel free to make up your own silly verses. Fun additional verses to the well-known standards might be:

The brakes on the car go squeak, squeak, squeak...

The horn on the car goes honk, honk, honk...

The lights on the car go blink, blink, blink...

The engine of the car goes chug, chug, chug...

The radio on the car goes boom, boom, boom...

The doors on the car go slam, slam, slam...

The driver in the car goes “cut that out,” “cut that out,” “cut that out...”

The kids in the car go “are we there yet?,” “are we there yet?,” “are we there yet?...”

3. Sing “*Down by the Bay*” and let children add their own silly verses. If they get stuck, you can begin the line and let them finish it. (You may be able to find various versions of the song on CD. For example, Raffi has a version on the CD/cassette *Singable Songs for the Very Young*). An additional activity would be to get the children to draw their verses.

Sample additional lines follow below:

### **Down by the Bay**

Down by the bay, where the watermelons grow,  
Back to my home, I dare not go,  
For if I do, my mother will say...

Did you ever see a goose, kissing a moose,  
Down by the bay?

Did you ever see a whale, with a polka dot tail?  
Down by the bay? ...

Did you ever see a bear, combing his hair?...

Did you ever see llamas, eating their pyjamas?...  
Did you ever see a horse, on a golf course?...  
Did you ever see a fox, kissing his socks?...  
Did you ever see a snake, baking a cake?...  
Did you ever see a fly, wearing a tie?...  
Did you ever see a pig, dancing a jig?...  
Did you ever see a bear, combing his hair?...  
Did you ever see a duck, eating a truck?...  
Did you ever see a cat, wearing a hat?...  
Did you ever see a bee, with a sunburned knee?...  
Did you ever see a goat, on a pirate boat?...  
Did you ever see your teacher, kissing a creature?...  
Did you ever see a spider, drinking apple cider?...

End with the verse:

Did you ever have a time, when you couldn't make a rhyme? DOWN BY THE BAY!!!

#### 4. Safety Belts Song (To the tune of Jingle Bells)

Safety belts, safety belts, wear them all the way.  
Every time you're in the car, every night and day....Oh!  
Safety belts, safety belts, put them round your lap.  
Then before you start to ride, everybody SNAP!

#### 5. I've Got A Little Piece Of Tin

I've got a little piece of tin,  
Nobody knows what shape it's in.  
It's got four wheels and a running board,  
It's a four-door, it's a Ford.

CHORUS:

Honk! Honk! Rattle! Rattle! Rattle! Crash! Beep! Beep!  
Honk! Honk! Rattle! Rattle! Rattle! Crash! Beep! Beep!  
Honk! Honk! Rattle! Rattle! Rattle! Crash! Beep! Beep!  
Honk! Honk! Two! Three! Four!

Next verse, same as the first,  
A little bit faster and a little bit worse.

MOTIONS: (During the CHORUS only)

"Honk! Honk!" - pretend to beep a horn in front of you

"Rattle., rattle..." - roll each forearm over the other

"Crash!" - clap hands

"Beep! Beep!" - hit your nose with the fingertips of one hand

## 6. Jokes

Q: Why did the tire need a vacation?

A: It couldn't take the pressure anymore.

Q: Why did the clock need a vacation?

A: It was all wound up.

Q: On a car vacation, a family rode for 3 days and didn't get tired. Why?

A: They slept at night!

Q: How did the camper make a fire with only one stick?

A: It was a match.

Q: Why was the gasoline pump so embarrassed?

A: Because it always made a fuel out of itself.

Q: Why did the silly kid go down the road with a loaf of bread?

A: He heard there was a big traffic jam.

Q: Why did the elephant buy a bigger car?

A: He needed more trunk space.

Q: What has a steering wheel and flies?

A: A garbage truck.

7. Most licence plates are a combination of (up to seven) letters and numbers. What funny licence plates have you seen on the road? What would your personal plate say? Can you decipher these personal plates?:

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## 8. Craft ideas:

- Make vanity plates with stickers or die cut letters and numbers. Let the kids decorate their personalized licence plates.
- With large cardboard boxes, children could create and decorate a car. Jar caps could become headlights. Ice cream sticks or chopsticks could be used as windshield wipers.

9. If you make little sandwiches or cookies, there are cutters available in some stores in the shape of cars (or planes, trains and boats).

## 10. Memory game

There are different ways this game can be played. A number of objects related to a car trip or picnic are collected and placed on a tray, or on the floor. Or, pictures of the objects could be placed on a board. The objects are all hidden under a towel, or blanket. The covering is removed to show the objects and the children get a set amount of time to look at the items. The objects are then recovered and the children try to remember as many of them as possible. You could give a prize for the child who remembers the most objects. Other ways to play are to remove an item, mix up their placement and see if the children can tell you what is missing. You could also try adding an item or swapping an item. Another fun idea is to play this game at the beginning of the program and then at the very end of your program see how many objects the group can still remember.

Possible objects to use for this game are:

Ball	Keys
Band-Aids	Paper
Book	Paper clip
Bookmark	Pen
CD	Pencil
Colouring books	Rubber bands
Comics	Sun block lotion
Crayons	Sun glasses
Deck of cards	Swimsuit
Eraser	Toothbrush
Flashlight	Toothpaste
Frisbee	Water bottle
Hat/cap	

### 11. Another memory game

"I went on a trip and in my suitcase I packed a \_\_\_\_\_." All players repeat this sentence and each adds an item to the packed suitcase, listing the items that the previous players had packed, in order. A player who misses an object is out and the last player in the game is the winner. A prize may be awarded.

### 12. Crazy Chit Chat/Trivia

What was your favourite trip?

Where's the most wonderful place you have ever been?

What if you could go on vacation anywhere in the world? Where would you go?

What is the single most important item to pack when you're travelling?

What feature would you add to an automobile that is not currently available?

Trivia: Hodophobia is the fear of travel.

### 13. Unusual (funny) Canadian place names

Some places in Canada have unusual names. Have you ever heard of the following examples? What's the strangest real name of a place you have been? Or have heard of?

Blow Me Down (Newfoundland)	Limerick (Saskatchewan)
Brokenhead (Manitoba)	Mushaboom (Nova Scotia)
Bummers Roost (Ontario)	Old Harry (Prince Edward Island)
Ecum Secum (Nova Scotia)	Pokemouche (New Brunswick)
Eureka (Nova Scotia)	Poopoo Creek (British Columbia)
Funnybone Lake (Ontario)	Punkeydoodles Corners (Ontario)
Goobies (Newfoundland)	Saint-Louis-Du-Ha-Ha! (Quebec)
Grizzly Bear's Head (Saskatchewan)	Sissiboo Falls (Nova Scotia)
Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump (AB)	Snooks Arm (Newfoundland)
Jerry's Nose (Newfoundland)	Zexwaxw Glacier (British Columbia)
Spuzzum (British Columbia)	Tickle Cover (Newfoundland)
Ta Ta Creek (British Columbia)	

Canada's Longest Place Name:

Cape St. George-Petit Jardin-Grand Jardin-De Grau-Marches Point-Loretto (Nfld.)

14. Where in Canada would you be ...? Of course, you could make up your own questions or let the audience come up with some too.

1. If you were gazing up at the CN Tower?
2. If you were visiting the polar bear capital of the world?
3. If you were watching a famous Canadian stampede?
4. If you were skating the Rideau Canal?
5. If you were staying at the Chateau Frontenac?
6. If you were hiking through Gros Morne National Park?

7. If you were visiting the home of Anne of Green Gables?
8. If you were visiting the dinosaur capital of Canada?
9. If you are telling time on the Gas Town Steam Clock?
10. If you were on the largest island in Canada?

Answers:

1. Toronto, Ontario
2. Churchill, Manitoba
3. Calgary, Alberta
4. Ottawa, Ontario
5. Quebec City, Quebec
6. Newfoundland
7. Prince Edward Island
8. Drumheller, Alberta
9. Vancouver, British Columbia
10. Baffin Island, Nunavut