

Floating down the river

This game gives the children two rhythms to experience; swaying and jumping. It is also an opportunity to learn the doubles of numbers to eight and more. All that jumping needs stamina, so initially choose an energetic pair to sit opposite each other in the middle of a class circle.

Verse 1. Children in circle sway gently from side to side. The pair in the middle hold hands and move back and forth as in 'Row your boat'.

2. Children in the circle clap hands and slap knees to the rhythm.

The pair in the middle jump up and down.

3. End of each verse: choose a new partner from the circle and repeat the sequence as below until the whole class is jumping up and down.

Last verse: choose any partner; put three in the boat if necessary.

Smoothly

We're float - ing down the riv - er, We're float - ing down be - low; We're
float - ing down the riv - er To the O - hi - o. Two in the
mid - dle and you can't jump Jo - sie, Two in the mid - dle and you can't jump Jo - sie,
Two in the mid - dle and you can't jump Jo - sie, Oh, my Su - sie Brown. —

Chorus: We're floating down the river,
We're floating down below,
We're floating down the river,
To the O-hi-o.

Two in the middle and you can't jump Josie,
Two in the middle and you can't jump Josie,
Two in the middle and you can't jump Josie,
Oh my Susie Brown.

Four in the middle...
Eight in the middle...
Sixteen in the middle...
(number in class) in the middle...

