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Robot Song

In this song, children can pretend to be robots!

I had a teacher request for a robot song, so here it is! Explain that robots often do very repetitive tasks that we would find boring. That being said, children love being robots in this song and will want to do the motions over and over again and will not be bored!

Depending on the verses you sing, they can just move their arms and point to body parts and wave (last verse), or do a more complex sequence of moves in verses 2 and 3. I used plastic cups and plastic egg shakers, but again, you can modify that. I have successfully used verse 2 with three and four year-olds, and verses 2 and 3 with older four's and and five's. (Of course their is a wide range of ability in young children, so use what works for you.)

This is great for building listening skills, keeping a group rhythm, and fine motor skills!

Here are two more robot song ideas:

- 1. Sing "I'm a Little Teapot," but as if you were a robot (you can download song at www.SingWithOur Kids.com if you don't know it)
- 2. Print out two copies of robot "paper doll" pattern on the next page. Use 4 Little Paper Dolls song on my website, changing the words to "Four Little Robots in a row..." Use directions for folding your 4 robots in accordion fold.

Robot Song

R O B O T spells robot,
 Robots have a job to do
 Some have heads and arms and legs
 And hands that open and close it's true

Hold up sign (on page 3) and point to letters and words as lyrics indicate. Then move your arms in a robotic way, to point to body parts, open and close hands.

2. I'm a robot, I will do my job, and move a cup for you Pick it up and move it over Put it down and then let go

Place a cup in front of each child. Follow the lyrics to pick up the cup, move it over, set it down, let go

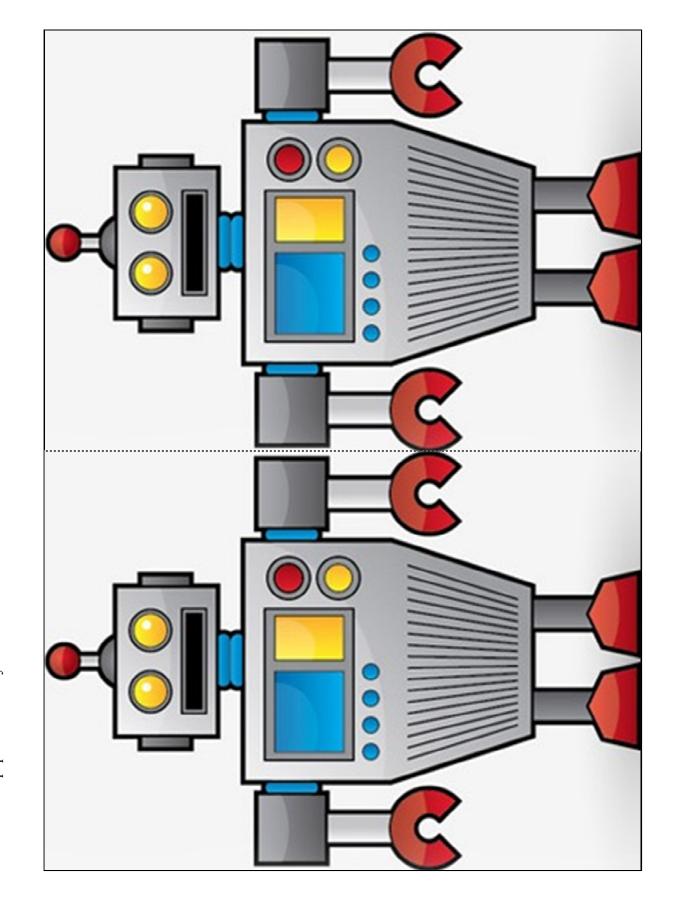
3. Pick an egg up, move it over Drop it right into the cup Pick the cup up, move it over Take the egg out, eat it up!

- Have an egg ready next to the cup. Follow instructions, of course just bringing egg near mouth at end
- 4. R O B O T spells robot,
 I can do things you can do
 I can reach my arms up high
 and I can wave bye-bye to you!

Hold up word sign again, reach hands up and wave bye-bye with "robotic"

Instructions for Robot "Paper dolls"

Print out 2 copies so you have 4 robots, and cut out around black rectangle outline. Tape together the two pairs so you have 4 robots in a row. Follow instructions for accordion fold and Paper doll song (link). Follow directions for song substituting "robots" for "paper dolls" in lyrics.



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