

# Pop! Goes The Weasel

Traditional nursery rhyme (with 3 variations)

This traditional nursery rhyme is great fun, and is my go-to song for singing with a parachute. It was first published in the 1850's, and has many variations in lyrics. I sing with children and adults (if they are available!) while walking around holding a play parachute. We place a light-weight ball (blow-up beach ball) in the center and on "Pop" we toss it into the air. Kids can do this over and over! Of course you can also hold hands, walk in a circle, and just raise arms on the "pop." Below you'll find additional ideas for ways to sing the song with various ages. \*There are several words children may be unfamiliar with, so be sure to talk about them before you sing ( cobbler, weasel, spool )

## Pop! Goes The Weasel

All around the cobbler's bench the monkey chased the weasel  
The monkey thought 'twas all in fun  
Pop! Goes the weasel  
A penny for a spool of thread, a penny for a needle  
That's the way the money goes  
Pop! Goes the weasel

**Fall Version :** All Around the Patch  
This great idea came for a librarian at a workshop I did. Place an orange ball, or even several orange balloons in the parachute for pumpkins.

All around the pumpkin patch,  
We're looking for a pumpkin  
This one looks so good to me,  
UP goes the pumpkin!

### Jack in the Box Version

One child can crouch down in a large box, with children singing and walking in a circle around the box. On POP, the child pops up, like a jack in the box. Continue, letting each child take a turn.

### Version to use with Babies

Bounce a baby on your knee while you sing, and raise baby up on "Pop"  
In addition to bouncing, you can lean baby left and right, front and back.

