

Endangered Downunder CD

Dance & Movement

1. Wombats

Repeat this in each chorus: Wiggle side to side at the hips (for wiggles and wriggles), then turn around. Digging motion with hands while wiggling. Then Digging--Verse 1; Swimming motion like breaststroke--Verse 2; Facial movements munching, hiss and bare teeth--Verse 3.

2. Big Bug Juice Jam

Free dancing and include some pirouettes (spins). Children could take turns (one at a time) dancing around a group (wrapping the group as a spider would).

3. Blue Whales

This song is about Rolling Over.

4. Starfish

Kids can make stars with their arms and legs (spread out) while listening to this musical story (perhaps just when they hear the Starfish Sound). Some children could also be Coral waving back and forth.

5. Go Go Goanna

This is a Running song. Children can run around like lizards.

6. Giraffe

Arms up, then bending down to try to touch your toes. Could also take a big step, then bend down and touch toes. "Undulate..." is swaying back & forth, with head leading (a la figure eight)

7. Short tailed Bat

Children can flap wings with arms extended, then glide like a Bat.

8. Kiwis and Friends

A good one to sing along to in the Choruses. This time the wing flapping can be of half arms (with hands near underarms) and some scurrying around, looking side-to-side, eating, sniffing the air.

9. Tasmanian Devil

Singing along to "Tasmanian Devil" and following some of the moves the song suggests plus making the Tasmanian Devil sound.

10. Marsupials

Some children can be Koalas moving slowly and some can be Kangaroos jumping around. Plus open eyes wide, make big ears, scratch etc..

11. Rhino

Stomping with feet especially, plus putting heads down and charging (could be done from one side of the room to the other if you have space enough).

12. Endangered Species

A variety of animals movements can be done here with the word cues. And the Blinks are very important.

(Note: This is a simple guide to movements in these songs and many of the movements are clearly indicated in the words of the songs).