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Books For Toddlers:

Go Away Big Green Monster by Ed Emberly, 1992. (FAVORITES Emberley)
Skeleton Hiccups by Margery Cuyler, 2002. (STORIES Cuyler)
Go to Bed Monster! by Natasha Wing, 2007. (STORIES Wing)
Ghosts in the House by Kazuno Kohara, 2008. (CELEBRATE Kohara)
Tickle Monster, by Edouard Manceau, 2014. (GROWING Manceau)
Monster Hug, David Ezra Stein, 2007. (STORIES stein)
Monster & Son, David Larochelle, 2016. (FAVORITES LaRochelle)
Romping Monster, Stomping Monster, Jane Yolen. 2013 (FAVORITES Yolen)
Even Monsters. AJ Smith, 2014. (FAVORITES Smith)
Bunnies!!!, by Kevan Atteberry, 2015. (STORIES Attebery)

Books For Preschoolers:

Leonardo the Terrible Monster by Mo Willems, 2005. (FAVORITES Willems)
Mrs. McMurphy’s Pumpkin by Rick Walton, 2004. (CELEBRATE Walton)
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak, 1963. (FAVORITES Sendak)
Three Little Ghosties by Pippa Goodhart, 2007. (CELEBRATE Goodhart)
How to Potty Train Your Monster by Kelly DiPucchio, 2009. (GROWING DiPucchio)
If You’re a Monster and You Know It by Rebecca Emberley and Ed Emberley, 2010.
(RHYMES Emberley)
Jumpy Jack and Googily by Meg Rosoff, 2008. (FAVORITES Rosoff)
Love Monster, by Rachel Bright, 2012. (++ Bright)
Fright Club, by Ethan Long, 2015 (CELEBRATE Long)
Monster Trouble, by Lane Fredrickson, 2015 (GROWING Fredrickson)
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School Age Extension

*Mind your Monsters*, by Catherine Bailey, 2015 (ADVANCED Bailey)

*Marisol McDonald and the Monster*, 2016 (BILNG Brown)

*If Your Monster Won’t go the Bed*, 2016 (GROWING Vega)

Fingerplays & Songs:

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**Scary Eyes**

See my big and scary eyes (circle fingers around eyes)

Look out for a big surprise!

BOO! (quickly remove fingers)

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**There’s a Spider on the Floor** (Raffi)


There’s a spider on the floor, on the floor,

There’s a spider on the floor, on the floor,

Who could ask for any more than a spider on the floor?

There’s a spider on the floor, on the floor.

Now the spider’s on my leg, on my leg….oh he’s really, really big, this old spider on my leg...

Now the spider’s on my stomach, on my stomach...oh he’s just a dumb old lummock…

Now the spider’s on my neck, on my neck...oh I’m gonna be a wreck!

Now the spider’s on my face, on my face...what a big disgrace!

Now the spider’s on my head...Oh I wish that I were dead!

**Ten Little Monsters** (tune: 10 Little Indians)

One little, two little, three little monsters,

Four little, five little, six little monsters,

Seven little, eight little, nine little monsters,
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Ten monsters can’t scare me!

Knees and claws
Knees and claws.
Eyes and ears and tail and paws
Horns, fangs
Knees and claws
Knees and claws.

Source: King County Library Wiki

Rhyme:

“Monsters Galore” Monsters galore, can you roar? (Roar.)
Monsters galore, can you soar? (Flying motions.)
Monsters galore, please shut the door.
(Clap.) Monsters galore, fall on the floor!
(Sit/fall down.)

Credit: SurLaLune Storytime

“Monster Hunt”

Source: Perry Public Library

We’re going on a monster hunt.
We’re going to find a big one!
We’re not scared, but –
What if he’s under the bed?
(Pretend to peek under bed)
Better go over it,
squoosh, squoosh, squoosh.

What if he’s in the closet?
(Pretend to open door)
Better close it, SLAM!.
(Clap hands loudly)

What if he’s behind the curtains?
(peek through hands)
Better open them, SWISH!
(fly hands apart)

(continue through other parts of the
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house)
Shhh! (put finger to lips)What's
That????Aahh! It's a monster!

(go back through all the parts of the house
and jump into bed! Pull the covers up over
your head.)
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STAFF ONLY
Big Book:

Flannel Boards:
So many monsters hiding in the house
Five sea monsters went out to play
Ten Little Monsters
Mrs. Mcmurphy’s Pumpkin

Play Literacy: Sing along with If You’re a Monster and You Know It
Monster stories and songs are just begging to be acted out. Encourage kids to roar, pretend they have claws and tails, and play along with the books.

Prop Stories: Go Away Big Green Monster

Movies: Where the Wild Things Are, There’s a Nightmare in my Closet, Leonardo the Terrible Monster, Creepy Carrots

Stamps: Jack-o-lanterns

Literacy Tip
Children have BIG imaginations. This can be great, but also can make them scared of the dark or unknown. Making things like monsters silly and fun or even normal can be a way to help them manage those fears.
Craft Ideas:
Monsters come in all shapes and sizes. Can you create a creepy monster with the supplies we have here today? How many legs will it have? How many eyes? Will it have horns or fangs? Will it be soft or slippery? Talk about things monsters have or revisit pictures in the books to see. (Ideal Materials – pipe cleaners, google eyes, possibly toilet paper tubes)