Opening Song:

Open, shut them.
Open, shut them.
Give a little clap, clap clap.
Open, shut them.
Open, shut them.
Put them in your lap, lap, lap.

Creep them, creep them (*walk fingers up arm or chest to chin*)
Creep them, creep
Right up to your chin, chin, chin.
Open up your little mouth, (*open mouth*)
But do not let them in, in, in. (*cover mouth with hand*).

Shhhhh

Books:

The Clown-Arounds have a party by Joanna Cole
Star of the circus: my little sister and me by Michael Sampson
Circus! A pop-up adventure by Meg Davenport

Audio:

Circus Parade from Action Songs for Preschoolers (CD)

Finger Play:

Silly Clowns  (*http://www.preschooleducation.com/scircus.shtml*)

Five silly clowns, jumping all around,
Jump so high, then touch the ground.
One silly clown said, "I can't stay,"
So he turned around and hopped away.

Repeat with four, three, two, one.

Song:

Circus Show (*from:  *http://www.preschooleducation.com/scircus.shtml*)
Sung to: "Are You Sleeping"

Elephants walking, elephants walking
See the clowns, funny clowns
Ponies with their riders, poodles doing tricks,
See the show, circus show
Flannel Story

Funny Clowns
(http://www.swlauriersb.qc.ca/schools/crestview/ls/Teacher/Teacher_Circus.htm)

Funny clowns, funny clowns,
Jump around, jump around.
Sometimes making faces,
Sometimes running races,
Funny clowns, funny clowns.

Funny clowns, funny clowns,
Spin around, spin around.
Sometimes with a big nose,
Sometimes with two big toes.
Funny clowns, funny clowns.

Activity:
(from: The Complete Book of Activities, Games, Stories, Props, Recipes, and Dances for Young Children; Gryphon House publishing)

Put a rope down in the center of the circle. Have the elephant (child) to stand on the rope. Children sing the following song:
One elephant went out to play on a tightrope string one day. He had such enormous fun; He called for another elephant to come. (First line of the song and the next three lines increasing the number of elephants until each child has a turn. Then sing the following verse) 5 (Or the number of children) elephants went out to play on a tightrope string one day they had such enormous fun, but the tightrope broke and they all fell down!

Take Home:

http://www.enchantedlearning.com/books/circus/sentence/

Closing Song:

Teddy Bear, teddy bear
Turn around
Teddy bear, teddy bear,
Touch the ground
Teddy bear, teddy bear,
Touch your shoe.
Teddy Bear, teddy bear
Say how-di-do.
Teddy Bear, teddy bear
Go up stairs
Teddy Bear, teddy bear
Say your prayers.
Teddy Bear, teddy bear
Turn out the light
Teddy Bear, teddy bear
Say good night.