Monkeys in the Rain: A Folktale from Brazil
Retold by Margaret Read MacDonald

(Say everything I say and do everything I do)

“The sun is shining!
Let’s play!”

(swing through the trees)
Hand-over-hand-over hand... “It’s fun!”
Hand-over-hand-over hand... “It’s fun!”
(repeat this three times)

“Let’s play chase!”
“oo-oo-oo-oo-oo-oo” (swinging and calling)
“Caught you!” (reach out as if to touch another monkey)
“oo-oo-oo-oo-oo-oo” (swinging and calling)
“Caught you!” (reach out as if to touch another monkey)

(slap legs to simulate rain)

“Rain! Rain! Rain! RAIN!”

“I’m cold...” (hands protecting head from rain)
“I’m wet...”
“We should build a house!”
“Let’s build a house.”
“Tomorrow!”
“Tomorrow?”
“Tomorrow!”

Next day...
“The sun is shining!
Let’s play!”
Hand-over-hand-over hand.... “It’s fun!”
Hand-over-hand-over hand.... “It’s fun!”

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Let’s play chase!”
“oo-oo-oo-oo-oo-oo” *(swinging and calling)*
“Caught you!” *(reach out as if to touch another monkey)*
“oo-oo-oo-oo-oo-oo” *(swinging and calling)*
“Caught you!” *(reach out as if to touch another monkey)*
And then…

“I’m cold…”
“I’m wet…”
“We should build a house!”
“Let’s build a house!”
“Tomorrow.”
“Tomorrow?” *(keep asking this until someone says “Today!”)*

Don’t be like the monkeys.
Do it….TODAY!