

STORYTIME AT HOME

Baby's Day

You and your baby can enjoy storytime at home! It's easy and fun, and it helps your little ones practice skills that will get them ready to learn to read.



Read and Talk

Hoopla has these titles about families, all available with your library card. Need a library card? [Apply for one here!](#)

- [Babies Can Sleep Anywhere](#) by Lisa Wheeler
- [Baby Food](#) by Stefanie Paige Wieder
- [Baby's First Words](#) by Stella Blackstone
- [Baby's Firsts](#) by Nancy Raines Day
- [A Kiss Means I Love You](#) by Katherine Madeline Allen



Point to the pictures and talk about them. Make conversation with the baby like, "Do you see the red car? What color is our car?" Enjoy this special time with your baby in your lap

Sing and Dance

The Wheels on the Bus

The wheels on the bus go round and round, round and round, round and round,
The wheels on the bus go round and round, round and round, round and round,
All through the town

More verses:

The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish...
The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep...
The doors on the bus go open and shut...
The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep...

Try a bouncy rhyme

This song is sung to an old sea shanty, "[What shall we do with a drunken sailor?](#)" Your baby will love the tickling and cuddling.

What should we do with a bouncing baby?
What should we do with a bouncing baby?
What should we do with a bouncing baby early in the morning?

Clap, clap, clap their hands,
Clap, clap, clap their hands,
Clap, clap, their hands early in the morning

What should we do with a bouncing baby?....
Tickle, tickle, tickle their tummy....

What should we do with a bouncing baby?...
Stroke, stroke, their legs

What should we do with a bouncing baby?
Wiggle, wiggle, wiggle their fingers....

Play and Write

Make some play dough. Kneading, squeezing, poking, and pulling are fun ways to build fine motor skills. There are many easy-to-make recipes available online. If you have cream of tartar, try this one. Play dough feels really nice when it's still warm.

- 2 cups flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup salt
- 4 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 2 cups lukewarm water
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil

Stir the flour, cream of tartar, and salt in a large pot. Add the water and oil. Turn the heat to medium and stir. The dough will thicken and pull away from the sides of the pot while coming together into a ball. Let it cool before playing!