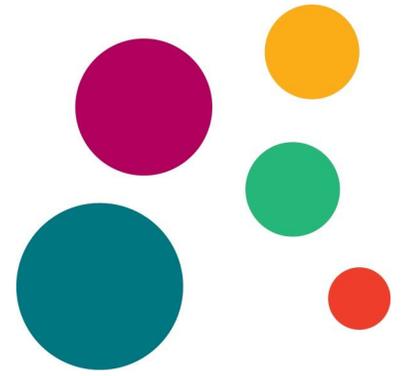


STORYTIME AT HOME

Opposites

You and your child 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

Head over to Hoopla digital to check out some of these titles about families, all available with your library card. Need a library card? [Apply for one here!](#)

- [Big and Small](#) by Kelsey Jopp
- [Every Little Thing](#) by Bob Marley
- [Fast or Slow](#) by Adelie Zubek
- [Run Home, Little Mouse](#) by Britta Teckentrup
- [The Sloth Who Slowed Us Down](#) by Margaret Wild
- [Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt](#) by Kate Messner



Even your baby and toddler can enjoy informational books. They give you wonderful opportunities to talk about things that may already fascinate your child. Nonfiction titles are also a great way to build your child's vocabulary, creating a foundation to learn to read.

Sing and Dance

Peas Porridge Hot

Peas porridge hot (clap hands in rhythm with words)
Peas porridge cold (continue clapping)
Peas porridge in the pot (tickle child's belly)
Nine days old (clap again in rhythm)
Some like it hot (clap hands in rhythm with words)
Some like it cold (continue clapping)
Some like it in the pot (tickle child's belly)
Nine days old (clap again in rhythm)

Many cultures have favorite nursery rhymes that are passed down from generation to generation. Rhyming is a great way to learn about the sounds that make up language. Share a rhyme you remember from your childhood with your children (in English or another language).

[The Eensy-Weensy Spider](#)

The eensy-weensy spider went up the water spout,
Down came the rain and washed the spider out,
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain,
And the eensy-weensy spider went up the spout again.

Extra Verses (change your voice and hands as appropriate!)

The great big spider...
The very quiet spider....
The very noisy spider...
The tiny baby spider...
The old grandpa spider...
The very fast spider...
The very slow spider...

Write and Play

Make some maracas out of toilet paper rolls and start your own percussion band. Cover one end of a toilet paper roll with duct tape, fill it about halfway with rice or beans, and cover the other end with duct tape, making sure it's well sealed. Your child can decorate it with crayons, markers, or stickers (all great ways to build fine motor skills!).

How about singing, shaking, and dancing along to the Bob Marley song from the book above? <https://bit.ly/2XzdWGn>