

# Storytime at Home

## READING WITH YOUR CHILD(REN) HELPS TO DEVELOP:

- Letter, sound and word recognition
- Number recognition & counting skills

## SINGING WITH YOUR CHILD(REN) HELPS TO DEVELOP:

- New vocabulary
- Memory skills

## PLAYING (DRAMATIC PLAY) WITH YOUR CHILD(REN) HELPS TO DEVELOP:

- Imagination
- Storytelling skills
- Problem solving skills

## USE THESE EXAMPLES TO CREATE YOUR OWN STORYTIME AT HOME!

### Hello Song (sung to the tune of "Farmer in the Dell") (public domain)

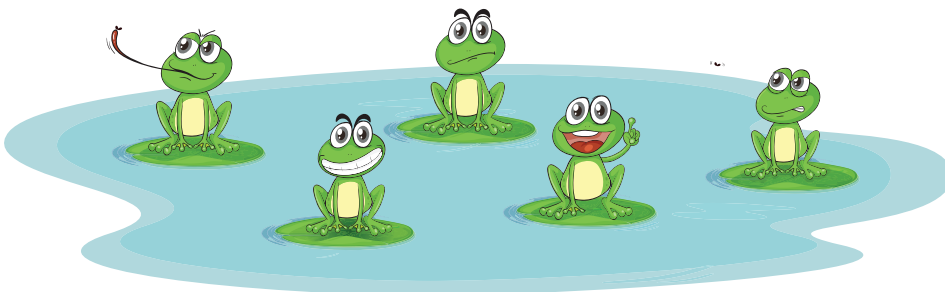
We clap and sing hello,  
We clap and sing hello,  
With our family at storytime,  
We clap and sing hello!

(Wave and sing hello; stomp and sing hello.)



### FIVE LITTLE SPECKLED FROGS (PUBLIC DOMAIN)

**This song can be varied to many different types of animals. Tweak it on your own or look up different lyrics. (Ex: Five Clean & Dirty Pigs)**



Five little speckled frogs  
Five little speckled frogs  
Sat on a speckled log  
Eating some most delicious bugs  
Yum Yum.

One jumped into the pool  
Where it was nice and cool

Then there were FOUR speckled frogs (OR) Now there are how many frogs? FOUR!

Glug Glug.

Repeat the same lyrics counting down to zero.



## **IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT (PUBLIC DOMAIN)**

**This song can also be varied to fit different themes. Tweak it yourself or look up different lyrics! (Ex: If You're Thankful and You Know It) Or you can change the actions to anything you want! (Ex: wiggle your ears)**

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands!

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands!

If you're happy and you know it and you really want to show it,

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands!

Repeat with stomp your feet, shout "hurray!"

**HURRAY!**

## **TWO LITTLE BLACKBIRDS RHYME (PUBLIC DOMAIN)**

**This rhyme can be varied as well. (Ex: Two Little Butterflies) Tweak it yourself or look up different lyrics!**

Two little blackbirds, sitting on a hill.

One named Jack (fly in one forefinger, perch on hill) and one named Jill (fly in other forefinger, perch next to Jack)

Fly away Jack, fly away Jill. (Jack flies away, Jill flies away)

Come back Jack, come back Jill. (Bring back Jack, bring back Jill)

## **GOODBYE SONG (SUNG TO THE TUNE OF "FARMER IN THE DELL")**

We clap goodbye like this,

We clap goodbye like this,

With our family at storytime

We clap goodbye like this.

(Wave goodbye like this; Stomp goodbye like this)



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