



# Read-Aloud Times That **SPARKLE & SHINE**

Easy tips for making storytime magic with your child!

## **The Baby Beebee Bird** by Diane Redfield Massie

Read the book before a trip to the zoo and then search for the Baby Beebee Bird at the zoo.

## **A Boy, a Dog, a Frog and a Friend** by Mercer and Marianna Mayer

Ask your child to use his imagination to tell you this wordless book's story.

## **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?** by Bill Martin Jr.

Your child can create his own storybook by substituting different animals and colors.

## **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** by Bill Martin Jr.

Draw a big palm tree and have your child place each foam letter on the tree as you tell the story.

## **The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash** by Trinka Hakes Noble

Why not turn a single sock from the clothes dryer into a snake pet for your child?

## **Go Away, Big Green Monster!** by Ed Emberley

Create monster masks from paper plates and colored paper.

## **Goldilocks and the Three Bears** by Jan Brett

Make lunch bag puppets of the three bears and enjoy eating oatmeal that is "just right."

## **Green Eggs and Ham** by Dr. Seuss

Cook scrambled eggs with spinach to create your own "green eggs and ham."

## **The Grouchy Ladybug** by Eric Carle

Make a not-so-grouchy ladybug paperweight by painting a garden rock.

## **Growing Vegetable Soup** by Lois Ehlert

Plant a garden of vegetables to harvest and cook a pot of home-grown veggie soup.

## **Harold and the Purple Crayon** by Crockett Johnson

Provide a purple crayon and white paper so your child can draw his own imaginative adventures.

## **Harry the Dirty Dog** by Gene Zion

Your children will enjoy giving your family dog the soapiest bath he's ever had after this fun story.

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**Henry and Mudge and the Starry Night**  
**by Cynthia Rylant**

Plan a backyard campout complete with tent, flashlights, and s'mores!

**If You Give a Mouse a Cookie**  
**by Laura Joffe Numeroff**

Bake a big batch of chocolate chip cookies to share together.

**It Looked Like Spilt Milk**  
**by Charles G. Shaw**

Visit the park, lie on the grass and ask your child to name all the cloud shapes he can see.

**The Jacket I Wear In the Snow**  
**by Shirley Neitzel**

Dress up with hat, scarf, boots, jacket and mittens in anticipation of an upcoming snow day.

**Jennie's Hat**  
**by Ezra Jack Keats**

Create fancy hats from paper plates, ribbons, silk flowers, and plastic eggs, just like the story.

**Just Big Enough**  
**by Mercer Mayer**

See if your child can spot the tiny spider and the little mouse in each illustration of this book.

**Little Blue and Little Yellow**  
**by Leo Lionni**

Mix food color and water to teach your child how different colors are made.

**The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear**  
**by Don and Audrey Wood**

Help your child decorate a grocery bag mask with a disguise to keep away a hungry bear.

**The Little Red Hen (Makes a Pizza)**  
**by Philemon Sturges**

Provide ingredients for the whole family to work together to make a pizza from scratch.

**Not a Box**  
**by Antoinette Portis**

Provide a shoebox for your child to turn into a not-a-box and repeat the story's refrain.

**Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me**  
**by Eric Carle**

Cut white paper to show your child the moon's various phases.

**The Rainbow Fish**  
**by Marcus Pfister**

Provide paper, crayons, glue and sequins for your child to create his own rainbow fish.

**Strega Nona**  
**by Tomie dePaola**

Finish the story in time to boil up your own magical pot of delicious pasta.

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar**  
**by Eric Carle**

Provide paint, orange, apple and plum halves for your child to stamp his own "very hungry caterpillar."

**We're Going on a Bear Hunt**  
**by Michael Rosen**

Encourage your child to make motions and sound effects as you read the story to him.

**The Wheels on the Bus**  
**by Paul O. Zelinsky**

Sing the story, instead of telling it, and be sure to do the motions too!



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