



Storytime Kit: Pete The Cat

Read, sing, talk, write, and play when engaging with your young child. Use the books and toys in this kit, along with the activities below, to support the development of early literacy skills and instill a love of reading.

Read

Read the books in this kit with your child. Take time to look at and talk about the pictures.

Make the story come alive! Don't be afraid to use voices and have fun with reading.

Help your child recall the order of the events in the stories. What happens at the beginning, the middle, and the end?

Encourage your child to participate: filling in rhymes, chanting refrains, making sounds, and acting out parts of the story.

Talk about the story. Help your child relate it to their own experiences.

Sing

Instead of just reading the books aloud, sing them! Eric Litwin, author of several of the Pete the Cat books, has song versions of some of the books on his website: ericlitwin.com

Using the Meow Match cards for inspiration, make up silly songs about Pete to familiar tunes.

I'm a Little Kitty Cat

Tune: I'm a Little Teapot

I'm a little kitty cat nice and sweet
Here are my whiskers and here are my feet
When I go out hunting, mice beware
Or you might just have a scare!

Kitten Pokey

You put your front paw in,
You take your front paw out
You put your front paw in
And you shake it all about
You do the Kitten Pokey
And you turn yourself about,
That's what it's all about - Meow!

Repeat with: other paw, back paw, tail, etc.

Talk

Using the Meow Match cards, plot out a silly story about Pete and his friends. Lay out the cards and make up your story from left to right.

Using the Magnetic Storytelling Kit, have your child name the characters. How do they feel? What item made them feel better? What object makes you feel better?

Play a verbal memory game. Start with a sentence about Pete, such as "I'm going to the park with Pete, and I'm bringing a(n) _____." The first player names an object to fill in the blank. On each turn, the next player must name all the objects previously named and then add their own. Or, use the alphabet for your story. The first player names something to bring that starts with A, the second uses B, and so on. To make it easier on younger players, you don't have to repeat previous items.



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Write

Can you draw Pete the Cat? Grab some blank paper and drawing materials and draw your own version of Pete.

Say this fingerplay with your child. Fingerplays help build fine motor skills needed for writing!

Sleepy Kittens

Five little kittens (*hand in a fist*)

All black and white

Sleeping very soundly

All through the night

Meow, meow, meow, meow, meow

(*raise each finger individually*)

It's time to get up now.

Play

Use the Magnetic Storytelling Kit to recreate the book *Pete the Cat and His Magic Sunglasses*. Retell the story out loud.

Act out feelings and see if your child can guess what you are trying to convey. Now switch! Have your child act mad, sad, happy, joyous, nervous, confused, etc.

Practice making pairs with the Meow Match game.

Go on a matching scavenger hunt with the Meow Match cards. Gather one card from each pair and hide them around the house. Spread the rest of the cards on a table. Every time they find a card, they should return to the table to find its match.

This tip sheet stays with the kit. For a copy of your own, visit dtdl.org/littlethings. For more books, songs, rhymes, and activity ideas to share with your child, visit dtdl.org/storytimes.