

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

Ask your child questions about what is happening in the story and what they think may happen next.

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

The books in this kit represent different ways of telling the story of The Three Little Pigs. After reading them all, talk about how they are the same and how they are different. Which book is your child's favorite and why?

Sing

The Three Pigs

Tune: Five Little Ducks

Use the puppets to help you sing the song!

One little pig went to find his way,
Over the hill not far away.
He built his home of flimsy straw,
But his house had a fatal flaw.

The next little pig went to find his way,
Over the hill not far away.
He built a home of fragile sticks.
He should have used his brother's bricks.

The third little pig went to find his way,
Over the hill not far away.
He built his home of sturdy bricks
And he was safe from the wolf's mean tricks.

I'm a Little Piggy

Tune: I'm a Little Teapot

I'm a little piggy, short and stout
Here are my ears (*point to ears*)
And here is my snout (*point to nose*)
When I see the yummy food in my pail
(*put hand up over eyes like you are looking*)
I oink, oink, oink and wiggle my tail (*wiggle your piggy tails!*)

Talk

The book versions of The Three Little Pigs included with this kit present the story from different perspectives, some in which the wolf is not the villain. Choose a different fairy tale or story that your child is familiar with and try telling it from a different perspective or by giving the characters different personalities.

After reading *The Three Little Pigs* by Mara Alperin, use the puppets to retell the story in your own words. Encourage your child to help by asking them what comes next in the story; this will help with their story sequencing skills. After hearing the story from you, some children may be able to tell it on their own and act it out.



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Write

If you could build any house you wanted, what would it be like? Where is it? How many floors would it have? Does it have any special characteristics? Have your child draw their dream house and you can help them label all of the fun elements they have added.

Have your child draw themselves into the story. Would they be one of the pigs or the wolf? Would they add or change anything about their appearance? Draw one of your own and compare characters with your child.

Play

Build different structures just like the three little pigs. Try using a variety of materials. Then using a fan or a leaf blower, test out if your structures will stay standing to the Big Bad Wolf's huffing and puffing!

Go on a nature scavenger hunt outside and look for the items the pigs use to build their houses. Can you find straw anywhere? Do you see any buildings made of bricks? Try gathering some supplies (sticks, leaves, rocks, etc.) to make your own house out of natural materials.

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