Books to Read to Toddlers and Preschoolers

Eddie loses his teddy. BIG BOOK.

Playful illustrations show the joy a toddler experiences at bath time.

Baby Rattler wants a rattle even though he is not yet ready to have one.

Short sentences take readers on a basic tour of car care and maintenance.

"A boy wakes up one morning to find his father gone. At first, he feels lost. But his father has left him a letter filled with advice to guide him through the times he cannot be there"

Big Book Theme Kits. Lakeshore Learning Materials.
Big books with props and materials for such favorites as *The Cow That Went Oink, Silly Sally, If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* and others. (See also individual titles at Lakeshore.)

This classic tale is perfect for winding down and saying goodnight.

Sloth marches to his own drummer, even when he is questioned as to why he is so slow.

During Chinese New Year, a young boy encounters a homeless person and discovers that no gift is too small when it comes from the heart.

Animals try everything to try to soothe a baby who won’t stop crying.

The cows have demands, and they submit them fully typed.

At bedtime, a little llama worries after his mother puts him to bed and goes downstairs.

This simple book tells the story of the groundbreaking African American tap dancer Bill "Bojangles" Robinson.

A young girl imagines flying over New York City with her abuela, her grandmother (some Spanish phrases).

When a mysterious sound sends the whole forest running away in fear, only the littlest rabbit is courageous enough to discover what really happened.

A monster appears and disappears to soothe a child's fear of monsters. DIE CUT.

A frog encounters animals and what they eat. POP-UP.

George opens his mouth to bark, but barking is not what he does.

A child discovers what lives in the grass from day to night. BIG BOOK.

Folkmanis. My First Finger Puppet Book. Imaginarium.com
Includes small finger puppets with larger puppets attached to pages.

A mother sings a Spanish song celebrating bread. In English and Spanish.

The characters from this classic story come alive in lively puppets (other fairy tales are also available, such as The Three Little Pigs).

The poetry of Japanese poet Issa for young children.

A perfect square that is perfectly happy is torn into pieces, punched with holes, crumpled, and otherwise changed but finds in each transformation that it can be something new, and just as happy.

Four friends settle in as they prepare to share a good story.

When Old Bear falls asleep for the winter, he has a dream that he is a cub again, enjoying each of the four seasons.

Mother tries to quiet the animals so her little baby can sleep.

Grace isn't shaken by those who tell her that a black girl can't play Peter Pan in the school play.

A child plays peekaboo with everything he sees.

Five little kittens spend the day with Mama.
A child from the Arctic asks her mother if she will always love her, no matter what.

**Lakeshore Storytelling Kits. Lakeshore Learning Company.**
Cloth characters and guides from many children’s books, including the *Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?* Requires storytelling apron.

A Mexican American girl looks for the perfect birthday gift for her sister and ends up with a big surprise of her own.

With simple repeated text the story follows the ups and downs of a frog’s day.

The family trip is chronicled in bouncy, colorful language and illustrations.

In haiku, a young girl describes what she sees in a Japanese garden.

Children will ask for this classic again and again while learning colors and prediction. BIG BOOK.

Any lover of large vehicles will sit still numerous times for this book.

A father and son reciprocate each other's love. BIG BOOK.

A garbage truck tells all about what it does while we sleep.

A mother is separated from her little girl, who she made from paper.

Anna brings home a baby chameleon, and her dog Dudley is not too happy about it.

**Monkey Business Set. Kaplan Early Learning Company.**
Includes boardbook, monkeys, monkey mitt and storytelling board with props for the story *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed.*

The beauty of the Southwest is told through the eyes of a young Mexican American girl.

Murphy, Mary. *I Kissed the Baby.* Candlewick, 2003.
All the animals are excited about the arrival of a new baby.

Nikola-Lisa, W. *Bein' With You This Way.* Lee and Low, 1994.
A playground rap that introduces young readers to how people are different and yet the same.
A boy loves helping out around the farm.

Just watch what happens when you offer a mouse a cookie. BIG BOOK.

Seventy Mother Goose tales illustrated by Rosemary Wells.

Baby bear tries grandfather's patience with "again, again!"

A delightful collection of modern verse for young children.

Rathman, Peggy. *Goodnight Gorilla*.
A zookeeper is saying good night to all the animals; but, is unaware that the gorilla has stolen his keys and is unlocking the other animal cages

A father and his children march merrily off in search of a bear.

Toddler Hannah is off and crawling, much to Mom's frustration.

A father and his daughter explore their garden and what grows in it.

A series of books featuring photos of animals being "busy."

"No!" doesn't mean a child is not loved and cherished.

A family encounters a stray dog on a picnic and returns to adopt him.

A young dog talks about all the things he enjoys doing with his dad.

Book-lover Elizabeth has so many books she starts her own library.

A traditional Iroquois celebration of the beauty and spirit of Mother Earth, as told by a contemporary Mohawk chief.

Joseph's coat becomes many other things as each ages and falls apart.
Animals ask their parents what is so special about them.

African American women and girls celebrate their hair.

The book can convert into a stage so children can act out the story.

A box of animal crackers inspires a Mexican American boy to imagine what he would do if the animals were real.

A classic tale of every child's fears when going to bed. BIG BOOK.

Little bunny Max wanders with his sister at the store. (See all of the *Max* books by Wells).

When a bus driver takes a break from his route, a very unlikely volunteer springs up to take his place -- a pigeon!

A child identifies the different colors of animals. BIG BOOK.

A Caucasian, African and Asian parent with their babies.

King Bigood is in the bathtub, and he won't get out. BIG BOOK.

A flea sends off a chain reaction during a nap. BIG BOOK.

A father and his son on a drive encounter a toad trying to cross the road.

An Indian folktale of seven blind mice and an elephant.

Mr. Gilly, the trash man, cleans up the town with his trash truck. With the chorus, "Dump it in, smash it down, drive around the trashy town!"

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