

Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!



BABIES

LETTER OF THE DAY

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BOOKS TO SHARE

A Baby Like You
by Catherine Thimmesch

B Is For Baby
by Atinuke

Baby Goes To Market
by Atinuke

Love You Head To Toe
by Ashley Barron

You Are New
by Lucy Knisley

Look! Babies Head To Toe
by Robie Harris

Wonderful You
by Lisa Graff

Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes
by Mem Fox

Baby's Firsts
by Nancy Day

King Baby
by Kate Beaton

Baby Love
by Angela DiTerlizzi

You Nest Here With Me
by Jane Yolen

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

Baby's Nap [fingerplay]

This is a baby ready for a nap. [**hold up index finger**]
Lay him down in his grown-up's lap. [**place finger on open palm of other hand**]

Cover him up so he won't peep. [**wrap fingers around finger**]

Rock him till he's fast asleep. [**ASL sign for 'baby'**]

Hola, Bebé!/Hello Baby [Tune: Frère Jacques]

Hola, bebé. Hola, bebé.
¿Cómo estás? ¿Cómo estás?
Muy bien, gracias.
Muy bien, gracias.
¿Y usted? ¿Y usted?

Hello, baby. Hello, baby.
How are you? How are you?
Very well, thank you.
Very well, thank you.
How about you? How about you?

Love Hokey Pokey [Tune: "Hokey Pokey"]

You put your right arm out,
You put your left arm out.
You bring those arms together
And you squeeze with all your might.
You hug and say, "I love you,"
And you spread it all around.
That's what a family's about!

ASL SIGN OF THE DAY

"Baby"



The sign for "baby" or "infant" is made by placing both arms together as if holding an infant. Then gently rock your arms back and forth.

These Are Baby's Fingers

[point to the parts of the body as you recite the rhyme]

These are baby's fingers,
These are baby's toes,
This is baby's belly button
'Round and 'round it goes!

Hush Little Baby [American traditional lullaby]

Hush, little Baby, don't say a word,
Mama's gonna buy you a Mockingbird.
And if that mockingbird don't sing,
Mama's gonna buy you a diamond ring.
And if that diamond ring turns brass,
Mama's gonna buy you a looking glass.
And if that looking glass gets broke,
Mama's gonna buy you a billy goat,
And if that billy goat get cross,
Mama's gonna buy you a rocking horse.
And if that rocking horse turns over,
Mama's gonna buy you a dog named Rover.
And if that dog named Rover won't bark,
Mama's gonna buy you a horse and a cart.
And if that horse and cart fall down,
You'll still be the sweetest little baby in town.

Five Little Babies [fingerplay]

[count up on fingers as you recite the rhyme]

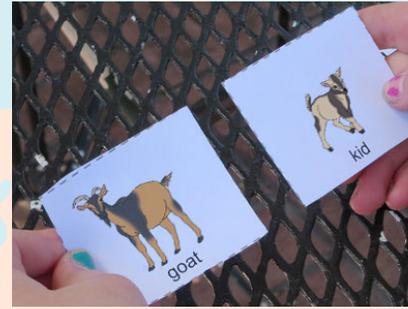
Five little babies sitting in their cribs,
The first one said, "I need another bib!"
The second one said, "I wish I had my ball."
The third one said, "I wish that I could crawl!"
The fourth one said, "Oh, when can we play?"
The fifth one said, "It's been a busy day."
Then 'shhhhh' went the grown-ups and out went the lights,
And five little babies said goodnight. **[fold hands next to head and pretend to sleep]**

MORE FUN!

DIY Baby Animal Matching Game

Materials:

Printer/computer
(Or drawing supplies)
Scissors
Pen/marker



Print out (or draw!) images of different grown-up and baby animal pairs. Label each animal with its proper name. ***This can be a fun opportunity to learn new vocabulary together with your child(ren)!***

Examples: foal and horse; calf and cow; pig and piglet; dog and puppy; cat and kitten; etc.

Let your child practice their scissor skills by cutting out each animal. Then, mix up the animals into a large pile.

For older children, you can make the game more challenging by turning it into a 'memory' style game, where all the animals remain face-down until a match is made.

Sometimes, especially after the birth of a sibling, your child may feel the need to pretend to be a baby themselves.

Acknowledge their feelings aloud ("It looks like you want to be a baby right now too.") ***and give them an opportunity to safely pretend with you.*** You can rock them, speak in 'goo-goo, gaa-gaa' baby talk, etc.

Discussions about babies are perfect opportunities to introduce the concept of diverse family structures to your child(ren), using real-life examples if possible. ***Young children are naturally open-minded and this virtue should be cultivated.***

Examples: "When you were a baby, Mommy's friend, Miss April, kept you safe by growing you in her tummy."

"We're buying this toy for Mr. Henderson's baby shower. He and his husband are adopting a new baby, isn't that exciting?"

"Aunt Pam's baby is still growing in her tummy. It will be ready to be born in July."

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