

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!



BATS

LETTER OF THE DAY

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BOOKS TO SHARE

I Am Bat
by Morag Hood

The Not-Bad Animals (non-fic)
by Sophie Corrigan

Owl Bat, Bat Owl
by Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick

My New Friend Is So Fun!
(ICR)
by Mo Willems

Nightsong
by Ari Berk

Dark Emperor & Other Poems of the Night (non-fic)
by Joyce Sidman

Bat Loves The Night
by Nicola Davies

Stellaluna
by Janell Cannon

The Bat
by Elise Gravel

Manny Loses His Fangs
by Giuliano Ferri

Superbat
by Matt Carr

Baby Bat's Lullaby
by Jacquelyn Mitchard

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

Two Little Bats [fingerplay]

Two little bats hanging in a cave [**point both forefingers downwards**]
One named Dora, one named Dave [**put each forefinger forward**]
Fly away Dora, fly away Dave! [**fly each finger behind back**]
Come back Dora, come back Dave! [**bring each finger to the front**]

Little Bat

[Tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"]

Flutter, flutter little bat,
How I wonder where you're at.
Up above the midnight sky,
Peeking at me with yellow eyes.
Flutter, flutter little bat,
How I wonder where you're at.

Five Little Bats [fingerplay]

[start with holding fist upside down—unfold one finger for each bat]

Five black bats are hanging upside down.
The first one did not make a sound.
The second one said "I'll fly far tonight"
The third one said "I don't like sunlight"
The fourth one said "I want to eat some bugs"
The fifth one said "I want some hugs"
Five black bats are hanging upside down,
SHHH! It's daytime, Don't make a sound!

ASL SIGN OF THE DAY

"Bat"



Fold arms over chest with hands in fist shapes. Then extend pointer fingers. Repeat.

Five Little Bats Went On a Flight

5 little bats went on a flight,
by the light of the moon one night.
Mama bat said squeek squeek squack,
But only 4 little bats came back!

**[Verses: Continue with 4,3,2,1,
no little bats came back!]**

Sad mother bat
Went out one night,
On a long, long, moonlit flight.
The sad mother bat said squeek squeek squack,
And all of the five little bats came back!

Bats Are Sleeping

[Tune: "Frère Jacques"]

Bats are sleeping,
bats are sleeping,
Upside down.
Upside down.
Sleeping in the morning sun,
Waiting for the night to come.
They'll fly all around,
They'll fly all around.

Spooky Bats

Spooky bats go flying at night,
Flapping about in the pale moonlight.
Spreading their wings, they're a scary sight!
But truth be told, there's no need for fright.

Spooky bats are really not bad.
They eat harmful insects, for which we're glad!
They're somewhat shy, I might also add.
But never grab one - it could get mad!

Spooky bats like to sleep in the day.
They hang upside down and doze that way!
Caves and trees are where they stay.
Until it grows dark - then it's up and away.

Bats

[Tune: "The Farmer In The Dell"]

A bat is not a bird.
Even though it flies.
A bat is a mammal,
And let me tell you why.

Bats don't lay eggs,
And they have fur.
Even though it flies like one,
A bat is not a bird.

MORE FUN!

Hear Like A Bat!

Supplies:

Blindfolds or scarfs
Bells, maracas,
shaker eggs, etc.



Take turns being blindfolded and playing these instruments.

This simple activity illustrates how bats "see" with sound (very simplified, of course).

One person puts the blindfold on and the other person rattles a maraca. The blindfolded person points to where the sound is coming from.

Our sense of hearing is closely tied to our ability to learn to read. Being able to distinguish between individual sound parts (called "phonemes") is how we eventually sound out unfamiliar words. Playing games like this is a great way to strengthen our hearing while getting super silly!

Did you know that there are over 1,200 different species of bats? Check out one of our "ER" ("Early Reader") non-fiction books on bats to learn more fun facts!

"Bat" is a great word for finding rhyming pairs. How many words can you and your child(ren) think of that rhyme with bat?

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