



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!

CAMPING

LETTER OF THE DAY

BOOKS TO SHARE

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

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The Grand Expedition
by Emma AdBåge

Maisy Goes Camping
by Lucy Cousins

Flashlight
by Lizi Boyd

1, 2, 3, Make a S'more With Me
by Elizabeth Gauthier

Scaredy Squirrel Goes Camping
by Melanie Watt

Camping Day
by Patricia Lakin

Poppleton In Spring
by Cynthia Rylant

Monster and Mouse Go Camping
by Deborah Underwood

Tiny T. Rex and the Very Dark Dark
by Jonathan Stutzman

The Day I Ran Away
by Holly Niner

Oh So Quiet!
by Lindsey Craig

Campfire Hokey Pokey [Tune: "Hokey Pokey"]

You put your marshmallow in,
you take your marshmallow out
You put your marshmallow in and you shake it all about
You do the campfire pokey and you turn yourself around,
That's what it's all about!

[Verses: hotdog, hamburger, popcorn, any other foods that would be tasty roasted over a campfire!]

Around The Campfire [action rhyme]

We sat around the campfire
On a chilly night **[hug self and shiver]**
Telling spooky stories
In the pale moonlight.
We added some more logs,
To make the fire bright,
And sang some favorite camp songs
Together with all our might. **[extend arms outward]**
And when the fire flickered
And embers began to form,
We snuggled in our sleeping bags
All cozy, tired, and warm. **[fold hands against head and pretend to sleep]**

"The Marshmallow Song" by The VeggieTales (2012)

ASL SIGN OF THE DAY

"Camp(ing)/Tent"



Let's Go Hiking

[Tune: Frère Jacques]

[move arms and walk in place as you recite the rhyme]

Let's go hiking,
Let's go hiking,
Along the trail,
Along the trail.
I like to hike fast/slow,
I like to hike fast/slow,
Along the trail,
Along the trail.

I Am Going Camping [action rhyme]

[Tune: "I'm a Little Teapot"]

I am going camping,
Time to pack [ASL sign for 'time']
My tent, my bedroll, [Make tent with hands;
then fold hands to cheek]
And a snack. [ASL sign for 'eat']

I'll sit by the campfire [warm hands over fire]
Its glow so bright.
Then snooze in my tent [Pretend to snore]
'Til the morning light! [Open eyes wide]

A-Camping We Will Go

[Tune: "A-Hunting We Will Go"]

A-camping we will go,
A-camping we will go,
Heigh-ho, the derry-o
A-camping we will go.

[Verses: first we pitch our tent; next we chop some wood; we light the campfire now; we cook our dinner now; we tell fun stories now; it's time to go to sleep]

Mime the actions as you recite the rhyme for extra fun!

MORE FUN!

Note: It can be tempting, when making a craft or working on an art project to do the craft yourself instead of allowing your child to try, struggle, (and sometimes fail) to make the craft 'correctly.'

However, it is the **PROCESS**, not the **PRODUCT** that is most important part of making something with a child. Have fun and don't worry about perfection!

Tealight "Campfire"

Materials:

Clear plastic cup
Red, yellow, and orange tissue paper
Battery-powered tealight candle
Brown paper
Scissors
Glue



Cut or tear small squares of tissue paper in all three colors.

Glue tissue paper to the outside of the plastic cup.

Cut brown paper into long strips (to resemble firewood). Glue paper strips overlapping one another.

Place tealight candle on top of 'wood' and place the 'fire' on top. The light will shine through the plastic cup for a campfire effect for you and your family to enjoy while camping indoors!

Don't let bad weather or urban environments stop you and your family from enjoying a camping experience! Make a fort from blankets, pack some snacks, turn out the lights, and read together by flashlight.

Talk with your child(ren) about the kinds of shelters animals build to keep themselves safe outdoors. How is a tent the same as or different from these types of shelters?

Check out an Easy-Reader ("ER") non-fiction book on animal homes to learn more together!

What other words can you and your child(ren) think of that begin with the letter "c"?

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EXTRAS

Campfire, Campfire

[Tune: "Pat a Cake, Pat a Cake"]

Campfire, campfire, toast me a smore,
Graham crackers, chocolate, but we need more!
Toast it and roast it get it just right,
Put it on the cracker for toasted delight!

S'Mores

Chocolate,
Marshmallows,
And crackers galore --
All come together to make a s'more!

Over a fire,
And with a stick,
S'mores are made,
Oh so quick!