



Storytime Strategies for Younger Children

(adapted from Alberta Health Services, The Story Box)

Read books your child chooses.

Use a variety of voices to represent different characters!

Use exaggerated facial expressions!

Read repetitive parts of the story faster, read slowly for important or dramatic parts!

Be creative with stories.

- Change the words or events sometimes.
- Let your child make up a new ending.

Try not to ask "What's this?" and drill your child for answers. Instead, ask questions that have room for more conversation, like:

- "What's happening in this picture?" or "Tell me about this page."
- "What do you like about this page?"
- "How do you think 'character' feels about that?"

Act stories out using props and costumes.

- Older children love to act stories out!
- Younger children can hold onto a prop related to the story for their part.